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# ENGAGED IN GOD'S MISSION

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EPHESIANS 4:7, 11-16



TRINITY  
Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, January 9, 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.

Power To Redeem

### CALL TO WORSHIP | Matthew 20:25-28 (ESV)

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

But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

### 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 | Ephesians 2:8-10 (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 by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk 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.

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

### 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.

Build My Life

Christ Be Magnified

## **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.

### **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.*

*The Apostles' Creed:* I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*The ritual meal of Communion is a sign and seal of the grace we have in Jesus. That is, it symbolizes the work Christ did for our salvation (sign) and communicates the grace and mercy we have been given (seal) as a result of His death and resurrection.*

### **SONG OF RESPONSE**

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

No Weapon

### **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 4:7, 11-16 (ESV)

**Title:** Engaged In God's Mission

**Teacher:** Tim Rice

<sup>7</sup> But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. ... <sup>11</sup> And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, <sup>14</sup> so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. <sup>15</sup> Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

**Intro:** Imagine the church as a hospital ...

## WHO IS THE CHURCH FOR?

What do we expect from the Church?

## **WHOSE PEOPLE ARE WE ANY WAY?**

Why are we reluctant to give thanks?

## **ENGAGED IN HIS MISSION.**

What is significant about the term “engagement”?

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

1. Praise God that He has worked to restore you unto Himself and called you into His ultimate purposes for His world. Worship Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit for not only saving you but giving you purpose.
2. How have you lived in a short-sighted or aimless way? Confess your pride and independence to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you, to secure you and to move you in your heart to live for Him.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for how He has worked in the Gospel at the highest cost to Himself for our benefit! Thank Him for all He did on your behalf, giving His all to advantage you by His death and resurrection.
4. Who do you know that struggles with any sense of work? Pray for them that they would come to know their calling, especially in how God gives us personal meaning in His ultimate aims.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you discern your particular work in God’s kingdom, especially in how the Father has made you. Pray for insight – that by His Word, other believers, and His Spirit He would guide you.

