

FAITHFUL CHARACTER IN CRISIS
PATIENCE IN SUFFERING
JAMES 5:7-12



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, November 15, 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.

Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

CALL TO WORSHIP | Hebrews 12:1-3 (ESV)

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

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

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 | Hebrews 13:6, 8, & 20-21 (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.

So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" ... Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ... Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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.

Your Glory

More Than Conquerors

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. 48. What is the church?

A. God chooses and preserves for himself a community elected for eternal life and united by faith, who love, follow, learn from, and worship God together. God sends out this community to proclaim the gospel and prefigure Christ's kingdom by the quality of their life together and their love for one another.

KIDS' WORSHIP & COMMUNITY KIDS DISMISSAL | 9a Service Only

Infants - Fifth Grade are dismissed. 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.

Do It Again

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: James 5:7-12 (ESV)

Title: Faithful Character In Crisis: Patience In Suffering

Teacher: Tim Rice

⁷ Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹ Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. ¹² But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

Intro: Don't forget. James' letter is to fellow believers in crisis.

THE TRIAL

What is the problem and why is it severe?

OUR ETERNAL HOPE

WHO can do something about this?

THE FAITHFUL RESPONSE

Fight, flight or freeze? What is your instinct in hardship?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for His steadfastness. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit that He is solidly trustworthy in the midst of everything unsettled or unpredictable in this world.
2. How have you lived agitated or grumbling in the midst of hardships? Confess your pride and unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and settle you under His good rule.
3. Give thanks to Jesus that HE is solid and faithful in the midst of everything else which is temporary and fleeting. Thank Him that His work is finished, His work to be *cursed in our place so that we could be blessed*.
4. Who do you know that struggles with hope? Pray for them, asking the Lord to help them see in Him that their greatest threats are answered and that their greatest hopes are guaranteed.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love and joy. Pray for such a clear sense of Jesus' steadfastness on the compass of your heart, that you can set your course resolutely toward Him.

