



August 4, 2019 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Song of Gathering and Preparation

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

Great Are You Lord

Call to Worship: Psalm 63:1-3

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, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

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

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.

How He Loves

Reading of the Law: Hosea 6:4-6

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.

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

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: Galatians 2:20-21

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

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

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

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus
O Love that Will Not Let Me Go

Worship Through Giving

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.

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.

Mackenzie Kholbrand, Beckham Kohlbrand (Non-Communing)

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).

Beckham Michael Kohlbrand

Announcements & Kids' Worship Dismissal

Children through kindergarten 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.

2 Peter 1; 1 John 3 & 4 (see insert)

Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

As an expression of our faith in Jesus Christ in solidarity with his people, we declare the substance of what we believe.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontus Pilate, was crucified dead and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

Song of Response

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

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

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: See Below for Pew Bible Page Numbers
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3 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, 4 by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. 5 For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, 6 and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, 7 and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. 8 For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pg. 1018 (2 Peter 1:3-8 ESV)

14 We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. 15 Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. 16 By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. 17 But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? 18 Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. 19 By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; 20 for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.

Pg. 1022 (1 John 3:14-20 ESV)

7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Pg. 1023 (1 John 4:7-11 ESV)

Sermon Series: From the Inside Out

Sermon Title: This is Love!

Date: August 4, 2019

I. THE TEST OF LOVE

Christians love. The test of whether you share in God's life is how you treat people.

II. THE SHAPE OF LOVE

Love is Cross-shaped. Every act of love looks like a cross.

III. THE POWER FOR LOVE

God is love. Our love is the echo of His love for us.

Announcements

Greeting this morning is the **Reynolds** Community Group.

Summer Schedule: We'll resume our normal schedule of **two services (9 & 10:30am) NEXT Sunday, August 11.**

Ladies' Brunch: Ladies, mark your calendars for **Saturday, September 7 from 10am-Noon.** More information to follow.

Women's Bible Study: Women's Summer Book Study on *Even Better Than Eden* by Nancy Guthrie will meet next on **August 5 in Covenant Hall from 6:30-8:00 pm.** We will be studying Chapter 8 - "The Story of the Dwelling Place."

REMAINING SCHEDULE

August 5 - The Story of the Dwelling Place
August 19 - The Story of the City

Marriage Conference: Join us for two nights away on a marriage retreat with video teachings by Pastor, Marriage Counselor, and Author Dr. Paul Tripp. There will be four group sessions, a night out together for dinner and fun, and also a date night. Save the date and begin to secure childcare if needed. The conference will be held **October 4-6 at the Terrace Hotel in downtown Lakeland. We've reached capacity, but you can sign up without a deposit on a waiting list as we speak with the hotel regarding additional rooms.** Visit redeemerwh.org/marriage for registration and a conference trailer.

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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