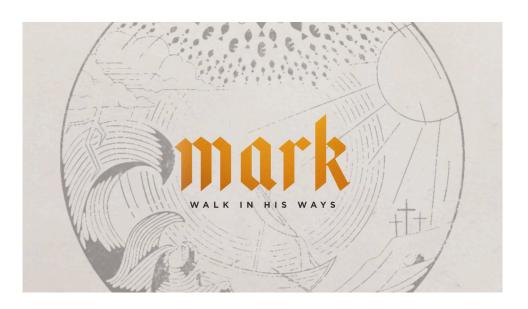


To all who are weary and desire rest, to all who mourn and long for comfort, to all who sin and need a Savior, Redeemer opens wide her doors with a welcome from King Jesus the mighty Friend of sinners, the Ally of his enemies, the Defender of the indefensible.



March 26, 2023 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

# 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.

# Call to Worship: Psalm 118:22-24, 28-29

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

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

# ALL: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

ALL: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

## Song 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.

#### Come Ye Sinners

# Reading of the Law: Jeremiah 18:1-10

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.

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: "Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. And the vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to do. Then the word of the LORD came to me: "O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter has done? declares the LORD. Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. If at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, and if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I intended to do to it. And if at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, and if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will relent of the good that I had intended to do to 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).

## Confession of Sin: Book of Common Worship

In a culture that avoids talk of sin and culpability, regular prayers of confession foster honesty and openness in our relationship with God. We confess sin in the context of the covenant Lord's love shown to us through Jesus Christ. We offer our confession as part of a covenantal relationship.

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

#### **Song of Repentance**

In this song of repentance we acknowledge our sin and our need of a Savior

Your Will Be Done

#### Assurance of Pardon: Romans 5:1-11

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

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

Jesus What A Friend for Sinners Dear Refuge Of My Weary Soul

# 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**

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.

Mark 14:43-52

#### **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.

Set A Table

## Song of Response & Sending

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

All I Have Is Christ

#### **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.

43 And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. 44 Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard." 45 And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" And he kissed him. 46 And they laid hands on him and seized him. 47 But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. 48 And Jesus said to them, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? 49 Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled."

50 And they all left him and fled. 51 And a young man followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, 52 but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.

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# **Family Worship/Group Discussion Questions**

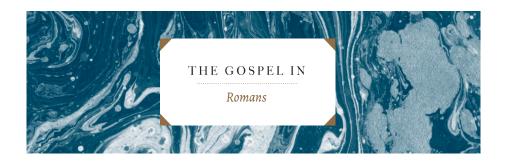
- 1. Prayerfully reflect on your heart, circumstances, relationships, etc. How did you "come" into worship today?
- 2. Where did the gospel "dwell in you richly" in the service today? In the prayers? In the singing? In the sermon?
- 3. Specifically, how were you led to turn from sin and trust in Jesus?
- 4. What is the one thing from the sermon this morning that you would most want to pass on to someone else?

Sermon Series: Mark: Walk In His Ways Sermon Title: No Sin Too Big Date: March 26, 2023

I. WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

## **II. JESUS DISPLAYS LOVE**

**III. JESUS DISPLAYS AUTHORITY** 



Is there any way to summarize such a revolutionary, rich, and wide-ranging epistle? One approach to discovering what is most central in Romans is to note which significant nouns are used most frequently. Paul used these three words most often in Romans (word counts based on the original Greek text):

God (153 times). He is the subject around whom the entire epistle revolves. Romans lifts our gaze from the tyranny of our self-absorption to the grandeur of a God of kindness (Rom. 2:4), faithfulness (Rom. 3:3), truth (Rom. 3:4), righteousness (Rom. 3:5), and glory (Rom. 3:7), to name just a few of his attributes. Yes, he is severe in judgment (Rom. 11:22), yet through faith he is so dear that his people know him as "Abba" (Rom. 8:15), their caring heavenly Father. They have "peace with God," they stand in his grace, and they "rejoice in hope of the glory of God" (Rom. 5:1–2).

Law (74 times). Cultures may be diverse, but Scripture views humans of all cultures as having one thing profoundly in common: "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). We have all broken God's "holy and righteous and good" commandment (Rom. 7:12). Yet Romans trumpets that in sending "his own Son," God fulfilled what the law demanded but we humans could not furnish (Rom. 8:3–4). Believers are liberated "in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death" (Rom. 8:2).

Christ (65 times; see also Lord, 43 times; Jesus, 36 times). The author of Romans is a slave or servant of Christ (Rom. 1:1). His readers are "called to belong to Jesus Christ" (Rom. 1:6). Next to "Amen," "Christ" is the last word of Romans (Rom. 16:27). Through him God will "graciously give . . . all things" he has promised to those who are changed by the gospel message (Rom. 8:32).

Romans is not only about weighty words piling up into lofty teachings. It is also about ethics—how to live. No chapter is without gospel-informed implications for daily living, with chapters 12–15 most suggestive in this regard. Similarly, Romans testifies repeatedly to divine love. We are creatures of devotion, created to know and to love the God who made us. Through the love unleashed by the gospel, poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 5:5), we join in the doxologies that dot the epistle (see Rom. 1:25; 9:5; 11:36), such as this one at the close: "to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen" (Rom. 16:27).

#### **Announcements**

Student Ministry Fundraiser: Sunday, April 16, following the second service, we are hosting a lunch to raise scholarship money for students to attend summer camp! Come support the student ministry in Covenant Hall where students will serve lunch and wait tables. Price per plate is whatever you are willing to pay to help send students to camp. Lunch will be followed by a silent dessert auction. If you have a dessert you think others would enjoy, please reach out to Austin Snively at austin@redeemerwinterhaven.org.

Family Fest: During the student ministry fundraiser Sunday, April 16, we will be having an event for families with a bubble train, inflatables, and face painting. You won't want to miss this! This is a great opportunity to bring a friend!

**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/worship)**.







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