



To all who are weary and desire rest, to all who mourn and long for comfort, to all who sin and need a Savior, Redeemer City Church opens wide its doors with a welcome from King Jesus the mighty Friend of sinners, the Ally of his enemies, the Defender of the indefensible.



January 10, 2021 – First Sunday after Epiphany

Season of the Cross: Green for Ordinary Time

Ordinary time runs between Epiphany and Lent. 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.

Call to Worship:

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

Leader: God anointed Christ to console the afflicted.

ALL: Come, let us worship the Lord our Comforter!

Leader: God anointed Christ to emancipate the slaves.

ALL: Come, let us worship the Lord our liberator!

Leader: God anointed Christ to bind up the wounded.

All: Come, let us worship the Lord our healer!

Leader: God anointed Christ to deliver the troubled.

All: Come, let us worship the Lord our Savior!

Songs 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.

Desert Song

Reading of the Law: Isaiah 40:3-8

While the law cannot justify us or make us righteous; it is a teacher given to lead us to Christ, the fulfiller of the law.

A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

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: Titus 3:4-7

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

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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

Seek First
Give Us Clean Hands

Worship Through Giving: Give Online at redeemerwh.org/give

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace for us in Jesus by giving generously to the work of this church and the kingdom of God.

Announcements & Kids' Worship Dismissal: 9am

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.

Matthew 3:1-17 *(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.

Come to the Altar/Run to the Father

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.

Proclamation of God's Word

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

1 In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 2 "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." 3 For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'"

4 Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5 Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, 6 and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. 9 And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. 10 Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

11 "I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. 14 John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" 15 But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. 16 And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; 17 and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Pg. 808 (Matthew 3:1-17 ESV)

Discussion Questions

1. What change do you need to see in 2021?
2. What does it mean to make God's paths straight? Is there a path in your life that needs to be straightened?
3. Repenting of repentance - what does that mean?
4. Do you live from Matt 3:17 or from Matt 4:2? Do you believe that because of Jesus, God now speaks the words of Matt 3:17 over you?

Sermon Series: The Gospel of Jesus

Sermon Title: The Baptism

Date: January 10, 2021

I. JOHN

"All of life is repentance." - Martin Luther

II. JESUS

"I need to repent of my repentance." - Valley of Vision

Announcements

Vision Dinner: Vision Dinner has been a rhythm of Redeemer since our inception. In light of the ongoing COVID pandemic we believe it would be unwise to gather together in Covenant Hall for a meal. However, since we believe that it's crucial to continually be reminded of our vision as a church, we will have a vision night next **Wednesday, January 13 at 6:30pm**. This will be a hybrid event, just like Sunday mornings. If you are able, you can join us socially distanced in the sanctuary. If you're unable to attend physically, we will be live streaming the meeting

Get Connected: Are you new to Redeemer or would you simply like to know more about how to connect to our church? Please join us for our **Get Connected Lunch** on **January 24 in Covenant Hall following the second service!** For food planning purposes, please email Jeff at jeff@redeemerwinterhaven.org if you plan to attend.

Worship Aesthetics Team: The Lockwoods are assembling "Worship Aesthetics Team" to help add meaningful beauty and creativity to our sanctuary throughout the different seasons of the year. If you have an eye for design, are creative, or just have an interest in being on this team to help, please email patrick@redeemerwinterhaven.org.

Through Stained Glass: Check out our new podcast **Through Stained Glass**. The first season is called **How to Disagree Well**. We'll release new episodes on Wednesdays. Visit redeemerwh.org/podcast to find the podcast in your favorite podcasting apps or on the RedeemerWH app.

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).

Online Directory: Redeemer City Church's online directory is provided for Regular Attendees and Members. The great thing about this platform is that you can upload your own photo or edit your profile's information and it automatically syncs with our database. Visit redeemerwh.org/directory to access your profile.

Worship Playlists: Follow our weekly set list on **Spotify** and **Apple Music** 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.



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