



# PSALMS OF ASCENT

VOCATION

PSALM 127



TRINITY  
Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, March 1, 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.

No Longer Slaves

### CALL TO WORSHIP | 1 Corinthians 15:58 (ESV)

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

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

### 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 | Ephesians 2:19-22 (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.

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

### 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.

How Great Thou Art

### 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.

Rest

Jesus Paid It All

## KIDS' WORSHIP DISMISSAL

*Infants - Kindergarten are dismissed. 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 Apostle's 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.*

Grace

## SONG OF RESPONSE

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

Rescue

## 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.

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A city transformed: Loved by God the Father, saved by Jesus His Son, empowered by His Spirit, called by God to reach our city with His love.

## SCRIPTURE PASSAGE & SERMON OUTLINE

### Proclamation of God's Word

**Text:** Psalm 127 (ESV)

**Title:** Psalms of Ascent - Vocation

**Teacher:** Tim Rice

<sup>1</sup> Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. <sup>2</sup> It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep. <sup>3</sup> Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward. <sup>4</sup> Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. <sup>5</sup> Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

**Intro:** What in your life do you believe is necessary?

### *UNLESS THE LORD BUILDS*

What does it mean to believe that the LORD is necessary?

## LABORING IN VAIN

How necessary does our culture believe God is?

## HOW THE LORD BUILDS

What if there was a 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam who never failed?

## YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for creating us in keeping with His good design. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit for giving us an identity in Christ, a bond with Him and His people, and a good purpose.
2. How have you sought to live independently of the LORD? Confess your pride and craving for autonomy (being a law unto yourself), asking Jesus to forgive you and to restore you back into His good design.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His work as the 2nd Adam – restoring all who trust Him back into the goodness of the purpose for which He built us. Thank Him for taking away your sin, by His death, and giving to you His Spirit.
4. Who do you know that struggles with autonomy – by pride, isolation or independence (especially from the Lord)? Pray for them, asking the Lord to save them from vanity and destruction.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to love being dependent upon the Father as Jesus was. Pray for a loyal and faithful heart – and a love for His will, His provision, His wisdom and His purposes in all you do.

