

MORE THAN WE
ASK OR IMAGINE

EPHESIANS 3:14-21

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SERIES



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, March 27, 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.

Goodness Of God

CALL TO WORSHIP | Romans 11:33-36 (ESV)

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

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

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 | Romans 5:1-5 (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, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

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.

Grace

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.

Your Glory

Living Hope

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. 12. What does God require in the ninth and tenth commandments?

A. Ninth, that we do not lie or deceive, but speak the truth in love. Tenth, that we are content, not envying anyone or resenting what God has given them or us.

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.

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: Ephesians 3:14-21 (ESV)

Title: More Than We Ask or Imagine

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. ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Intro: What drives your sense of hope (if you have hope)?

GOD'S GLORY & US

What is our relationship to God and His glory?

DEFIANT & DISHONEST

How do we live in pride and unbelief vs. God's ownership and design?

LOVE THAT DEFIES CATEGORIES

What conquers our doubts and fears?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for the splendor of His glory. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit for sourcing you in everything in your life and for His surpassing worth vs. every other created person, thing or experience.
2. How have you lived doubting God's sourcing of you and refusing to credit Him for all of the goodness in your life? Confess your pride and unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and to heal your heart.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for all that He has done that is unimaginable, and immeasurably generous. Thank Him for *doing more than we could have asked or imagined, to leave heaven and be cursed so that we could be redeemed.*
4. Who do you know that claims to live an authentic life while denying God's true ownership in their life? Pray for them, *asking the Lord to help them come to reality,* but in confessing their selfishness and trusting Jesus for His saving love.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love and joy, especially to find your glory (your heart's true satisfaction) in Christ. Pray that He would fill you with His love and peace because of His infinite resources.

