



REDEEMER

CITY CHURCH

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.

BY
FAITH
HEBREWS 11

May 2, 2021 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Season of the Cross: White & Gold for Eastertide

All the hopes and expectations of Christians are realized in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, making Easter the most celebrative day of the church year. Because the good news of Easter can hardly be contained in a single day's celebration, Easter is only the first of fifty days of Eastertide — the season leading up to Pentecost. This season is designed for extended celebration, exploring the ramifications of Easter for the redemption of all creation, and for joyful Christian living.

Call to Worship: Psalm 100

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

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth!

ALL: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us and we are his.

ALL: We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise!

ALL: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continue through all generations.

Songs of Ascent

The first song we sing together guides us as we "go up" or approach the presence of God to worship Him. This song is meant to rouse us to worship and awaken our hearts.

Build My Life

Reading of the Law: Jeremiah 9:23-24

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.

Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord."

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: 2 Corinthians 1:20-22

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 all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

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

O Lord My Rock and Redeemer
Thank You Jesus

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.

Hebrews 11:30-31 *(see insert)*

Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed

As an expression of our faith in Jesus Christ in solidarity with his people, we declare the substance of what we believe.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontus Pilate, was crucified dead and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sacrament of Communion

The ritual meal of Communion is a sign and seal of the grace we have in Jesus. That is, it symbolizes the work Christ did for our salvation (sign) and communicates the grace and mercy we have been given (seal) as a result of His death and resurrection.

Song of Response & Sending

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

How Firm a Foundation

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.

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30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. 31 By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

Pg. 1008 (Hebrews 11:30-31 ESV)

Discussion Questions

1. What most often short-circuits your life of following God in faith? (Fear of the unknown? Fear of others' disapproval? Idol of control? Unbelief?)
2. The author highlights Rahab's great act of faith simply as giving the spies "a friendly welcome" (v31). Does that encourage you? Why?
3. Do you see the "ordinary" roles, tasks, and responsibilities that God has given you as holy? Why or why not?
4. Steve Childers said, "God takes pleasure in pouring out his power on those who dare to align radically their purposes with His." What might that look like in your life?
5. Where do you need courage and persevering faith right now? How does looking to Jesus, "the Captain of our salvation" (Hebrews 2:10) help you in that?

Sermon Series: By Faith: Hebrews 11
Sermon Title: The Continuum of Faith
Date: May 2, 2021

I. FAITH LOOKS EXTRAORDINARY

II. FAITH LOOKS ORDINARY

III. FAITH LOOKS TO JESUS

Announcements

Online Giving Transition: Redeemer is switching our online giving platform from Subsplash Giving to Planning Center Giving. This is good news as the change will result in less expensive transaction fees and more seamless contribution reports. Visit redeemerwh.org/give for instructions on switching to the new platform. Thank you for your patience and diligence in making this change with us.

Men's Workday: We are having a work day on **Saturday, May 15, from 8am-12pm, at the Idols Aside Ranch in Lake Wales.** More details to follow.

Women's Retreat: Ladies, save the date for our upcoming Women's Retreat. The event will be **October 1-3, 2021.** Our speaker will be Abby Hutto, author of *God for Us*.

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.

**MISSION
FUND**

GOAL: \$50,5000

RECEIVED: \$2,407



PLEDGED: \$751,789

RECEIVED: \$715,896

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