

THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT

EPHESIANS 4:1-6





ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, April 3, 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.

Rest

CALL TO WORSHIP | 1 Corinthians 8:5-6 (ESV)

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

For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords" yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

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 | Colossians 2:6-7 (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.

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

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 Worth Is Not In What I Own

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.

Man Of Sorrows

All The Poor And Powerless

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 | David Springer, Director of Campus Outreach

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.

How Great Is Your Love

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 4:1-6 (ESV) Title: The Unity of the Spirit Teacher: David Springer

¹ I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Intro: Where have you seen the world's value for unity?

HIS WORTHY CALLING

THE CHARACTER OF CHRIST

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

- 1. Worship the Trinity; Father, Son and Spirit for their incredible unity. Praise God that we are called to share in that unity.
- 2. In what ways are your attitudes and actions not in line with God's heart for unity? Confess your pride, impatience and harshness with others and your Maker.
- 3. Give thanks to the Lord for His grace and forgiveness. Give thanks to Jesus for His perfect example of humility, patience and gentleness.
- 4. Who is on your difficult to love list? Who might have you on their difficult to love list? Pray for them. How can you proactively move toward them in humility and forgiveness?

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

We're so glad you are here. Please place completed tear-off in offering box.

Name (Please Print) Gender 🗆 Male 🗆 Female

Spouse

Children (Include DOB for Children's Ministry)

Address

City/State

Country/Zip

Phone

E-mail Address

I am interested in:

□ Worship Folder & Announcement Emails

- □ Volunteering
- □ Joining Trinity
- □ Ministry Opportunities

□ _____

Prayer How can our staff pray for you?

Mission

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. **Community Bible Reading** communitybiblereading.org

April 4 - 9, 2022

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

Monday	Romans 14	Isaiah 57
	Exodus 16	2 Kings 13
Tuesday	Romans 15	Isaiah 58
	Exodus 17	2 Kings 14
Wednesday	Romans 16	Isaiah 59
	Exodus 18	2 Kings 15
Thursday	1 Corinthians 1	Isaiah 60
	Exodus 19	2 Kings 16
Friday	1 Corinthians 2	Isaiah 61
	Exodus 20	2 Kings 17
Saturday		Psalm 119:1-24
	Psalm 15	Psalm 67

Scripture Memory for the Week: Ephesians 4:3 (ESV) ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Communication

Visit trinitylakeland.org/events to register.



Churchwide Easter Picnic April 3, 12p at Lake Bonny Park. Contact <u>Callie Sandman</u> for information.



Easter Services April 17, 9 & 10:45a Contact the church office for information.

UPCOMING TRINITY WORKDAY

Trinity Workday April 23, 8-11a at Trinity Contact the church office for information.

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