



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 16, 2021 – Seventh 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 28-6-7

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

Leader: Blessed be the Lord! For he has heard the voice of our pleas for mercy.

ALL: The Lord is our strength and our shield; in him our hearts trust, and we are helped; our hearts exult, and with our song we give thanks to him.

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.

O Great God

Reading of the Law: Jeremiah 17:5-6, 9

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: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land... The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?"

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 4:16-18

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

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

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.

Receiving New Members: (9am)

As was the case for believers in the Old and New Testaments, we are called to publicly confess our faith in the grace of God, to participate in the rituals of entrance into the people of God (circumcision in the Old and baptism in the New), and to acknowledge our membership with His people.

Megan Mallo

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

This Is My Father's World
What A Beautiful Name

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.

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 12:1-2 *(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.

What A Friend We Have In Jesus
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

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 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Pg. 1008 (Hebrews 12:1-2 ESV)

Discussion Questions

1. The Christian life is a marathon, not a sprint. How does that encourage or challenge you?
2. Where do you need endurance right now?
3. What "weight" do you need Jesus to lift off of you right now?
4. Is there a sin that "clings" to you that you'd ask others to pray for you in?
5. Jesus is both the "founder and perfecter of our faith." He always finishes what he starts. How does that give you rest?
6. Close your time "looking to Jesus" in prayer together, praying for one another.

Sermon Series: By Faith: Hebrews 11
Sermon Title: The Endurance of Faith
Date: May 16, 2021

I. RUN THE RACE

II. LAY ASIDE

III. LOOKING TO JESUS

Announcements

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.



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