

ISAIAH

**OUR SOVEREIGN
CREATOR SAVES**

ISAIAH 40:25-31; 49:14-16



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, September 19, 2021

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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.

Build My Life

CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 19:1-4a (ESV)

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

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

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 | Luke 12:4-8 (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 tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him! Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows. And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of 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.

Upon A Life

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.

Do It Again

Only A Holy God

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. 36. What do we believe about the Holy Spirit?

A. That he is God, coeternal with the Father and the Son, and that God grants him irrevocably to all who believe.

Q. 37. How does the Holy Spirit help us?

A. The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin, comforts us, guides us, gives us spiritual gifts and the desire to obey God; and he enables us to pray and to understand God's Word.

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS | 10:45a Service

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.

John & Lorinda Kennedy

KIDS' WORSHIP & COMMUNITY KIDS DISMISSAL (Infants - 5th Grade) | 9 & 10:45a Service

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

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.

More Than Conquerors

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: Isaiah 40:25-31; 49:14-16 (ESV)

Title: Isaiah: Our Sovereign Creator Saves

Teacher: Tim Rice

^{40:25} To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. ²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing. ²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹ He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. ³⁰ Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; ³¹ but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. ... ^{49:14} But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me." ¹⁵ Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. ¹⁶ Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me.

Intro: Remember that a prophet was a covenant attorney ...

GOD IS GREAT, GOD IS GOD

What does it mean that the LORD is transcendent *and* immanent?

SELFISH ACCUSATIONS

In pride and unbelief, how do we act like God doesn't care?

THE ART OF GOD'S GRACE

Why can you trust the LORD in His saving work?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD, God Almighty for His power and authority as Creator. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for His infinite holiness, both in time (He is eternal) and space (He is all-present).
2. How do you live complaining as if God does not really regard your needs? Confess your unbelief and pride to Jesus asking Him to forgive you and heal your thinking to see how powerful and loving He is.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His atoning work (His death) and healing power (His resurrection). Thank Him for being wounded and healed in our place – *and for bearing the scars to testify to our salvation by His grace.*
4. Who do you know that is weary and fainting, no matter the cause? Pray for them asking the LORD to renew them and give them His strength, by His love and grace.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to work into you His understanding and wisdom. In light of His boundless knowledge, the One who calls all the stars by name and not one is missing, pray for grace to know *HIM.*

