

The Scribes & A Widow

THE GOSPEL OF
MARK



// MARK 12:35-44



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, February 19, 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.

Gratitude

CALL TO WORSHIP | Philippians 2:3-11 (ESV)

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

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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 8:9, 9:8, 11 (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 you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. ... And God is able to make all grace abound to your, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. ... You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

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.

Upon a Life

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.

Great Are You Lord

Jesus Paid it All

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. 8. What is the Law of God Stated in the Ten Commandments?

A. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below - you shall not bow down to them or worship them. You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony. You shall not covet.

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS | 10:30am service

We are called to publicly confess our faith in the grace of God, to participate in the rituals of entrance into the people of God and to acknowledge our membership with His people.

Jac & Debbie Coad

Phil & Libba Griffin

Martin & Martha Langston

Kayla Watkins

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.

You've Already Won

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: Mark 12:35-44 (ESV)

Title: The Scribes & A Widow

Teacher: Tim Rice

³⁵ And as Jesus taught in the temple, he said, "How can the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David? ³⁶ David himself, in the Holy Spirit, declared, "'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet.'" ³⁷ David himself calls him Lord. So how is he his son?" And the great throng heard him gladly. ³⁸ And in his teaching he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces ³⁹ and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, ⁴⁰ who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." ⁴¹ And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. ⁴³ And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. ⁴⁴ For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Intro: Jesus contrasts His *critics* and His *subject*...

AN UNLIKELY PAIRING

What if the greatest king in Israel's history was subject to Jesus?

LIPSTICK ON A PIG

How can we compensate for insecurities by attention-seeking behaviors?

VS. THE REAL DEAL

Why is it so appealing to see catch someone in the act of doing good?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for His integrity and generosity. Praise and adore Him that, in Christ, He embodies everything He calls us to be.
2. How have you resisted Jesus' claims on your life (in attitudes, time, relationships, or possessions)? Confess your lack of integrity to Jesus asking Him to forgive you and change your heart to be genuinely whole.
3. Give thanks to Jesus, *our Lord* He was willing to take on human nature, and suffer to save us. Thank Him for literally giving everything on the Cross that we might be filled with all His integrity and grace.
4. Who do you know that seeks attention rather than noticing others; who works for their own advancement without caring for anyone else? Ask the Lord to help them instead to use their influence to serve others.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you spend time privately with the LORD in His Word and in prayer. Pray for the Spirit's work to grown in you an ever-increasing sense of fullness because of His Presence in your heart.

