



REDEEMER

CITY CHURCH

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.

Isaiah

Comforting the Disturbed | Disturbing the Comfortable

September 12, 2021 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Call to Worship: Psalm 86:8-10

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

Leader: There is none like you, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

ALL: All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord. For you are great and do wondrous things, you alone are God.

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.

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Reading of the Law: Isaiah 12:1-6

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.

You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation." With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. "Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

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).

Song of Repentance

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

O Come to the Altar

Assurance of Pardon: 2 Corinthians 1:3-5, 20

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

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too... For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.

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

Thank You Jesus
What A Friend We Have In Jesus

Receiving New Members

As was the case for believers in the Old and New Testaments, we are called to publicly confess our faith in the grace of God, to participate in the rituals of entrance into the people of God (circumcision in the Old and baptism in the New), and to acknowledge our membership with His people.

Tommy & Autumn Keil
Elijah & Allison Keil

Sacrament of Baptism

The ritual of baptism is a sign and seal of the grace we have in Jesus. That is, it symbolizes the cleansing all people need before they are acceptable to God (sign), and it marks, tangibly to our senses, how real God's promise is for all who will trust in Him (seal).

Elijah James Keil, Allison Jane Keil

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

*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.

Isaiah 40:1-11; 52:7-10 (see insert)

Song of Response & Sending

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

Jesus I Come

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

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1 Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. 2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. 3 A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. 4 Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. 5 And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." 6 A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. 7 The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. 8 The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. 9 Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" 10 Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. 11 He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

Pg. 599 (Isaiah 40:1-11 ESV)

7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." 8 The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. 9 Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. 10 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.

Pg. 613 (Isaiah 52:7-10 ESV)

Sermon Series: Isaiah
Sermon Title: The Gospel of Isaiah
Date: September 12, 2021

I. COMFORT — Why?

"The real sin is to be discouraged by your sins." – Tim Keller

II. COMFORT — How?

"If we we come to God, as fierce as his lion-like judgment would have been against us, so deep will be his lamb-like tenderness for us." – Dane Ortlund

IV. COMFORT — What then?

"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God." – Corrie Ten Boom

Announcements

Vision Dinner: Our next Vision Dinner will be **THIS Wednesday, September 15 from 5:30- 7:15pm**. We'll begin with dinner in Covenant Hall and then relocate to the sanctuary around 6:30pm. Childcare and dinner will be provided. Please help us prepare by taking a moment to RSVP: redeemerwh.org/rsvp.

Men's Bible Study: Guys, we'd love for you to join us for a weekly Men's Bible Study on **Tuesday mornings at 6:30am beginning September 14** in Covenant Hall. No RSVP or prep work necessary.

Praying Life Virtual Cohort: Many of us pray badly, yet we long to connect with our Father. If you struggle with keeping a consistent prayer life, we invite you to learn to pray through this 8-week cohort throughout the fall. We will meet on **Wednesdays from 7-8pm via Zoom**. If you're unable to join a recording will be made available afterwards. The schedule is TBD. Visit redeemerwh.org/rsvp to register.

Men's BBQ Competition: Guys, it's time to start practicing your best BBQ recipes. We're excited to have our first Men's BBQ Contest. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 13** at Charlie Reynolds' home. We'll have TVs setup so you won't miss your favorite team's football game. The categories will be brisket, pork, ribs, and wings. If you'd like to compete, email jonathan@redeemerwinterhaven.org. This is a great event to invite your friends, neighbors and co-workers.

Worship Ministry: Here at Redeemer, we're always looking to equip the saints to love and lead others in various ways inside and outside the church. If you're interested in serving on the worship team through singing, playing, or both, please email patrick@redeemerwinterhaven.org.

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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