

SERMON ON THE MOUNT

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Love  
YOUR  
ENEMIES

MATTHEW 5:38-48



TRINITY  
Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | June 9, 2024

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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.

Come As You Are

### CALL TO WORSHIP | Colossians 3:12-14 (ESV)

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

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

### 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 5:6-8 (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.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for 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.

Jesus Is

### 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.

At The Foot Of The Cross

God Is Love

## 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 Westminster Shorter Catechism:

Q. 41. Wherein is the moral law summarily comprehended?

A. The moral law is summarily comprehended in the ten commandments.

Q. 42. What is the sum of the ten commandments?

A. The sum of the ten commandments is, to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbor as ourselves.

## KIDS' WORSHIP & COMMUNITY KIDS' DISMISSAL (Infants - 5th Graders)

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

## GREETING

### PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD | Tim Rice, *Founding & Teaching Pastor*

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.

Only A Holy God

## 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:** Matthew 5:38-48 (ESV)

**Title:** Love Your Enemies

**Teacher:** Tim Rice

38 “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ 39 But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. 40 And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. 41 And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. 42 Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you. 43 You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ 44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47 And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? 48 You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

**INTRO:** What is your most vivid memory of encountering an enemy?

### A PARTICULAR EXPRESSION OF LOVE

What if love only went to the deserving?

## **A STUBBORN INSTINCT TO FIGHT**

What are the pitfalls of self-interest and self-defense that pull us back into cycles of vengeance?

## **HOW ARE JESUS' COMMANDS EVEN POSSIBLE?**

For what possible reasons could this would make sense?

## **YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...**

1. Worship the LORD for His holy love. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for how He is unlike any other, showing mercy and grace to His enemies and working to love us when we were His opponents.
2. How have you lived in stubborn willfulness and opposition to your Maker? Confess your antagonism and prideful resistance to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and to change your heart.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for how He gives and takes away. Thank Him for removing the toxic nature of our sin and our corrupt hearts, and for giving us newness of life by His righteousness and Spirit.
4. Who do you know that struggles with resentment or unwillingness to love those who fail? Pray for them, asking the Lord to help them see their sin before His holiness and to seek His mercy so that they can show mercy.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love. Pray that He would so work into your heart the miracle of God's saving love in Jesus, that you would be eager to love other sinners as you have been loved.

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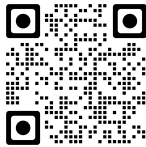


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### Communication

Visit [trinitylakeland.org/events](http://trinitylakeland.org/events) to register.



### Children's Ministry Lake Mirror Mondays

June 3 - July 29, 10a

Contact [Casey Peterson](#) for details.



### Women's Ministry Summer Series

June 12, 26 & July 10, 24

Contact Janet Smith, 719-646-9408 for details.



### The Weekender - New Members' Class

August 23 & 24

Contact [Ashley Coleman](#) for information.

## Community Bible Reading

[communitybiblereading.org](http://communitybiblereading.org)

June 10-15, 2024

(3-year plan: read blue passages | 1-year plan: read all)

Monday	Colossians 3 2 Chronicles 9	Leviticus 26 Jeremiah 42
Tuesday	Colossians 4 2 Chronicles 10	Leviticus 27 Jeremiah 43
Wednesday	1 Thessalonians 1 2 Chronicles 11	Numbers 1 Jeremiah 44
Thursday	1 Thessalonians 2 2 Chronicles 12	Numbers 2 Jeremiah 45
Friday	1 Thessalonians 3 2 Chronicles 13	Numbers 3 Jeremiah 46
Saturday	Psalm 76	Psalm 24 Psalm 119:145-160

### Scripture Memory for the Week:

**Matthew 5:44-45 (ESV)**

44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

### Office Hours:

Mon - Fri | 8:30a - 5:00p

Sunday Worship | 10:30a

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### Mission

A city transformed: Loved by God the Father, saved by Jesus His Son, empowered by His Spirit, called by God to reach our city with His love.