

*THE VANITY OF TOIL*

ECCLESIASTES 2:18-26; 9:7-10



TRINITY  
Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, June 28, 2020

*Listening devices are available for the hearing impaired.*

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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.

Almighty God

### CALL TO WORSHIP | Colossians 3:14-17 (ESV)

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

And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

### 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 | Zephaniah 3:14-17 (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.

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing."

### 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.

How Great Thou Art

### 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

## 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. 28. What happens after death to those not united to Christ by faith?

A. At the day of judgment they will receive the fearful but just sentence of condemnation pronounced against them. They will be cast out from the favorable presence of God, into hell, to be justly and grievously punished, forever.

## 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.

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:** Ecclesiastes 2:18-26; 9:7-10 (ESV)

**Title:** Wisdom of Ecclesiastes: The Vanity of Toil

**Teacher:** Tim Rice

2:18 I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, <sup>19</sup> and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup> So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup> because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup> What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? <sup>23</sup> For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity. <sup>24</sup> There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, <sup>25</sup> for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? <sup>26</sup> For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind. ... <sup>9:7</sup> Go, eat your bread with joy, and drink your wine with a merry heart, for God has already approved what you do. <sup>8</sup> Let your garments be always white. Let not oil be lacking on your head. <sup>9</sup> Enjoy life with the wife whom you love, all the days of your vain life that he has given you under the sun, because that is your portion in life and in your toil at which you toil under the sun. <sup>10</sup> Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might, for there is no work or thought or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol, to which you are going.

**Intro:** *When has work drained away your hope or motivation? (truss factory)*

## GOD'S DESIGN FOR WORK

Because God is a God of labor, how is He creative, productive and generous?

## TOIL, VANITY & VEXATION

How has something so amazing turned so bitter and broken?

## THERE IS NOTHING BETTER

Why can we approach our work, in any task we're given, with hope?

## YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD, God Almighty for His grace and mercy. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit that He turned His passion toward us for our rescue rather than turning His anger against us to destroy us in His justice.
2. How have you lived and worked so insecurely that all you thought about was yourself, without any passion for others? *Confess your lack of love to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and change you by His love in your heart.*
3. Give thanks to Jesus for how He worked on our behalf to save us from slavery and despair. Thank Him for working *with all His heart, to redeem us* and untie a knot that kept us bound in sin, death and hell.
4. Who do you know that is bored with their job, or is so hungry to make it in business that they never quit (*or think about anyone else*)? Pray for them, asking the Lord Jesus to rescue them from their aimlessness and change their perspective.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you insight into your calling and to bear His fruit of joy in your heart, *especially as you work*. Pray for such an assurance of Jesus' love that you're empowered to love others through your work.

## 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?

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## Community Bible Reading

[communitybiblereading.org](http://communitybiblereading.org)

June 29 - July 4, 2020

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

Monday	1 Timothy 4 2 Chronicles 22	Numbers 12 Lamentations 3
Tuesday	1 Timothy 5 2 Chronicles 23	Numbers 13 Lamentations 4
Wednesday	1 Timothy 6 2 Chronicles 24	Numbers 14 Lamentations 5
Thursday	2 Timothy 1 2 Chronicles 25	Numbers 15 Ezekiel 1
Friday	2 Timothy 2 2 Chronicles 26	Numbers 16 Ezekiel 2
Saturday	Psalms 79	Psalms 27 Psalms 125

### Scripture Memory for the Week:

**Ecclesiastes 2:22, 2:23b & Colossians 3:23-24 (ESV)**

2:22 What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? ...

23b This also is vanity. ... 3:23 Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

### Communication

Register for events at [trinitylakeland.org/events](http://trinitylakeland.org/events)



#### Women's Summer Back Porch Study

[Wednesdays, 9-10:30a, June 10-July 29](#)

& [Thursdays, 10:30a-12p, June 11-July 30](#)

Contact [JoAnn Johnson](#) for information.



#### Full-time Receptionist Position

For consideration or more information, contact

[Frank McCaulley](#).



#### Student Ministry Father & Son Paintball

July 10, 2:30p

Contact [Bud Daniel](#) for information.

### Office Hours:

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