



PARABLES OF
THE KINGDOM

PARABLE OF THE WEEDS
MATTHEW 13:24-30; 36-43



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, August 18, 2019

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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 | Ephesians 6:10-20 (ESV)

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

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION | Chad McLeod

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 | Daniel 12:1b-3 (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.

"But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

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.

Once And For All

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.

The Way

Power To Redeem

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. 32. What do justification and sanctification mean?

A. Justification means our declared righteousness before God, made possible by Christ's death and resurrection for us. Sanctification means our gradual, growing righteousness, made possible by the Spirit's work in us.

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

We are called to publicly confess our faith in the grace of God, to participate in the rituals of entrance into the people of God and to acknowledge our membership with His people.

Susie Davis

Abigail Faith Ryals

Trey & Annie Mears

Michael & Dena Workman

Carl & Everett (Non-Communing)

John & Sarah (Non-Communing)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The ritual of baptism is a sign and seal of the grace we have in Jesus. It symbolizes the cleansing all people need before they are acceptable to God (sign), and it marks how real God's promise is for all who will trust in Him (seal).

Carl Eugene Mears IV

Everett Michael Mears

KIDS' WORSHIP & COMMUNITY KIDS DISMISSAL

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

GREETING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION | Chad McLeod

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.

The Lion And The Lamb

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.

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: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (ESV)

Title: Parable of the Weeds

Teacher: Tim Rice

²⁴ He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵ but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷ And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' ²⁸ He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹ But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" ... ³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷ He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴² and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

Intro: What is life like in a war zone?

AN UNDERLYING CONFLICT

What if it's true that we live in the midst of a spiritual war?

SEASONS: PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

What part of the story are we in, and why does it matter?

THE OUTCOMES

How does Jesus say this story ends?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for His infinite power, wisdom, and goodness. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit that He has guaranteed that evil will not win in its opposition to His rule.
2. How have you lived more like a weed in God's harvest than as His fruitful crop? Confess your opposition to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and truly change your heart to be His.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His work to stop evil, both in the hearts of His people and ultimately at the final judgment. *Thank Him for removing your sin (bearing your punishment) on the Cross and for obeying in the face of every temptation and putting His righteousness on you by faith!*
4. Who do you know that struggles with evil in the world, giving in to despair? Pray for them, *asking the Lord to give them hope through His grace and promises* – that He would pour out His resurrection hope into their heart.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to work hope in your heart. Pray for such amazement at God's mercy to you (when you were once so opposed to Him) that you would have hope that He could yet redeem others that you know oppose Him now.

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 Student Ministry
 Community Group Volunteering
 Men's Ministry Women's Ministry
 New Member Class

Prayer

How can our staff pray for you?

Community Bible Reading

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August 19 - 24, 2019

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

Monday	1 John 5 Nehemiah 12	Deuteronomy 12 Ezekiel 34
Tuesday	2 John Nehemiah 13	Deuteronomy 13 Ezekiel 35
Wednesday	3 John Esther 1	Deuteronomy 14 Ezekiel 36
Thursday	Revelation 1 Esther 2	Deuteronomy 15 Ezekiel 37
Friday	Revelation 2 Esther 3	Deuteronomy 16 Ezekiel 38
Saturday	Psalms 86	Psalms 34 Psalms 132

Scripture Memory for the Week:

Matthew 13:30 (ESV)

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Communication

Register for events at trinitylakeland.org/events



New Member Class

August 23, 6:00p & August 24, 8:30a

Contact [Molly Murphy](#) for more information.



Trinity Women's Coffee

August 24, 9:00a

Contact [Deanna Bayless](#) to RSVP.



2019 Men's Retreat

September 19-22

Contact [Luke Wolfe](#) for more information.

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