

A hand holding a pink rose over a field of white flowers.

THE
INSTINCTS
OF JESUS

MATTHEW 12:9-21

GENTLENESS



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, May 31, 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.

Power To Redeem

CALL TO WORSHIP | Romans 8:28-29 (ESV)

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

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

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 | Matthew 11:27-30 (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.

"All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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.

Rest

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.

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

When My Heart Is Torn Asunder

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. 25. Does Christ's death mean all our sins can be forgiven?

A. Yes, because Christ's death on the cross fully paid the penalty for our sin, God graciously imputes Christ's righteousness to us as if it were our own and will remember our sins no more.

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.

The Way

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: Matthew 12:9-21 (ESV)

Title: The Instincts of Jesus: Gentleness

Teacher: Tim Rice

⁹ He went on from there and entered their synagogue. ¹⁰ And a man was there with a withered hand. And they asked him, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"—so that they might accuse him. ¹¹ He said to them, "Which one of you who has a sheep, if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not take hold of it and lift it out? ¹² Of how much more value is a man than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath." ¹³ Then he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And the man stretched it out, and it was restored, healthy like the other. ¹⁴ But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him. ¹⁵ Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. And many followed him, and he healed them all ¹⁶ and ordered them not to make him known. ¹⁷ This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: ¹⁸ "Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles. ¹⁹ He will not quarrel or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets; ²⁰ a bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not quench, until he brings justice to victory; ²¹ and in his name the Gentiles will hope."

Intro: When have you been treated harshly (*without gentleness*)?

JESUS' RADICAL VALUES

How are Jesus' values radical – and what do they expose in us?

HIS AMAZING GENTLENESS

What is significant about how Jesus treats us in our weakness?

OUR CALL TO IMAGE HIM

Why does it matter that love and gentleness are fruits of the Spirit?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD Almighty for His loving-kindness. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit that with all of His power, He is nevertheless gentle of heart.
2. How have you lived harshly, or even meanness to those who fail to live up to your standards? Confess your pride and distorted values to Jesus, *asking Him to forgive you and restore you to live in line with His grace.*
3. Give thanks to Jesus for the miracle of His mercy, to meet you at your very worst with gentleness rather than cruelty. Thank Him that “a bruised reed he will not break, a smoldering wick he will not quench.”
4. Who do you know that has been mistreated by others, especially in the midst of their weakness? Pray for them, asking the Lord to reveal to them His love and gentleness – even as He uses you to show them.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love and gentleness. Read Matthew 11:27-30, and pray for His power at work in you to transform you to be gentle and lowly of heart, like Jesus.

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

We're so glad you are here.

Please place completed tear-off in offering plate.

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I would like to receive:

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Community Group Volunteering

Men's Ministry Women's Ministry

Prayer

How can our staff pray for you?

Community Bible Reading

communitybiblereading.org

June 1 - 6, 2020

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

Monday	Ephesians 6 2 Chronicles 2	Leviticus 19 Jeremiah 35
Tuesday	Philippians 1 2 Chronicles 3	Leviticus 20 Jeremiah 36
Wednesday	Philippians 2 2 Chronicles 4	Leviticus 21 Jeremiah 37
Thursday	Philippians 3 2 Chronicles 5	Leviticus 22 Jeremiah 38
Friday	Philippians 4 2 Chronicles 6	Leviticus 23 Jeremiah 39
Saturday	Psalms 75	Psalms 23 Psalm 121

Scripture Memory for the Week:

Matthew 11:28-30 (ESV)

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Communication

Register for events at trinitylakeland.org/events



Vacation Bible School (VBS) - Backyard Bolt

June 9-11, June 16-18, or June 23-25

Contact [Callie Sandman](mailto:Callie.Sandman@trinitylakeland.org) for information.



Weekly Worship Playlist

Search "[trinitylakeland](http://trinitylakeland.org)" on Spotify.



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