THE KINGDOM

PARABLE OF THE MUSTARD SEED MATTHEW 13:31-32



ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, August 25, 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.

The Way

CALL TO WORSHIP | Isaiah 53:1-6 (ESV)

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

Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

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 | Psalm 1:1-3 (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.

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

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.

Sovereign Grace O'er Sin Abounding

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.

Living Hope

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. 33. Should those who have faith in Christ seek their salvation through their own works, or anywhere else?
- A. No, they should not, as everything necessary to salvation is found in Christ. To seek salvation through good works is a denial that Christ is the only Redeemer and Savior.

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 | David Springer, Director of Campus Outreach

A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our lives and circumstances.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING | Mercy Fund Offering

Come As You Are

SONG OF RESPONSE

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace by singing again of His goodness and greatness.

Overcome

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 13:31-32 (ESV) Title: Parable of the Mustard Seed Teacher: David Springer

³¹ He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. ³² It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

Intro: How important is a leader's message and timeline?

HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

RADICAL TRANSFORMATION

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

- 1. Worship the Lord, recognizing that Jesus is our glorious King!
- 2. Reflect on God's regular pattern of using the weak and unwise. Remember you own neediness for Christ and ask Him for humility.
- 3. Thank the Lord for His faithfulness to grow His Kingdom exponentially.
- 4. Kingdom growth often starts small. In what small ways might the Lord be calling you to step out in faith?
- 5. Kingdom growth will multiply and lead to radical transformation. How have you seen this in your life and in your community?

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

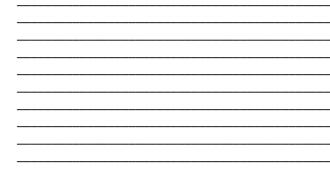
I would like to receive:

□ Worship Folder & Announcement Emails

I would like information about:

- Children's Ministry
- Student Ministry
- Community Group
- Volunteering
 Women's Ministry
- Men's Ministry
- New Member Class
- □ _____

Prayer How can our staff pray for you?



Community Bible Reading

<u>joincbr.com</u>

August 26 - 31, 2019

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

Monday	Revelation 3 Esther 4	Deuteronomy 17 Ezekiel 39
Tuesday	Revelation 4 Esther 5	Deuteronomy 18 Ezekiel 40
Wednesday	Revelation 5 Esther 6	Deuteronomy 19 Ezekiel 41
Thursday	Revelation 6 Esther 7	Deuteronomy 20 Ezekiel 42
Friday	Revelation 7 Esther 8	Deuteronomy 21 Ezekiel 43
Saturday	Psalm 87	Psalm 35 Psalm 133

Scripture Memory for the Week:

Matthew 13:32 (ESV)

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Communication

Register for events at trinitylakeland.org/events



Campus Outreach College Lunch September 1 & 8, following Worship Contact David Springer for more information.



Renew Polk Vision & Prayer Gathering September 8, 5:00p RSVP for childcare.



2019 Men's Retreat September 19-22 Contact Luke Wolfe for more information.

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