

THE VANITY OF TIME

ECCLESIASTES 3:1-14



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, July 5, 2020

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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.

Glorious And Mighty

CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 16:1-2, 5-87 (ESV)

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

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." ... The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance. I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

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 | 2 Corinthians 4:7-10, 16-18 (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.

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. ... So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

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 this church and the kingdom of God.

In Christ Alone

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.

Upon A Life

Beautiful

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 Apostle's 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.

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.

Because He Lives (Amen)

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: Ecclesiastes 3:1-14 (ESV)

Title: Wisdom of Ecclesiastes: The Vanity of Time

Teacher: Tim Rice

¹ For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: ² a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; ³ a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; ⁴ a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; ⁵ a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; ⁶ a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; ⁷ a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; ⁸ a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. ⁹ What gain has the worker from his toil? ¹⁰ I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹¹ He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. ¹² I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; ¹³ also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man. ¹⁴ I perceived that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it. God has done it, so that people fear before him.

Intro: When did you last think about eternity?

LORD OF TIME & ETERNITY

Why does it matter that God is the Lord of all time *and* eternity?

OUT OF TOUCH, OUT OF TIME

When have you heard musicians off tune? Or out of rhythm?

THE ETERNAL LORD, *IN* SPACE & TIME

How has the LORD worked to recover what we ruined?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for His eternal glory and authority. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for how He ordains and sets out all things in time and eternity.
2. How have you lived as if the business God has given you is pointless, or have you sought to take the role that only He has? Confess your arrogance and unbelief to Jesus asking Him to forgive you and heal you.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for how He has worked to atone for our over-reach in our sin. Thank Him that He alone has both the proper ability and motives to order out all things and seal us for His Eternal Kingdom.
4. Who do you know that seems trapped to living here and now, with no sense of eternity? Pray for them, asking the Lord to help them to see what He sees, and trust His Word and perspective.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love and patience. Pray that He would give you such a vision of Jesus' Eternal Kingdom ahead of you that *He helps sustain you in your times and seasons here until then.*

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

We're so glad you are here.

Please place completed tear-off in offering plate.

Name (Please Print) Gender Male Female

Spouse

Children (Include DOB for Children's Ministry)

Address

City/State

Country/Zip

Phone

E-mail Address

- First-Time Visitor Regular Attendee
 Member College Student
 Update my contact information

I would like to receive:

- Worship Folder & Announcement Emails

I would like information about:

- Children's Ministry New Member Class
 College Ministry Student Ministry
 Community Group Volunteering
 Men's Ministry Women's Ministry

Prayer

How can our staff pray for you?

Community Bible Reading

communitybiblereading.org

July 6 - 11, 2020

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

Monday	2 Timothy 3 2 Chronicles 27	Numbers 17 Ezekiel 3
Tuesday	2 Timothy 4 2 Chronicles 28	Numbers 18 Ezekiel 4
Wednesday	Titus 1 2 Chronicles 29	Numbers 19 Ezekiel 5
Thursday	Titus 2 2 Chronicles 30	Numbers 20 Ezekiel 6
Friday	Titus 3 2 Chronicles 31	Numbers 21 Ezekiel 7
Saturday	Psalms 80	Psalms 28 Psalms 126

Scripture Memory for the Week:

Ecclesiastes 3:11 (ESV)

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Communication

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