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Galatians 3:1-6

Romans 8:9-11



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, April 26, 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.

Rest

CALL TO WORSHIP | John 7:37-39 (ESV)

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

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

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 | Titus 3:3-7 (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.

For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal 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 this church and the kingdom of God.

Great Are You Lord

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.

Holy Spirit

All The Poor And Powerless

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. 19. Is there any way to escape punishment and be brought back into God's favor?

A. Yes, to satisfy his justice, God himself, out of mere mercy, reconciles us to himself and delivers us from sin and from the punishment for sin, by a Redeemer.

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.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING | *Mercy Fund Offering*

SONG OF RESPONSE

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

Glorious And Mighty

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: Galatians 3:1-6; Romans 8:9-11 (ESV)

Title: The Spirit of Christ

Teacher: Tim Rice

¹ O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. ² Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? ³ Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? ⁴ Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? ⁵ Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith— ⁶ just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”? ... ⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Intro: Why did Jesus believe it was better for Him to go away?

WIND, WATER, FIRE

How do we rightly understand the Holy Spirit, *the Spirit of Jesus*?

LIFELESS, ARID & CORRUPT

Why do we need the Spirit's work?

JESUS' END GAME

Why is the gift of the Spirit the crescendo of Jesus' redeeming work?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for His grace and trustworthiness. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit that He is merciful to save people like us, not merely forgiving us but working to transform us!
2. How have you lived more confident in your own will power than trusting Jesus? Confess your foolishness and unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and restore you from your guilt and brokenness.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His work to cleanse us so that we could be indwelt by His Holy Spirit. Thank Him for *removing* all that's wrong with us, and filling us with all the goodness of *His very Presence!*
4. Who do you know that seems to know very little of the work of the Holy Spirit? Pray for them, asking the Lord to lead them beyond mere will power to true repentance and faith in Jesus' power.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love! Pray that He would help you grow in your knowledge of Him and His ways, and that He would empower you to live more and more on mission in His love.

