

April 9, 2017 – Palm Sunday



Order of Worship

Songs of Gathering and Preparation

We prepare our hearts, and bodies for worship by singing about the God we serve.

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)
Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Call to Worship

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

1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." 4 But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

(Matthew 4:1-4 ESV)

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).

Corporate Confession of Sin

People: Holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

Leader: We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

People: Have mercy on us, O God.

Leader: We have not listened to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

People: Have mercy on us, O God.

Leader: We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives. Our self-indulgent appetites and ways and our exploitation of other people, Our anger at our own frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

People: We confess to you, O God.

Leader: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts and our dishonesty in daily life and work,. Our negligence in prayer and worship and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

People: We confess to you, O God.

Leader: Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done. For our neglect of human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

People: Accept our repentance, O God.

Leader: Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

People: Favorably hear us, O God, for your mercy is great. Amen.

Song of Repentance

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

Before the Throne of God

Assurance of Pardon

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

35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. ... 48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

(John 6:35, 48-51 ESV)

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

Jesus, Son of God What a Beautiful Name

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.

(Children through fifth grade are dismissed for kid's worship)

Proclamation of God's Word

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

1 Corinthians 6:12-20 (see insert)

The Sacrament of Communion

The ritual meal of Communion is a sign and seal of the grace we have in Jesus.

Jerusalem

Songs of Response & Sending

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

Lead Me to the Cross

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.

Announcements

Greeting this morning are the **Lutz & Portlock** Community Groups.

Holy Week: During Holy Week we will be having daily Person of Jesus lessons at noon in Covenant Hall (lunch & childcare will be provided). We will also be having our annual Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services at 6pm on April 13 & 14. We do ask that you would RSVP for the Maundy Thursday service so that we can plan for food. RSVP at redeemerwh.org/mt.

Easter Sunday: We will have two services on Easter Sunday, April 16: **9 & 10:45a**. Childcare available from birth - kindergarten.

Gospel & the Heart Weekend: Mark your calendars for Friday, May 5 (7-9p) and Saturday, May 6 (8:30-11:30a) our theme this year is "A Praying Life." "A Praying Life Seminar is the most practical training in prayer possible. I highly recommend it." - Tim Keller. Childcare will be available for both sessions. Register online: redeemerwh.org/APL2017.

Elbert Elementary: If you are interested in volunteering at Elbert Elementary, please contact Rachel (**rachelalutz@gmail.com**). There are some classroom needs at Elbert right now. If you would like to purchase something you can drop it off in the Elbert box in the foyer of the sanctuary or in the church office. Supplies include: copy paper, pencils, crayons, staplers, Clorox wipes, Lysol spray, wide ruled paper, folders, and composition books.

Get Connected: The best way to stay up-to-date with what's happening at Redeemer is through our online newsletter (**bit.do/redeemerwh**) and our mobile app (**get.theapp.co/2045**).

Community Groups

We also meet during the week in homes for what we call Community Groups. Below is a list of current Redeemer Community Groups and contact information:

"The purpose of Community Groups is to create a community where Jesus Christ is experienced and mutual ministry is enjoyed."

Beatty Group: 2nd/4th Sundays

(863)662-4761| beattyuvalde@aol.com

Bennett Group: 1st/3rd Sundays

(863)326-9358 | bwbennett@tampabay.rr.com

Daniel/Reynolds Group: 1st/3rd Sundays (863)206-8149 | kbd148@aol.com

Diaz Group: 1st/3rd Sundays

(863)529-5350 | chickplum@aol.com

Henderson Group: 1st/3rd Sundays

(863)293-2861 | tammyhenderson@me.com

Lear Group: 1st/3rd Sundays

(863)604-9369 | connie_lear@msn.com

Lutz Group: Every Other Thursdays

(407)247-4265 | brandon@redeemerwinterhaven.org

Pruitt/Nederveld Group: Every Other Thursday (863)280-5768 | cpruittwh@yahoo.com

Sirrine Group: 2nd/4th Sundays

 $(863)956\text{-}6245 \mid \textbf{sirrine3@msn.com}$

Smith/Albrecht Group: 1st/3rd Sundays

(863)594-0064 | david@redeemerwinterhaven.org

White Group: 1st/3rd Sundays

(863)557-6180 | whites.acehardware@verizon.net

Winfree Group

(863)605-2363 | winfrees@mac.com