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ACTS 1:6-11 // EPH 1:19-23



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, April 19, 2020

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.

Beautiful

CALL TO WORSHIP | Revelation 4:1-2, 10-11 (ESV)

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

After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. ... the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

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 2:4-10 (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 God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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.

Sovereign Grace O'er Sin Abounding

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.

I Will Wait For You (Psalm 130)

Christ Be Magnified

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. 17. What is idolatry?

A. Idolatry is trusting in created things rather than the Creator for our hope and happiness, significance and security.

Q. 18. Will God allow our disobedience and idolatry to go unpunished?

A. No, every sin is against the sovereignty, holiness, and goodness of God, and against his righteous law, and God is righteously angry with our sins and will punish them in his just judgment both in this life, and in the life to come.

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.

Lord I Need You

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: Acts 1:6-11; Ephesians 1:19-23 (ESV)

Title: The Ascension of Christ

Teacher: Tim Rice

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹ and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." ... ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Intro: Why does Jesus' Ascension matter?

WHAT WAS GOING ON?

The *act* of Jesus' ascension is plain, *but its meaning is not.*

WHY WAS IT DIFFICULT?

What are the ways we misunderstand, or doubt God's promise?

BUT WHAT IF IT'S TRUE?

How then is Jesus continuing His original True Mission?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for His love and delight to redeem lost and sinful people like us! Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit for His grace and His eternal purposes to save!
2. How have you lived as if God's mission is at odds or irrelevant to your life mission? Confess your pride and self-will to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and to reconcile your heart to His heart for the lost.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His eternal mission and the beauty of His willingness to come down in order to raise us up. Thank Him for His work, His Person, and His provision to save people like us.
4. Who do you know that lives with a clear sense of mission in following Jesus? Pray for them, asking the Lord to strengthen them for sustained faithfulness, and to help you to learn from them as best as you can.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you the fruit of faithfulness. Pray for a sense of your security under Jesus' rule, and a heart like His for the lost, that His Spirit would equip you for your part in His mission.

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

We're so glad you are here.

Please place completed tear-off in offering plate.

Name (Please Print) Gender Male Female

Spouse

Children (Include DOB for Children's Ministry)

Address

City/State Country/Zip

Phone

E-mail Address

- First-Time Visitor Regular Attendee
- Member College Student
- Update my contact information

I would like to receive:

- Worship Folder & Announcement Emails

I would like information about:

- Children's Ministry New Member Class
- College Ministry Student Ministry
- Community Group Volunteering
- Men's Ministry Women's Ministry
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Prayer

How can our staff pray for you?

Community Bible Reading

communitybiblereading.org

April 20 - 25, 2020

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

Monday	1 Corinthians 11 1 Chronicles 1	Exodus 29 Jeremiah 5
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 12 1 Chronicles 2	Exodus 30 Jeremiah 6
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 13 1 Chronicles 3	Exodus 31 Jeremiah 7
Thursday	1 Corinthians 14 1 Chronicles 4	Exodus 32 Jeremiah 8
Friday	1 Corinthians 15 1 Chronicles 5	Exodus 33 Jeremiah 9
Saturday	Psalm 69	Psalm 17 Psalm 119: 25-48

Scripture Memory for the Week:

Acts 1:9 (ESV)

⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

Communication

Register for events at trinitylakeland.org/events



Vacation Bible School (VBS) - Rocky Railway

June 8-11, 8:45a-12p

Contact [Callie Sandman](#) if you are interested in volunteering.



High School Summer Camp

June 27 - July 2 - *registration begins on April 19.*

Contact [Brown Peterson](#) for information.



Middle School Summer Camp

July 13-17 - *registration begins on April 19.*

Contact [Brown Peterson](#) for information.

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

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