

DAVID & GRIEF

1 SAMUEL 17:57-18:9; 20:12-17, 24-34, 42; 23:16-17



ORDER OF WORSHIP | November 12, 2023

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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.

My Worth Is Not In What I Own

CALL TO WORSHIP | Luke 1:67-71, 78-79 (ESV)

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

His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us ... because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

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 | Acts 2:22-24 (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.

"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

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.

Abide With 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.

It Is Well

Living Hope

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. 46. What is the Lord's Supper?
- A. Christ commanded all Christians to eat bread and to drink from the cup in thankful remembrance of him and his death. The Lord's Supper is a celebration of the presence of God in our midst; bringing us into communion with God and with one another; feeding and nourishing our souls. It also anticipates the day when we will eat and drink with Christ in his Father's kingdom.
- Q. 47. Does the Lord's Supper add anything to Christ's atoning work?
- A. No, Christ died once for all. The Lord's Supper is a covenant meal celebrating Christ's atoning work; as it is also a means of strengthening our faith as we look to him, and a foretaste of the future feast. But those who take part with unrepentant hearts eat and drink judgment on themselves.

KIDS' WORSHIP & COMMUNITY KIDS' DISMISSAL (Infants - 5th Graders)

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 and 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.

Death Was Arrested

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: 1 Samuel 31:1-4, 8-10; 2 Samuel 1:17-27 (ESV) Title: David & Grief Teacher: Tim Rice

1 Samuel 31:1 Now the Philistines were fighting against Israel, and the men of Israel fled before the Philistines and fell slain on Mount Gilboa. 2 And the Philistines overtook Saul and his sons, and the Philistines struck down Jonathan and Abinadab and Malchi-shua, the sons of Saul. 3 The battle pressed hard against Saul, and the archers found him, and he was badly wounded by the archers. 4 Then Saul said to his armor-bearer, "Draw your sword, and thrust me through with it, lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and mistreat me." But his armor-bearer would not, for he feared greatly. Therefore Saul took his own sword and fell upon it. ... 8 The next day, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, they found Saul and his three sons fallen on Mount Gilboa. 9 So they cut off his head and stripped off his armor and sent messengers throughout the land of the Philistines, to carry the good news to the house of their idols and to the people. 10 They put his armor in the temple of Ashtaroth, and they fastened his body to the wall of Beth-shan. ... 2 Samuel 1:17 And David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and Jonathan his son, 18 and he said it should be taught to the people of Judah; behold, it is written in the Book of Jashar. He said: 19 "Your glory, O Israel, is slain on your high places! How the mighty have fallen! 20 Tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Ashkelon, lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised exult. 21 "You mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew or rain upon you, nor fields of offerings! For there the shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul, not anointed with oil. 22 "From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan turned not back, and the sword of Saul returned not empty. 23 "Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely! In life and in death they were not divided; they were swifter than eagles; they were stronger than lions. 24 "You daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you luxuriously in scarlet, who put ornaments of gold on your apparel. 25 "How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle! "Jonathan lies slain on your high places. 26 I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; very pleasant have you been to me; your love to me was extraordinary, surpassing the love of women. 27 "How the mighty have fallen, and the weapons of war perished!"

INTRO: How would you respond to the deaths of your enemy and your best friend?

THE STORY BEHIND EVERY DEATH.

Why do we believe that death is common, yet not natural?

WHAT DOES GOOD GRIEF LOOK LIKE?

How does David's response stand out from the world?

WHY DO WE HAVE HOPE?

How can we be free from fear and death?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

- 1. Worship the LORD, God Almighty as the Lord and Giver of life. Praise and adore Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for His power to conquer sin and death itself, overcoming all the cursed effects of the Fall.
- 2. How have you lived against God's good design? Confess your sin and destructiveness to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you but also to heal you from the deadly consequences of sin.
- 3. Give thanks to Jesus for His death and resurrection on our behalf. Thank Him for the wonder of His work *through* death, to remove our guilt, and His work *against* death in His resurrection to give us eternal hope.
- 4. Who do you know that lives in fear? Pray for them, asking the Lord to give them hope in Christ, especially in His ability to turn death and violence on their head, *harnessing them to accomplish the greatest good ever done*.
- 5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love and joy. Pray that He would work into you hope because of your inheritance in Christ, *"imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded..."* 1 Peter 1:4-5

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Thanksgiving Day Service November 23, 10a Contact the church office for information.



Fill Your Cup - Trinity Ladies Ages 22-35 December 1, 7:15a Contact Laura McCaulley for information.



Children's Ministry - Night at the Museum December 1, 6-9p - RSVP Required. Contact <u>Callie Sandman</u> for information.

Community Bible Reading

communitybiblereading.org

November 13-18, 2023

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

Monday	Hebrews 12 Proverbs 8	Judges 15 Micah 3
Tuesday	Hebrews 13 Proverbs 9	Judges 16 Micah 4
Wednesday	James 1 Proverbs 10	Judges 17 Micah 5
Thursday	James 2 Proverbs 11	Judges 18 Micah 6
Friday	James 3 Proverbs 12	Judges 19 Micah 7
Saturday	Psalm 99	Psalm 47 Psalm 144

Scripture Memory for the Week: 2 Samuel 1:22-23 (ESV)

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