

THE



INSTINCTS

OF JESUS

JOHN 3:1-17

TRUTH AND GRACE



TRINITY  
Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, May 17, 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.

Almighty God

### CALL TO WORSHIP | Romans 8:28-29 (ESV)

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

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

### 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 | John 1:9-13 (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.

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of 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 this church and the kingdom of God.

My All In Thee

### 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.

Do It Again

Your Glory

## 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. 21. What sort of Redeemer is needed to bring us back to God?

A. One who is truly human and also truly God.

Q. 22. Why must the Redeemer be truly human?

A. That in human nature he might on our behalf perfectly obey the whole law and suffer the punishment for human sin; and also that he might sympathize with our weaknesses.

Q. 23. Why must the Redeemer be truly God?

A. That because of his divine nature his obedience and suffering would be perfect and effective; and also that he would be able to bear the righteous anger of God against sin and yet overcome death.

## 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.

How Great Is Your Love

## 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:** John 3:1-17 (ESV)

**Title:** The Instincts of Jesus: Grace and Truth

**Teacher:** Tim Rice

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

**Intro:** How do you interact with someone who's your opposite?

## OUR NATURAL LIMITS

Why can we not enter God's Kingdom as we are, unaltered?

## JESUS' SUPERNATURAL PROMISE

God so loves us that He gives ...

## TRUSTING HIS TRUTH & GRACE

So in our lives, "How can these things be?"

## YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD, God our Savior, for His mercy and His integrity. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that He has shined the light of His grace into the darkness of this world, especially our hearts!
2. How have you, like Nicodemus, seen the problem of sin as in other people, but not in yourself? Confess your arrogance and folly to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and change your heart by His indwelling Spirit.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for how He is gracious even as He is directly honest. Thank Him that He would reveal everything wrong about us *to cleanse us from it*, and then give us His Spirit to transform us by His love.
4. Who do you know that is religious but blind to their own guilt and sin? Pray for them, asking the Lord to help them to see their need for His grace, just as He did for Nicodemus.
5. Ask the Spirit to give you insight into what it means that He came to reveal even hard truth to us *with grace*. Pray that He would help you apply His rich promises *and* that you would convey the hope of Jesus to others.

## 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  
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## Prayer

How can our staff pray for you?

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## Community Bible Reading

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

May 18 - 23, 2020

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

Monday	Galatians 2 1 Chronicles 21	Leviticus 9 Jeremiah 25
Tuesday	Galatians 3 1 Chronicles 22	Leviticus 10 Jeremiah 26
Wednesday	Galatians 4 1 Chronicles 23	Leviticus 11 Jeremiah 27
Thursday	Galatians 5 1 Chronicles 24	Leviticus 12 Jeremiah 28
Friday	Galatians 6 1 Chronicles 25	Leviticus 13 Jeremiah 29
Saturday	Psalms 73	Psalms 21 Psalm 119:1221-176

## Scripture Memory for the Week:

John 3:6 (ESV)

<sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

## Communication

Register for events at [trinitylakeland.org/events](http://trinitylakeland.org/events)



### Vacation Bible School (VBS) - Rocky Railway

July 13-16, 8:45a-12p **CANCELLED**

Contact [Callie Sandman](mailto:Callie.Sandman) for information.



### High School Summer Camp

June 27 - July 2 **CANCELLED**

Contact [Brown Peterson](mailto:Brown.Peterson) for information.



### Middle School Summer Camp

July 13-17 **CANCELLED**

Contact [Brown Peterson](mailto:Brown.Peterson) for information.

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