

JESUS CHRIST OUR
PEACE

EPHESIANS 2:11-18

SERIES



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, February 27, 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.

Come As You Are

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 | John 17:21-22 (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.

[I pray] that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one.

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.

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

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.

My All In Thee

Build My Life

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. 9. What does God require in the first, second, and third commandments?

A. First, that we know and trust God as the only true and living God. Second, that we avoid all idolatry and do not worship God improperly. Third, that we treat God's name with fear and reverence, honoring also his Word and works.

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.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING | *Mercy Fund Offering*

SONG OF RESPONSE

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

God So Loved

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 2:11-18(ESV)

Title: Jesus Christ, Our Peace

Teacher: Tim Rice

¹¹ Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— ¹² remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵ by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷ And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

Intro: How have you experienced a broken relationship?

A COMMON PROBLEM

What does it mean to be alienated?

ONE SAVIOR OF MANY

What if our meeting place is a Person?

A SHARED HOPE, STATUS & MISSION

Therefore, what does it look like to live reconciled with God and my neighbor?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for His heart to be related to us as His people! Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit that He IS an eternal relationship, *and that He designed us to live in His likeness – related and in love.*
2. How have you lived as if others are not necessary and being on your own is better? Confess your pride and ignorance to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and that He would repair you from your broken ways.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His work to bring back together what we ripped apart in our sin. Thank Him for reconciling you to the Father, and to others; *for taking your guilt out of you and putting His love in by His Spirit.*
4. Who do you know that is selfish and isolated? Pray for them, asking the Lord to help them to see their perilous condition, and that they would discover the miracle and beauty of Jesus' love.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love. Pray that He would help you to live in light of what He has given you – membership in His own family – and that you would reflect that hope and grace to others.

