



PARABLES OF
THE KINGDOM

**THE PARABLE OF THE PHARISEE
AND TAX COLLECTOR**

LUKE 18:9-14



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, October 27, 2019

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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.

Living Hope

CALL TO WORSHIP | 1 Peter 5:5-10 (ESV)

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

Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION | Dan Anthony

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 | Colossians 2:9-10, 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.

For in Jesus the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ... And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

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.

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

Is He Worthy

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. 43. What are the sacraments or ordinances?

A. The sacraments or ordinances given by God and instituted by Christ, namely baptism and the Lord's Supper, are visible signs and seals that we are bound together as a community of faith by his death and resurrection. By our use of them the Holy Spirit more fully declares and seals the promises of the gospel to us.

KIDS' WORSHIP & COMMUNITY KIDS DISMISSAL

Infants - Fifth Grade are dismissed. Please see your child's check-in name tag for class assignment.

GREETING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION | Dan Anthony

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 With Us

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: Luke 18:9-14 (ESV)

Title: Parable of the Pharisee & the Tax-Collector

Teacher: Tim Rice

⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰ "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Intro: This is almost like the set-up for a bad joke ...

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

What is a Pharisee? What was Jesus' concern?

WHERE IS THERE HOPE?

What was a tax collector? What did Jesus commend?

WHAT ARE THE OUTCOMES?

How did Jesus reveal a fork in the road?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for His atoning mercy. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit that He is gracious to the humble but guarantees that the proud will be humbled.
2. How have you lived proud of yourself and looking down on others? Confess your arrogance and lovelessness to Jesus, asking Him to have mercy on you, to forgive you and change your heart.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for humbling Himself to bear the costs of all your arrogance! Thank Him for loving you enough to go where no one else is willing to go, that people like us could be redeemed.
4. Who do you know that resists humility (and it may be you)? Pray for them, asking the Lord to have mercy on them and to grant them a soft heart.
5. Read 1 Peter 5:5-10. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you power to humble yourself under God's mighty hand, trusting that in due time, He will keep His promise to you too and raise you up and establish you in Christ.

