



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.



July 26, 2020 – Eighth 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: From Psalm 18

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

Leader: I love you, O Lord, my strength.

ALL: The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Leader: I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

ALL: Let us worship God!

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.

O Lord My Rock and My Redeemer

Reading of the Law: Psalm 119:57-64

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 LORD is my portion; I promise to keep your words. I entreat your favor with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise. When I think on my ways, I turn my feet to your testimonies; I hasten and do not delay to keep your commandments. Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me, I do not forget your law. At midnight I rise to praise you, because of your righteous rules. I am a companion of all who fear you, of those who keep your precepts. The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love; teach me your statutes!

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: John 3:16-17

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

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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 There's No One Like You

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.

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.

1 John 2:1-6

Song of Response & Sending

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

Before the Throne/O Great God

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 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. 3 And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. 4 Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, 5 but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: 6 whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

(1 John 2:1-6 ESV)

Sermon Series: First John: The Real Thing

Sermon Title: False Freedom

Date: July 26, 2020

I. DANGER OF SIN

What is sin? Is sin a big deal to God? Is sin a big deal to you?

II. DELIVERANCE BY AN ADVOCATE

What is an advocate? Why is Jesus' advocacy of us unique?

III. DILIGENCE TO WALK IN HIM

How can we know that we know Him? What does it mean to walk with Him?

Announcements

Joanna Fowler Virtual Baby Shower: Micah Kay Fowler is on the way! Please join us for a virtual baby shower to celebrate Joanna and Josh Fowler. The shower will be Sunday, August 2, at 2pm on Zoom (redeemerwh.org/joanna-zoom). Please mail or drop off gifts and cards by July 29 to:

Micah Kay Fowler c/o Marissa Nicholson
128 Overlook Dr., Winter Haven, FL 33884.

They are registered at Amazon and Target. Visit redeemerwh.org/joanna to view the invitation and registries

Women's Summer Book Study: Please join the women of Redeemer this summer as we study the book Identity Theft. Each chapter "stands alone" and is written by a different author. We meet **Mondays at 7pm via Zoom** and discuss the chapter together. Come and meet some new friends and journey together as we look into the promises that are ours in Christ Jesus.

To RSVP or for more information, contact Sally Goodwill (sallyg1110@aol.com or **863.325.5200**) or Gigi Savant (gigisavant@gmail.com or **863.258.0268**). Please RSVP so we can send you the ZOOM link. See the remaining schedule below.

July 27 – Beautiful: Clothed in Splendor

August 10 – Servant: Reaping a Reward

August 24 – Worshiper: Shining Brightly in the Darkness

August 31 – Citizen: Longing for Home

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.

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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