



REDEEMER

CITY CHURCH



September 23, 2018 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Season of the Cross: Green for Ordinary Time

Ordinary Time is the long season that takes up three quarters of the church year. This portion of Ordinary Time runs between Pentecost and Advent. Ordinary Time has traditionally been devoted to seeking our Lord in the simple, ordinary day-in and day-out rhythms of life. It is a time in which we are all invited to order our lives around Christ's life and teaching.

Song of Gathering and Preparation

We prepare our hearts, and bodies for worship by singing about the God we serve.

Your Love is Strong

Call to Worship: Luke 6:27-36

We read God's Word, the Bible, together. It reminds us of who God is and what He expects from us.

"But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. "If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

Song of Adoration

We respond to God's invitation with songs of praise. These songs are designed to draw our attention to the wonder and glory of God.

O Great God
Jesus, Thank You
Before the Throne of God Above

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

We pray together, praising God for who He really is (Adoration) and admitting our inability to live up to what He expects of us (Confession).

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 5:7-11

We read God's Word together and are reminded that grace and mercy are freely given to all who have faith in Jesus Christ.

For one will scarcely die for a righteous person--though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die-- but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Greeting

In Jesus, we have not only been reconciled to God, we have also been reconciled to one another. Therefore, we greet one another as brothers and sisters.

Song of Praise and Celebration

Our response to God's free grace is celebratory worship. We express our praise to God for who He is and what He has done to save us

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Ministry Spotlight: Chris Brock, *Missionary to France*

Announcements & Kids' Worship Dismissal

Children through fifth grade are dismissed for kids' worship.

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

We again express in prayer our gratitude to God for what he has done and ask him to continue to act for our good and the good of others in our community and the world.

Proclamation of God's Word

A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our own lives.

Romans 12:1-2, 9, 14, 17-21 *(see insert)*

Song of Response & Sending

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace by singing again of His goodness and greatness.

Reckless Love

Benediction

Because the hand of God's wrath was raised against Jesus, we now receive the hand of God's blessing as we are sent out to live our lives to the glory of God.

May the LORD bless you and keep you;
May the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
May the LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace,
Both now and forevermore. Amen.

Announcements

*Greeting this morning is the **Hassett & Daniel/Reynolds** Community Group.*

Songs and Stories: We're having a special night of worship, prayer and testimonies on **Sunday, September 30 at 5pm**. Be sure to put this on your calendar.

10 Year Celebration! God has done so much among us as a church family over this last decade and we look forward to seeing what He will do over the next decade. Whether you were with us on day one at Winter Haven High School or if you've just found us recently -- we want you to celebrate with us. We're excited to invite you to our 10 year celebration on **Sunday, October 28, from 4-7pm at Venue 650** (650 6th Street SW, 33880). **At 5:30pm we'll be making a special presentation regarding our next 10 years of ministry.**

Communicants Class: The communicants class is a four-week course that is required for children to become communing members of the church. If your child is interested in participating or if you would like more information on what communicants classes are, please fill out the form at: redeemerwh.org/communicants. The class will be held on **Wednesday nights (October 3, 10, 17 & 24) from 6:30-8pm**.

Women's Retreat: Ladies, take a moment to register for our Women's Retreat on **November 2-4**. We will be returning to the Orange Lake Resort in Kissimmee. Ashley Bennett will be our speaker and Molly Lockwood will be leading us in worship. Visit redeemerwh.org/retreat to register.

Get Connected: The best way to stay up-to-date with what's happening at Redeemer is through our online newsletter (redeemerwh.org/newsletter) and our mobile app (redeemerwh.org/app).

Worship Set List: Follow our weekly set list on Spotify so that you can become familiar with the songs that we'll be singing on Sundays. You can find the playlist on the "RedeemerWH" app (above) or at: redeemerwh.org/RCCmusic.

Our Mission

Our mission is to make Jesus' invisible kingdom visible in Winter Haven, Polk County, and the world.

Community Groups

We also meet during the week in homes for what we call Community Groups. If you are interested in visiting a community group, contact Jonathan Winfree, jonathan@redeemwinterhaven.org or visit our website.

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