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**TRINITY**

Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, July 12, 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.

God With Us

### CALL TO WORSHIP | John 1:4-5, 9-11 (ESV)

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

In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ... The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive 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 | John 7:37-39a (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.

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.

### 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.

Give Me Jesus

### 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.

Worthy Of Your Name

Resurrecting

## 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. 29. How can we be saved?

A. Only by faith in Jesus Christ and in his substitutionary atoning death on the cross; so even though we are guilty of having disobeyed God and are still inclined to all evil, nevertheless, God, without any merit of our own but only by pure grace, imputes to us the perfect righteousness of Christ when we repent and believe in him.

## 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.

## 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:** 1 John 1:1-4 (ESV)

**Title:** This is How We Know: God is Revealed

**Teacher:** Tim Rice

<sup>1</sup> That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— <sup>2</sup> the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— <sup>3</sup> that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

**Intro:** We live in a time of unprecedented questioning and doubt ...

### WHAT CAN WE KNOW?

How can I know or understand God, and how can I be sure?

## WHY DON'T PEOPLE BELIEVE?

When have you willfully ignored clear instructions?

## FELLOWSHIP, JOY, LIFE

What can overcome the obstacle of our distrust and pride?

## YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Read over 1 John 1:1-4 again. *What do you learn about God's character that moves you to worship?* For instance, what do you gain because God was willing to come to us in Christ? What if He had chosen not to come?
2. *How have you lived as if you can figure God out on your own?* Confess your pride and foolishness to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you, and to help you know Him truly by the revelation He's given you in His Word.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for how He has revealed God to us, compared with our vain speculations. Thank Him that He gave us life *because He was willing to lose His; that we gain fellowship with the Father because Jesus lost His.*
4. Who do you know that ignores (even willfully) instructions or warnings that they're given (*it may be you*)? Pray for them, asking the Lord to have mercy on them and open their eyes to how foolish and reckless they are.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love and joy. Pray for a soft heart and a hunger to learn, reading His Word every day (look here for a schedule for daily reading your Bible, *Community Bible Reading*).

