



*PERSONAL,
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TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, March 20, 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.

Ancient Of Days

CALL TO WORSHIP | Matthew 18:1-3 (ESV)

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

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

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 | John 17:3, 22-26 (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.

And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ... The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.

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.

Once And For All

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.

How Great Thou Art

Do It Again

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. 11. What does God require in the sixth, seventh, and eighth commandments?

A. Sixth, that we do not hurt, or hate, or be hostile to our neighbor, but be patient and peaceful, pursuing even our enemies with love. Seventh, that we abstain from sexual immorality and live purely and faithfully, whether in marriage or in single life, avoiding all impure actions, looks, words, thoughts, or desires, and whatever might lead to them. Eighth, that we do not take without permission that which belongs to someone else, nor withhold any good from someone we might benefit.

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

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 and to acknowledge our membership with His people.

Pedro Fisher
Kimberly Kirsop
Rob & Jordan Rayburn
Abigail, Jonathan & Robbie Rayburn

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The ritual of baptism is a sign and seal of the grace we have in Jesus. It symbolizes the cleansing all people need before they are acceptable to God (sign), and it makes how real God's promise is for who will trust in Him (seal).

Pedro Michael Fisher
Kimberly Lynn Kirsop

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.

SONG OF RESPONSE

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

God With Us

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 3:14-19 (ESV)

Title: Personal, Radical Dependence

Teacher: Tim Rice

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Intro: What did the blackout of 2003 reveal?

GOD'S POWER TO THE HUMBLE

Why do we need help? And what is necessary to motivate us to *ask* for help?

IT'S RADICAL

Why does it matter that God's power to love is *in our inner being*?

IT'S PERSONAL

And why is it significant that this power is imparted so personally?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for making Himself known so that we may truly know Him. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit for how He is trustworthy in all that He commands and promises.
2. How have you lived treating God with a demanding spirit, rather than simply loving and trusting Him? Confess your pride and selfishness to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and heal your heart.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for loving us as His Bride and giving His life to remove our sin and change our nature. Thank Him for taking away our guilt (by His death) and giving us His love (by His indwelling Spirit).
4. Who do you know that lives independently rather than trusting Jesus? Pray for them, asking the Lord to help them to see 1) their need of Him, and 2) that He is more trustworthy than anyone or anything.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love and faithfulness. Pray for Him to grow in you a glad heart of trust and dependence upon His power, love and wisdom rather than trusting in your own abilities.

