

THE SABBATH
— *witness* —

HEBREWS 10:14-16, 19-25



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, July 4, 2021

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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.

Come Thou Fount

CALL TO WORSHIP | Genesis 2:18 (ESV)

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

The LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone."

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 | Ephesians 4:1-7 (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.

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

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.

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

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.

Come As You Are

God With Us

KIDS' WORSHIP DISMISSAL (Infants - Kindergarten) | 9a Service

Please see your child's check-in name tag for class assignment.

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.

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.

King Of Kings

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: Hebrews 10:14-16, 19-25 (ESV)

Title: The Sabbath: Witness

Teacher: Tim Rice

¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. ¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, ¹⁶ "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds," ... ¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Intro: How is gathering every Sabbath part of our testimony?

DRAW NEAR TOGETHER

For what did God make us *and* redeem us?

THE NEED TO HOLD FAST

Why is the command to hold fast necessary?

STIR OTHERS UP

How does the call to edify others make sense?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD, God Almighty, for His love. Praise Him that He has opened up a way – by Jesus' life and death for us – to enter into His presence to truly belong to Him and to be secure with Him.
2. How have you lived seeking to preserve your own independence to live in autonomy? Confess your defiance and lovelessness to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and to change you to be secure in His love and eager to share it.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for the access and the security He alone can guarantee us. Thank Him for being trustworthy and gracious to leave all He had in heaven to come to suffer to bring rebels like us into His home and family!
4. Who do you know that is lonely? Pray for them, asking the Lord to reveal His real love to them, and to give you courage and grace to reach out to them with His love, as Jesus' ambassador.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love and encouragement. Pray for strength and motivation to encourage your fellow believers in love and good deeds as He has come alongside you.

