

LIFE IN A SPIRITUAL WAR ZONE

2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-5



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, January 16, 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.

Overcome

CALL TO WORSHIP | Colossians 1:10-14 (ESV)

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

Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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 | 1 John 3:8 & 4:4 (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.

The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil ... he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

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.

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

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.

No Weapon

The Lion And The Lamb

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. 2. What is God?

A. God is the creator and sustainer of everyone and everything. He is eternal, infinite, and unchangeable in his power and perfection, goodness and glory, wisdom, justice, and truth. Nothing happens except through him and by his will.

Q. 3. How many persons are there in God?

A. There are three persons in the one true and living God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They are the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

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.

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: 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (ESV)

Title: Life in a Spiritual War Zone

Teacher: Tim Rice

³ For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. ⁴ For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. ⁵ We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ.

Intro: How aware are you about what the Bible calls spiritual?

A CONTEXT OF COMBAT.

Why does it matter that the realm in which we live is fallen?

THE DEFINITIVE VICTORY.

Why does it matter that Jesus has intervened?

WHAT IS OUR ROLE NOW?

Now, in Christ, how are we engaged in the fight?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD, God Almighty, for His sovereign power over all creatures, even rebellious forces of spiritual darkness. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit that He infinitely surpasses all creatures and is in no way threatened or worried.
2. How have you lived rebelliously against your Maker and participated in the schemes of the evil one? Confess your folly and rebellion to Jesus, asking Him to pardon you and change your heart to be truly loyal.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for the wonders of His saving love. Thank Him for bearing our punishment *to free us from condemnation*, and for *breaking the stranglehold Satan had upon us* so that we can be restored to the Father.
4. Who do you know that lives dominated by darkness? Pray for them, asking the Lord to have mercy upon them and free them by His redeeming love.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love and goodness. Pray for His transforming work to root out of you selfish pride and hatred and to grow you instead to be more and more in the likeness of Jesus.

