

ADOPTION

# OUT OF OPPRESSION

GALATIANS 3:23-4:7



TRINITY  
Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, June 9, 2019

*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.

God With Us

### CALL TO WORSHIP | 2 Corinthians 6:2b-10 (ESV)

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

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

### PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION | John Tucker

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 | Romans 8:1-4, 14-15 (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.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ... For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

### 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.

Come Thou Fount

## 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.

Lord I Need You

No Longer Slaves

## 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. 24.** Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die?

**A.** Since death is the punishment for sin, Christ died willingly in our place to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin and bring us back to God. By his substitutionary atoning death, he alone redeems us from hell and gains for us forgiveness of sin, righteousness, and everlasting life.

## KIDS' WORSHIP DISMISSAL

*Infants - Kindergarten are dismissed. Please see your child's check-in name tag for class assignment.*

## GREETING

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION | John Tucker

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.

Living Hope

## 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.

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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.

# SCRIPTURE PASSAGE & SERMON OUTLINE

## Proclamation of God's Word

**Text:** Galatians 3:23-4:7 (ESV)

**Title:** Adopted Out of Oppression

**Teacher:** Tim Rice

<sup>3:23</sup> Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, <sup>26</sup> for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. <sup>27</sup> For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. <sup>4:1</sup> I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, <sup>2</sup> but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. <sup>3</sup> In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. <sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

**Intro:** When have you been held down or held captive?

## HOW ARE WE HELD UNDER?

Apart from Jesus, how are we not "free" but rather slaves?

## REDEMPTION = LIBERATION

What does it mean to be redeemed?

## CONSEQUENCES

How is the life of an heir different?

## YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for His heart to redeem sinners like us. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit for His mercy to rescue us from oppression when He could've justly left us in our sin and slavery.
2. How have you lived aware of being held down by the powers of this world, or your own sin and guilt? Confess your helplessness to Jesus, asking Him to cleanse you and free you by His grace and power.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His willingness to be born under the burden of our sin and guilt in order to redeem us. Thank Him for becoming a curse for us so that we could be blessed by His grace.
4. Who do you know that is held down by their attachments to this world? Pray for them, asking the Lord to make known to them His love and power so that they could be freed in Christ.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you the fruit of being justified by faith, redeemed, and adopted as heirs. Pray for His work that you could be loyal from the heart and empowered by your privileges in Christ.

## WELCOME TO TRINITY!

We're so glad you are here.

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:

- Community Group  New Member Class
- Women's Bible Study  Student Ministry
- Children's Ministry  Volunteering
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### Prayer

How can our staff pray for you?  
Please use the space below to tell us.

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## Community Bible Reading

[joincbr.com](http://joincbr.com)

June 10 - 15, 2019

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

Monday	Colossians 2 2 Chronicles 8	Leviticus 25 Jeremiah 41
Tuesday	Colossians 3 2 Chronicles 9	Leviticus 26 Jeremiah 42
Wednesday	Colossians 4 2 Chronicles 10	Leviticus 27 Jeremiah 43
Thursday	1 Thessalonians 1 2 Chronicles 11	Numbers 1 Jeremiah 44
Friday	1 Thessalonians 2 2 Chronicles 12	Numbers 2 Jeremiah 45
Saturday	Psalms 76	Psalms 24 Psalms 122

### Scripture Memory for the Week:

Galatians 4:7 (ESV)

<sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son,  
and if a son, then an heir through God.

### Communication

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



#### VBS Decorating

June 9, immediately following worship.

\*Lunch provided



#### The Friendships of Women - Summer Book Study

June 19 - July 17, 6:30-8:30p

Contact [Whitney Cabrera](#) with questions.



#### Baby Shower for Lori Spafford

June 23, 3:00p, at the home of Marcia Riching

Contact [JoAnn Johnson](#) to RSVP.

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