

ONE THING

I WILL

Seek

Psalms of
HARDSHIP
HOPE



PSALM 27



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, April 30, 2023

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SONG OF GATHERING & PREPARATION

The people of God always sang as they ascended the hill in Jerusalem up to the temple to worship (see Psalms 120-134). We, as well, prepare our hearts, minds, and bodies for worship by singing about the God we serve.

No Longer Slaves

CALL TO WORSHIP | 2 Corinthians 3:17-18a (ESV)

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

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.

PRAYER OF ADORATION & 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 | Ezekiel 36:24-27, 28b (ESV)

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

I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. ... You shall be my people, and I will be your God.

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 His church and the kingdom of God.

God is Love

PRAISE & 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 for us.

Holy, Holy, Holy

You've Already Won

CONFESSION OF FAITH

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

From the New City Catechism:

Q. 19. Is there any way to escape punishment and be brought back into God's favor?

A. Yes, to satisfy his justice, God himself, out of mere mercy, reconciles us to himself and delivers us from sin and from the punishment for sin, by a Redeemer.

KIDS' WORSHIP & COMMUNITY KIDS' DISMISSAL (Infants - 5th Grade)

Please see your child's check-in name tag for class assignment.

GREETING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION

We 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 world.

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD | *Tim Rice, Lead Pastor and Director of Church Planting*

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING | *Mercy Fund Offering*

SONG OF RESPONSE

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

Graves Into Gardens

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;
the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace,
both now and forevermore. Amen.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE & SERMON OUTLINE

Proclamation of God's Word

Text: Psalm 27 (ESV)

Title: One Thing I Will Seek

Teacher: Tim Rice

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? 2 When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. 3 Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident. 4 One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple. 5 For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock. 6 And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD. 7 Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! 8 You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek." 9 Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation! 10 For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in. 11 Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. 12 Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence. 13 I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! 14 Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

INTRO: "In the heart of every man is a God-shaped vacuum..."

THE POWER OF DESIRE

How do desires reveal?

HIJACKED DESIRES

How are idolatries just highjacked *desires*?

CAN A HEART BE PURIFIED?

How can our desires be redeemed?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for how He is glorious in His beauty, power and love. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for how He has made Himself known to us *so that we can have the highest and best joys possible in Him*.
2. How have you lived as if you have to follow through on your desires *in order to be authentic*? Confess your pride and unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to forgive your idolatries and fulfill you by His sufficiency.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for how He was *rejected in our place that we would gain His worth*. Thank Him for being passionately committed to every *good* desire, the love of His Father's surpassing worth, to give us His new desires.
4. Who do you know who lives controlled (enslaved?) by their desires? Pray for them, asking the Lord to make known to them His saving power and love and that He would set them free.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love and peace, especially in how *the LORD alone is sufficient to anchor your worth and life passions*. Pray for His work to root out your idols, and to establish you in Christ.

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Communication

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Rising 6th Grade Lunch

May 7, 12p.

Contact [Brown Peterson](#) for information.



4th Sunday Prayer Gathering

May 28, 4p.

Contact the church office for information.



High School Summer Camp

June 5-10.

Contact [Brown Peterson](#) for information.

Community Bible Reading

communitybiblereading.org

May 1-6, 2023

(3-year plan: read blue passages | 1-year plan: read all)

Monday	2 Corinthians 2 1 Chronicles 8	Exodus 36 Jeremiah 11
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 3 1 Chronicles 9	Exodus 37 Jeremiah 12
Wednesday	2 Corinthians 4 1 Chronicles 10	Exodus 38 Jeremiah 13
Thursday	2 Corinthians 5 1 Chronicles 11	Exodus 39 Jeremiah 14
Friday	2 Corinthians 6 1 Chronicles 12	Exodus 40 Jeremiah 15
Saturday	Psalm 71	Psalm 19 Psalm 119:97-120

Scripture Memory for the Week:

Psalm 27:13-14 (ESV)

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Office Hours:

Mon - Fri | 8:30a - 5:00p

Sunday Worship | 8:45a & 10:30a

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Mission

A city transformed: Loved by God the Father, saved by Jesus His Son, empowered by His Spirit, called by God to reach our city with His love.