



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.



October 18, 2020 – Twentieth 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 145:3, 8-9, 17

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

Leader: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

All: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Leader: The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

All: The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.

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.

Come Ye Sinners

Reading of the Law: Matthew 12:33-37

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.

"Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit. You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil. I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

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: Titus 3:4-7

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

4 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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

Blessed Assurance

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.

Galatians 5:22-23; Proverbs 12:18; 18:1; James 3:1-12

Song of Response & Sending

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

His Mercy Is More

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.

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22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Pg. 975 (Galatians 5:22-23 ESV)

18 There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

Pg. 536 (Proverbs 12:18 ESV)

21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.

Pg. 541 (Proverbs 18:21 ESV)

1 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. 2 For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. 3 If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. 4 Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. 5 So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! 6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. 7 For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, 8 but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. 10 From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. 11 Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? 12 Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

Pg. 1011 (James 3:1-12 ESV)

Sermon Series: Character in Crisis: The Fruit of the Spirit

Sermon Title: Kindness in a Time of Cruelty

Date: October 18, 2020

I. KINDNESS LOST...IN A CRUEL CULTURE

The power of words for selfish means has impoverished kindness in our culture

II. THE UNKIND TONGUE...FULL OF POISON

The Bible's teaching is sobering

III. GOD'S KINDNESS APPEARS...THE TAMED TONGUE

There's only One who can produce kindness in our hearts and empower us to use our words for good

Announcements

Through Stained Glass: Check out our new podcast *Through Stained Glass*. The first season is called *How to Disagree Well*. We'll release new episodes on Wednesdays. Visit redeemerwh.org/podcast to find the podcast in your favorite podcasting apps or on the RedeemerWH app.

Person of Jesus Study: Join us on **Wednesdays at noon (thru November 4)** for the Person of Jesus Study (POJ). We'll spend 6 weeks walking through the Gospels looking at the compassion of Jesus. **Note:** Due to COVID we will not be providing lunch this semester. Please bring your own lunch (we will provide drinks).

Women's Fall Bible Study (Sermon on the Mount): There are two opportunities to join the Women's Fall Bible Study on *The Sermon on the Mount*.

For additional information or to RSVP for either the Zoom or in-person meeting, please contact either Sally Goodwill (sallyg1110@aol.com or **863.325.5200**) or Gigi Savant (gigisavant@gmail.com or **863.258.0268**).

Mondays, 6:30-8pm in Covenant Hall following COVID protocols
Thursday, 9:30-11am via Zoom

Audio/Video Team Volunteers Needed: The A/V team is in need of volunteers to help with slides, sound, and the live stream. If you're interested, reach out to **Joe Ragsdale** at joe@redeemerwinterhaven.org. He will provide a training in October.

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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