



*August 2, 2020 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

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**Call to Worship:** Based on Revelation 15

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

Leader: Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty.

**All: Just and true are your ways, King of the nations.**

Leader: Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name?

**All: For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you.**

**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.*

The Lion and the Lamb

## **Reading of the Law: Isaiah 52:9-12**

*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.*

Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. Depart, depart, go out from there; touch no unclean thing; go out from the midst of her; purify yourselves, you who bear the vessels of the LORD. For you shall not go out in haste, and you shall not go in flight, for the LORD will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard.

## **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: Romans 8:31-39**

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

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died--more than that, who was raised--who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **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*

God Is For Us

## **Worship Through Giving: Give Online at [redeemerwh.org/give](https://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.*

1 John 2:7-17; 5:4-5

## Confession of Faith: The 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.*

O Church Arise

## 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.

## 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.

## Proclamation of God's Word

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

7 Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard. 8 At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. 9 Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. 10 Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling. 11 But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes. 12 I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake. 13 I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father. 14 I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one. 15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world--the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions--is not from the Father but is from the world. 17 And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

(1 John 2:7-17 ESV)

4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

(1 John 5:4-5 ESV)

**Sermon Series:** First John: The Real Thing

**Sermon Title:** The Victory, Our Faith

**Date:** August 2, 2020

## **I. OPPOSITION**

*You have to get in the fight.*

## **II. SPIRITUAL MATURITY**

*Little children, young men, fathers...*

## **III. HYPER-NIKE**

*Not just conquerors, but more than conquerors.*

# Announcements

**Joanna Fowler Virtual Baby Shower:** Micah Kay Fowler is on the way! Please join us for a virtual baby shower to celebrate Joanna and Josh Fowler. The shower will be Sunday, August 2, at 2pm on Zoom ([redeemerwh.org/joanna-zoom](https://redeemerwh.org/joanna-zoom)). Please mail or drop off gifts and cards by July 29 to:

Micah Kay Fowler c/o Marissa Nicholson  
128 Overlook Dr., Winter Haven, FL 33884.

They are registered at Amazon and Target. Visit [redeemerwh.org/joanna](https://redeemerwh.org/joanna) to view the invitation and registries

**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](mailto:sallyg1110@aol.com) or **863.325.5200**) or Gigi Savant ([gigisavant@gmail.com](mailto:gigisavant@gmail.com) or **863.258.0268**). Please RSVP so we can send you the ZOOM link. See the remaining schedule below.

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

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



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