

DESPERATE

FOR GOD'S

Presence

Psalms of
HARDSHIP
HOPE



PSALM 42



TRINITY

Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, April 16, 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.

Goodness of God

CALL TO WORSHIP | Hebrews 13:5b-6 (ESV)

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

...“I will never leave you nor forsake you.” So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?”

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 | Isaiah 43:1-4 (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.

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life.

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

Who You Say I Am

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. 16. What is sin?

A. Sin is rejecting or ignoring God in the world he created, rebelling against him by living without reference to him, not being or doing what he requires in his law—resulting in our death and the disintegration of all creation.

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 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.

Christ Be Magnified

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: Psalm 42 (ESV)

Title: Desperate for God's Presence

Teacher: Tim Rice

1 As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? 3 My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?" 4 These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival. 5 Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation 6 and my God. My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar. 7 Deep calls to deep at the roar of your waterfalls; all your breakers and your waves have gone over me. 8 By day the LORD commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life. 9 I say to God, my rock: "Why have you forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?" 10 As with a deadly wound in my bones, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?" 11 Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

INTRO: When have you experienced profound separation?

GOOD TIMES PAST

What had the psalmist known in his past?

A LONG WAY FROM HOME

What was the psalmist's present circumstance?

HOPE & A FUTURE RESOLVE

Why did the psalmist interrogate his own emotions and thoughts, "*Why O my soul?*"

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for His goodness and His greatness "by day or by night" no matter what our circumstances. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that He is good and provides everything good you've ever had.
2. How have you lived as if God is far away from you, and you blame Him? Confess your pride and unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and to fill your heart's emptiness with His overflowing love and power.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His constancy. Thank Him that day or night, in joyful times or in sorrow, that His work on the Cross is complete and that His Spirit's Presence cannot be lost.
4. Who do you know that is overwhelmed by their hardships and unbelief? Pray for them, asking the Lord to meet them at their worst, and to convey to them His steadfast love as their salvation and their God.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love, joy and peace. Pray that He would work into you His steadfastness more and more so that you remain faithful in hardships rather than being overcome by them.

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Seeing Jesus Together Workshop

April 23, 8:45 & 10:30a

Contact Brown Peterson for information.



Two-Part New Member Class

April 30, Following Worship

Contact Ashley Coleman for information



Rising 6th Grade Lunch

May 7, 12p.

Contact Brown Peterson for information.

Community Bible Reading

communitybiblereading.org

April 17-22, 2023

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

Monday	1 Corinthians 8 2 Kings 23	Exodus 26 Jeremiah 1
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 9 2 Kings 24	Exodus 27 Jeremiah 2
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 10 2 Kings 25	Exodus 28 Jeremiah 3
Thursday	1 Corinthians 11 1 Chronicles 1	Exodus 29 Jeremiah 4
Friday	1 Corinthians 12 1 Chronicles 2	Exodus 30 Jeremiah 5
Saturday	Psalms 69	Psalms 17 Psalms 119:49-72

Scripture Memory for the Week:

Psalm 42:5 (ESV)

5 Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation.

Office Hours:

Mon - Fri | 8:30a - 5:00p

Sunday Worship | 8:45a & 10:30a

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empowered by His Spirit, called by God to reach our city with His love.