

— BY FAITH —  
**ISAAC**

HEBREWS 11:20; GENESIS 25:29-34; 27:1-7, 15-38, 41



**TRINITY**  
Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, March 14, 2021

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*Please speak with a greeter or visit the sound booth upstairs for a listening device.*

### 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.

In Christ Alone

### CALL TO WORSHIP | Ephesians 1:3-7, 13-14 (ESV)

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

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ... In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

### 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 | Galatians 3:13-14 (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.

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"— so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

### 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.

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

### 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.

Holy Holy Holy

Only A Holy God

## 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. 10. What does God require in the fourth and fifth commandments?

A. Fourth, that on the Sabbath day we spend time in public and private worship of God, rest from routine employment, serve the Lord and others, and so anticipate the eternal Sabbath. Fifth, that we love and honor our father and our mother, submitting to their godly discipline and direction.

## KIDS' WORSHIP & COMMUNITY KIDS DISMISSAL (Infants - 5th Grade) | 9a Service

### KIDS' WORSHIP DISMISSAL (Infants - 4 Years) | 10:45a Service

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

## 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.

No Longer Slaves

## 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:** Hebrews 11:20; Genesis 25:29-34, 27:1-7, 15-38, 41 (ESV)

**Title:** By Faith: Isaac

**Teacher:** Tim Rice

Hebrews 11:20 By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. ... Genesis 25:29 Once when Jacob was cooking stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was exhausted. <sup>30</sup> And Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stew, for I am exhausted!" (Therefore his name was called Edom.) <sup>31</sup> Jacob said, "Sell me your birthright now." <sup>32</sup> Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" <sup>33</sup> Jacob said, "Swear to me now." So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. <sup>34</sup> Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright. ... <sup>27:1</sup> When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called Esau his older son and said to him, "My son"; and he answered, "Here I am." <sup>2</sup> He said, "Behold, I am old; I do not know the day of my death. <sup>3</sup> Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me, <sup>4</sup> and prepare for me delicious food, such as I love, and bring it to me so that I may eat, that my soul may bless you before I die." <sup>5</sup> Now Rebekah was listening when Isaac spoke to his son Esau. So when Esau went to the field to hunt for game and bring it, <sup>6</sup> Rebekah said to her son Jacob, "I heard your father speak to your brother Esau, <sup>7</sup> 'Bring me game and prepare for me delicious food, that I may eat it and bless you before the LORD before I die.' " ... <sup>15</sup> Then Rebekah took the best garments of Esau her older son, which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son. <sup>16</sup> And the skins of the young goats she put on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. <sup>17</sup> And she put the delicious food and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob. <sup>18</sup> So he went in to his father and said, "My father." And he said, "Here I am. Who are you, my son?" <sup>19</sup> Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, that your soul may bless me." <sup>20</sup> But Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?" He answered, "Because the LORD your God granted me success." <sup>21</sup> Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Please come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not." <sup>22</sup> So Jacob went near to Isaac his father, who felt him and said, "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau." <sup>23</sup> And he did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands. So he blessed him. <sup>24</sup> He said, "Are you really my son Esau?" He answered, "I am." <sup>25</sup> Then he said, "Bring it near to me, that I may eat of my son's game and bless you." So he brought it near to him, and he ate; and he brought him wine, and he drank. <sup>26</sup> Then his father Isaac said to him, "Come near and kiss me, my son." <sup>27</sup> So he came near and kissed him. And Isaac smelled the smell of his garments and blessed him and said, "See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field that the LORD has blessed! <sup>28</sup> May God give you of the dew of heaven and of the fatness of the earth and plenty of grain and wine. <sup>29</sup> Let peoples serve you, and nations bow down to you. Be lord over your brothers, and may your mother's sons bow down to you. Cursed be everyone who curses you, and blessed be everyone who blesses you!" <sup>30</sup> As soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, when Jacob had scarcely gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, Esau his brother came in from his hunting. <sup>31</sup> He also prepared delicious food and brought it to his father. And he said to his father, "Let my father arise and eat of his son's game, that you may bless me." <sup>32</sup> His father Isaac said to him, "Who are you?" He answered, "I am your son, your firstborn, Esau." <sup>33</sup> Then Isaac trembled very violently and said, "Who was it then that hunted game and brought it to me, and I ate it all before you came, and I have blessed him? Yes, and he shall be blessed." <sup>34</sup> As soon as Esau heard the words of his father, he cried out

with an exceedingly great and bitter cry and said to his father, “Bless me, even me also, O my father!”<sup>35</sup> But he said, “Your brother came deceitfully, and he has taken away your blessing.”<sup>36</sup> Esau said, “Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has cheated me these two times. He took away my birthright, and behold, now he has taken away my blessing.” Then he said, “Have you not reserved a blessing for me?”<sup>37</sup> Isaac answered and said to Esau, “Behold, I have made him lord over you, and all his brothers I have given to him for servants, and with grain and wine I have sustained him. What then can I do for you, my son?”<sup>38</sup> Esau said to his father, “Have you but one blessing, my father? Bless me, even me also, O my father.” And Esau lifted up his voice and wept. ...<sup>41</sup> Now Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him, and Esau said to himself, “The days of mourning for my father are approaching; then I will kill my brother Jacob.”

**Intro:** Where have you craved not just approval *but someone’s blessing*?

## PROFILES IN DYSFUNCTION & MANIPULATION

How do the character flaws and sins of each character in this story help us understand God’s grace?

## THE BEAUTY OF CHRIST OUR REDEEMER

By contrast, how did Jesus work to heal and forgive this mess?

## HOW SHALL WE THEN LIVE?

How does belonging to the LORD change the way we live and view the future?

## YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for His goodness and love. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit for His graciousness, especially in His resolve to work for our blessing even when we are so self-serving and wicked.
2. How have you sought to secure yourself instead of owning your own guilt and trusting Jesus to redeem you? Confess your pride and folly to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and make you whole – to *bless* you.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for the miracle of His work to save us from our sin. Thank Him for His obedience – for submitting joyfully (where we grumble), for giving (where we’re selfish) and for shouldering the weight of our needs (where we do not want to be encumbered by anyone).
4. Who do you know that is desperate to be secured? Pray for them asking the Lord to make His Grace known to them so that they could find the blessing they’ve always been searching for.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to secure you in His work of sealing you in Christ. Pray for insight into what it means to be so clothed in Christ’s righteousness and to be so well supplied for all the work He’s given you.

## WELCOME TO TRINITY!

We're so glad you are here.

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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       Student Ministry  
 College Ministry       Volunteering  
 Community Group       Women's Ministry  
 Men's Ministry       Worship  
 New Member Class  
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### Prayer

How can our staff pray for you?

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## Community Bible Reading

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

March 15 - 20, 2021

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

Monday	Acts 28 Exodus 2	Isaiah 43 1 Kings 21
Tuesday	Romans 1 Exodus 3	Isaiah 44 1 Kings 22
Wednesday	Romans 2 Exodus 4	Isaiah 45 2 Kings 1
Thursday	Romans 3 Exodus 5	Isaiah 46 2 Kings 2
Friday	Romans 4 Exodus 6	Isaiah 47 2 Kings 3
Saturday	Psalm 12	Psalm 116 Psalm 64

### Scripture Memory for the Week: Hebrews 11:20 (ESV)

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### Communication

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



#### Middle School Skate Night

March 19, 7p.

Contact [Julz Zagra](#) for information.



#### Churchwide Easter Picnic

March 28, 12p at Lake Bonny Park.

Contact [Callie Sandman](#) for information.



#### New Member Class

April 11 & 18, following worship.

Contact [Ashley Moats](#) for information.

### Office Hours:

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

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