



SEALED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT
EPHESIANS 1:11-14

EPHESIANS

SERIES



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, February 6, 2022

Listening devices are available for the hearing impaired.

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.

Only A Holy God

CALL TO WORSHIP | 2 Corinthians 5:5-7 (ESV)

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

He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight.

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 | Romans 5:1-2, 5 (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.

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ... and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

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.

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.

It Is Done

Graves Into Gardens

KIDS' WORSHIP & COMMUNITY KIDS DISMISSAL (Infants - Kindergarten)

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.

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.

The Apostles' Creed: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The ritual meal of Communion is a sign and seal of the grace we have in Jesus. That is, it symbolizes the work Christ did for our salvation (sign) and communicates the grace and mercy we have been given (seal) as a result of His death and resurrection.

SONG OF RESPONSE

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

Abide

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 1:11-14 (ESV)

Title: Sealed with The Holy Spirit

Teacher: Tim Rice

¹¹ In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³ 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, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Intro: Why does it matter if something (or someone) is sealed?

WHY DO GUARANTEES MATTER?

What is there about us that craves assurances?

BROKEN PROMISES & UNCERTAINTIES

What is life like when it's uncertain?

GOD'S PERSONAL SEAL

How can we be assured?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD that He is sure, sovereign and utterly in control – and that He alone can guarantee anything. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit that He secures us.
2. How have you lived with insecurities or unbelief, especially where you have tied your hopes to created things or people? Confess your participation in the chaos, asking Jesus to forgive you and heal you.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His work to finish our atonement (by His death) and secure our eternity (by His resurrection). Thank Him for how He has made the gift of His indwelling Spirit possible by cleansing us.
4. Who do you know that lives without any assurance from God or toward Him? Ask the Lord to open their eyes to His Grace in Jesus, and that He would use you to encourage them in repentance and faith.
5. Ask the Spirit to bear His fruit of love and peace in you. Pray that He would help you turn from vain hopes (in created things or people) and that He would secure you as your eternal Seal and Guarantee.

