



*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.*



*March 15, 2020 – Third Sunday of Lent*

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### **Season of the Cross:** Purple for Lent

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and runs 40 days through Holy Week. It is a reminder of Jesus' own 40 days in the wilderness, where He fasted and was tempted. Lent is a time of repentance and fasting, of preparation and penitence, as we look ahead with anticipation to His death and resurrection.

## Song of Gathering and Preparation

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

From the Depths of Woe (Psalm 130)

### Call to Worship: Psalm 146:1-2

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

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, people of God!

**Congregation: We will praise the Lord as long as we live; We will sing praises to our God while we have our being!**

### 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.*

In Christ Alone

### Reading of the Law: Psalm 46:1-8a, 10

*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.*

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. Selah. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah. Come, behold the works of the LORD..."Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

### 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).*

### Confession of Sin: Based on Philippians 4:4-6

Leader: O Lord, you tell us to rejoice!

**Congregation: We are slaves to our feelings.**

Leader: You commend to us reasonableness

**Congregation: We are prone to panic in times of trouble. This becomes an excuse to not love others well.**

Leader: You remind us that you are near at hand

**Congregation: We continue on with our accusations. Where were you?  
How could this happen? Do you not care?**

Leader: You admonish us to not be anxious.

**Congregation: We refuse to believe that Your love is enough.**

Leader: You call us to prayer.

**Congregation. We plot. We plan. We organize. We manipulate.**

Leader: You promise peace.

**Congregation: We hope for better circumstances.**

Leader: Forgive us, Lord. We pray in Jesus' Name. Amen

## **Assurance of Pardon:** Jude 20-21, 24-25

*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 you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life... Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

## **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.*

## **Songs 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*

On Jordan's Stormy Banks  
He Will Hold Me Fast  
I Will Wait for You (Psalm 130)

## **Worship Through Giving:** Offering Boxes

*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**

*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.*

Psalm 130

## **Song of Response & Sending**

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

I Will Wait for You (Psalm 130)

## **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:** See Below for Pew Bible Page Numbers  
*A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our own lives.*

1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!

2 O Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

3 If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

O Lord, who could stand?

4 But with you there is forgiveness,

that you may be feared.

5 I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,

and in his word I hope;

6 my soul waits for the Lord

more than watchmen for the morning,

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7 O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love,

and with him is plentiful redemption.

8 And he will redeem Israel

from all his iniquities.

Pg. 518 (Psalm 130 ESV)

## Resources

*A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*, Eugene Peterson

*On the Road with Saint Augustine*, James K.A. Smith

*Longing for Home*, Stephen Yuille

**Sermon Series:** Psalms of Ascent: On the Way

**Sermon Title:** Singing Through Your Suffering

**Date:** March 15, 2020

## **I. CRYING OUT**

*When you're hurting, talk to God not behind his back.*

## **II. WAITING**

*Waiting is strategic non-doing.*

## **III. HOPING**

*Hope is faith looking forward.*

## **III. FEARING**

*Knowing God personally.*

# Lenten Devotional

## WEEK 3: CONFUSION

### SCRIPTURE

#### Read Psalm 77

This psalm is a prayer of questions to God where answers aren't necessarily expected: Will the Lord spurn forever and never again be favorable? Has His steadfast love forever ceased? Are His promises at an end for all time? Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has He angrily shut up His compassion?

These questions come from a life lived, experienced, and observed that differs from the promises and character of God. In other words, they come from a gap in what God says and what we see and experience. It's about the chasm between what we expect will happen and what actually happens.

**Q: What questions do you have for God about your own life? Where are you confused about God's work?**

**Q: How do you remember the promises of God amidst pain, suffering, and hardship?**

**Q: What confusion did Jesus experience? What questions did He have for the Father?**

### PRAYER

*Pray for God to clarify some questions about your own life: what it means, where His promise and plan don't seem to match what you observe, why He allowed certain things and denied you other things in your story.*

*Pray for family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to know Christ's compassionate presence in the midst of life circumstances they can't explain.*

*Thank Christ for the confusion He experienced on our behalf in the garden and on the cross, the comfort that comes from knowing He is present in our confusion, and the confidence that all will be restored in the resurrection.*

## Announcements

Greeting this morning is the **Reynolds** Community Group.

**Holy Week Schedule:** During Holy Week we will be having daily Person of Jesus lessons at noon in Covenant Hall (lunch & childcare will be provided). We will also be having our annual **Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services at 6pm on April 9 & 10**. We do ask that you would RSVP for the Maundy Thursday service so that we can plan for food. RSVP: [redeemerwh.org/maundy](http://redeemerwh.org/maundy)

**Person of Jesus Study:** There are two opportunities to join us on Wednesdays for the Person of Jesus study. We have **a lunch-time group from 12-1pm and an evening group from 7-8pm**. Pizza will be provided for the lunch-time group or you can bring your own lunch. These groups will meet weekly until April 29.

**Women's Bible Study:** There are two opportunities to join us for our Women's Bible Study: **Mon. 6:30-8p, Thur. 9:30-11am**. Our Thursday morning study has childcare. See our website for more information.

**Women's Ministry Events:** The women of Living Word of Faith Church, 112 Ave Q NW, Winter Haven, have invited the women of Redeemer to their annual, 500 Women in Red Program, **Saturday March 28 beginning at 1:30 pm and likely running till 4:30pm**. It will including worship and light refreshments and we are encouraged to wear some red. Please contact **Vicky Portlock 863-289-1516** if you have any questions or would like to attend.

Also, mark your calendars for **the morning of April 25**. We will have a workshop called **Love Listens: Growing in Gospel Friendships**.

**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](http://redeemerwh.org/directory) to access your profile.

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

**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](http://redeemerwh.org/RCCmusic).



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