



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

October 31, 2021 – Twenty-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 63

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

Leader: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you.

ALL: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

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.

O Great God

Reading of the Law: Isaiah 61:10-11

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.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

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.

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

Assurance of Pardon: Zephaniah 3:14-17

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

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

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

Oh the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus
Jesus Paid It All

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 54:1-12; 62:3-5 (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.

His Mercy Is More
How He Loves

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.

1 "Sing, O barren one, who did not bear; break forth into singing and cry aloud, you who have not been in labor! For the children of the desolate one will be more than the children of her who is married," says the LORD. 2 "Enlarge the place of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes. 3 For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left, and your offspring will possess the nations and will people the desolate cities. 4 "Fear not, for you will not be ashamed; be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced; for you will forget the shame of your youth, and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more. 5 For your Maker is your husband, the LORD of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called. 6 For the LORD has called you like a wife deserted and grieved in spirit, like a wife of youth when she is cast off, says your God. 7 For a brief moment I deserted you, but with great compassion I will gather you. 8 In overflowing anger for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you," says the LORD, your Redeemer. 9 "This is like the days of Noah to me: as I swore that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you, and will not rebuke you. 10 For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you. 11 "O afflicted one, storm-tossed and not comforted, behold, I will set your stones in antimony, and lay your foundations with sapphires. 12 I will make your pinnacles of agate, your gates of carbuncles, and all your wall of precious stones.

Pg. 614 (Isaiah 54:1-12 ESV)

3 You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. 4 You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. 5 For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Pg. 621 (Isaiah 62:3-5 ESV)

Resources

Brene Brown, *TED Talk "Listening to Shame"*

Glynn Harrison, *Ego Trip*

Ray Ortlund, *God Saves Sinners*

Discussion Questions

1. Where do you feel most helpless?
2. Have you reconciled yourself to your helplessness? What's your prayer life like, particularly in that area of weakness?
3. Read Isaiah 54:2-3 and 54:4. Two very different ways of life. Which better describes you right now?
4. How do you picture God's face when He thinks of you? How do you think He feels about you?
5. How would your approach to that area of helplessness change if you could begin to believe that God delights in you the way a groom delights in his bride?

Sermon Series: Isaiah
Sermon Title: God, the Husband
Date: October 31, 2021

I. THE BARREN ONE (vs. 1-3)

"God gives where He finds empty hands." - Augustine

Application: the present

II. CRIPPLED BY SHAME (vs. 4)

*"Guilt is focus on behavior, shame is focus on self. Guilt is 'I did something bad.'
Shame is 'I am bad.'" - Brene Brown*

Application: the past

III. RENAMED "MY DELIGHT" (vs. 5-10)

"He who sees God as angry does not see him rightly" - Martin Luther

Application: the future

Announcements

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, 5pm** 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.

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

Women's Bible Study: Come and enjoy gospel friendships as we study the book of 1 John together. If you are attending in person, please wear a mask to care for the group **Mondays in person (6:30-8pm), Tuesdays via Zoom (6:30-8pm), & Thursdays (9-10:30am, if you need childcare RSVP to 863-325-5200).**

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.

Our Mission

Our mission is to make Jesus' invisible kingdom visible in Winter Haven, Polk County, and the world.

Church Planting

One of the ways we hope to accomplish our mission is by planting new churches throughout Polk County. We proudly partner with Renew Polk (renewpolk.org) and the Florida Church Planting Network (flchurchplanting.org).

Community Groups

We also meet during the week in homes for what we call Community Groups. They are intended to be the primary "church" experience for all who are a part of Redeemer. If you are interested in visiting a community group, contact Jonathan Winfree, jonathan@redeemerwinterhaven.org.

**MISSION
FUND**

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