



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.

A photograph of a sunset over a body of water. The sun is a large, bright, glowing orb in the upper right, casting a shimmering path of light across the dark water. The sky is a mix of orange and blue, and distant mountains are visible on the horizon.

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life is gift not gain

June 21, 2020 – Third 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.

Call to Worship: Psalm 86:3-5

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

Leader: Be gracious to us, O Lord.

All: Gladden our souls, for to you, O Lord, do we lift up our soul.

Leader: For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you."

All: We call upon the name of the Lord.

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.

Living Waters

Reading of the Law: Hosea 13:4-6

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.

But I am the LORD your God from the land of Egypt; you know no God but me, and besides me there is no savior. It was I who knew you in the wilderness, in the land of drought; but when they had grazed, they became full, they were filled, and their heart was lifted up; therefore they forgot me.

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: John 17:20-26

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

"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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

Satisfied

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.

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.

Ecclesiastes 2:1-11; 4:6-9; 6:1-7

Song of Response & Sending

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

My Worth Is Not In What I Own

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.

Discussion Questions

1. If you could have three wishes granted, what would they be?
2. Striving or quietness - which is more true of your life?
3. C.S. Lewis said, all our havings are wantings. All joys are incomplete. Can you give an example of where you feel this in your life?
4. G.K. Chesterton famously said, "Every man who walks into a brothel is looking for God." What did he mean?
5. How do we get joy in God? What about the Person and Work of Jesus Christ makes this possible? Problem-solve this area of your life with the gospel.

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 I said in my heart, "Come now, I will test you with pleasure; enjoy yourself." But behold, this also was vanity. 2 I said of laughter, "It is mad," and of pleasure, "What use is it?" 3 I searched with my heart how to cheer my body with wine--my heart still guiding me with wisdom--and how to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was good for the children of man to do under heaven during the few days of their life. 4 I made great works. I built houses and planted vineyards for myself. 5 I made myself gardens and parks, and planted in them all kinds of fruit trees. 6 I made myself pools from which to water the forest of growing trees. 7 I bought male and female slaves, and had slaves who were born in my house. I had also great possessions of herds and flocks, more than any who had been before me in Jerusalem. 8 I also gathered for myself silver and gold and the treasure of kings and provinces. I got singers, both men and women, and many concubines, the delight of the children of man. 9 So I became great and surpassed all who were before me in Jerusalem. Also my wisdom remained with me. 10 And whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I kept my heart from no pleasure, for my heart found pleasure in all my toil, and this was my reward for all my toil. 11 Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun.

Pg. 553 (Ecclesiastes 2:1-11 ESV)

6 Better is a handful of quietness than two hands full of toil and a striving after wind. 7 Again, I saw vanity under the sun: 8 one person who has no other, either son or brother, yet there is no end to all his toil, and his eyes are never satisfied with riches, so that he never asks, "For whom am I toiling and depriving myself of pleasure?" This also is vanity and an unhappy business. 9 Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil.

Pg. 555 (Ecclesiastes 4:6-9 ESV)

1 There is an evil that I have seen under the sun, and it lies heavy on mankind: 2 a man to whom God gives wealth, possessions, and honor, so that he lacks nothing of all that he desires, yet God does not give him power to enjoy them, but a stranger enjoys them. This is vanity; it is a grievous evil. 3 If a man fathers a hundred children and lives many years, so that the days of his years are many, but his soul is not satisfied with life's good things, and he also has no burial, I say that a stillborn child is better off than he. 4 For it comes in vanity and goes in darkness, and in darkness its name is covered. 5 Moreover, it has not seen the sun or known anything, yet it finds rest rather than he. 6 Even though he should live a thousand years twice over, yet enjoy no good--do not all go to the one place? 7 All the toil of man is for his mouth, yet his appetite is not satisfied.

Pg. 556 (Ecclesiastes 6:1-7 ESV)

Sermon Series: Ecclesiastes: Life Is Gift Not Gain

Sermon Title: The Vanity of Pleasure-Seeking

Date: June 21, 2020

I. The EXPERIMENT

Enjoy yourself!

II. The FAILURE

Our desires are not too strong but too weak.

III. The HYPOTHESIS

God is the Giver of both pleasures and the power to enjoy them.

Resources

Zack Eswine, *Recovering Eden*

David Gibson, *Living Life Backwards*

Derek Kidner, *The Message of Ecclesiastes*

Announcements

Corporate Prayer for Justice & Mercy: On **Tuesday, June 30** we'll be offering two times of corporate prayer as we continue to pray for justice and mercy. We'll meet **in-person at 7:30pm at Redeemer** and for those unable to join in-person there will be an option to join **via Zoom at noon**. More info to come as we get closer to that date. Facebook YouTube Instagram Spotify Website Email Want to change how you receive these emails? You can update your preferences or unsubscribe from this list.

Women's Summer Book Study: Please join the women of Redeemer this summer as we study the book Identity Theft. Each chapter "stands alone" and is written by a different author. We meet **Mondays at 7pm via Zoom** and discuss the chapter together. Come and meet some new friends and journey together as we look into the promises that are ours in Christ Jesus.

To RSVP or for more information, contact Sally Goodwill (**sallyg1110@aol.com or 863.325.5200**) or Gigi Savant (**gigisavant@gmail.com or 863.258.0268**). Please RSVP so we can send you the ZOOM link. See the remaining schedule below.

June 29 – Fruitful: Filled with the Holy Spirit

July 13 – Member: Connected to the Church

July 27 – Beautiful: Clothed in Splendor

August 10 – Servant: Reaping a Reward

August 24 – Worshiper: Shining Brightly in the Darkness

August 31 – Citizen: Longing for Home

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.

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 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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