



NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

EPHESIANS 4:17-32

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TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, April 24, 2022

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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.

Almighty God

CALL TO WORSHIP | Philippians 1:3-6 (ESV)

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

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

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 | Colossians 2:6-7, 9-12 (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.

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ... For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

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.

When My Heart Is Torn Asunder

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.

Build My Life

Graves Into Gardens

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. 17. What is idolatry?

A. Idolatry is trusting in created things rather than the Creator for our hope and happiness, significance and security.

Q. 18. Will God allow our disobedience and idolatry to go unpunished?

A. No, every sin is against the sovereignty, holiness, and goodness of God, and against his righteous law, and God is righteously angry with our sins and will punish them in his just judgment both in this life, and in the life to come.

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 & 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.

Jesus Paid It All

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: Ephesians 4:17-32 (ESV)

Title: New Life in Christ

Teacher: Tim Rice

¹⁷ Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹ They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰ But that is not the way you learned Christ!— ²¹ assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, ²² to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. ²⁵ Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶ Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸ Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. ²⁹ Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Intro: If asked, could you define *sanctification*?

A LIFE OF REPENTING

What is the consistent pattern throughout the ages of people who walk with God?

TRUST GOD TO WORK

How does faith work – what does it *do* (and *not* do)?

CHRIST-LIKE NEIGHBORING

What difference does it make?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for His life-changing grace and love. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that He is committed to completing in us the good work He has begun in us, until the Day Jesus returns.
2. How have you lived without repenting, or as if you don't really need God's work to change you? Confess your pride to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and soften your heart to His necessary work in your life.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His wonderful work to cleanse us from everything dead and to fill us with all of His goodness. Thank Him for being willing to bear your burdens and so freely share His riches with you.
4. Who do you know that needs life transformation? Pray for them, asking the Lord to help them see their need to repent and trust Jesus for His renewing grace.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love and goodness. Pray that He would work to help you put down fruitless ways of thinking and living and fill you with His love and power for obedience.

