



gospel training

THE GOSPEL AND MONEY

2 corinthians 9:6-11, 15



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, August 4, 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.

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

CALL TO WORSHIP | 1 Corinthians 4:1-2, 7 (ESV)

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

This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. ... For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?

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 | 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (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.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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.

How Great Thou Art

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.

In Christ Alone

No Longer Slaves

KIDS' WORSHIP DISMISSAL

Infants - Kindergarten 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.

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 Apostle's 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.

Christ Be All Around Me

SONG OF RESPONSE

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

Glorious And Mighty

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: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11, 15 (ESV)

Title: The Gospel and Money

Teacher: Tim Rice

⁶The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. ⁹As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." ¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. ... ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

Intro: *Who do you know that's excited about giving? Do you wish you were?*

GOD IS ABLE

How are the images of sowing and reaping tough for us to tie together?

DO WE TRUST HIM?

How does our response to opportunities to give often reflect unbelief?

THAT'S HILARIOUS

What does *abounding* grace mean? It means provision ...

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD that “He is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.” Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that He claims us as His own children, and provides for us so abundantly.
2. How have you lived doubting God’s ownership of you, His promises or His track record of care? Confess your pride and unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and free you from the trap of self-interest.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for loving you and working to save you, as no one else can. Thank Him for His work to take away all that is wrong with you by His death, and investing in you by the gift of His indwelling Spirit.
4. Who do you know that is joyless and selfish? Pray for them, asking the Lord to help them in their heart to know that they “could be enriched in every way to be generous in every way”.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you the fruit of love and joy. Pray that the Holy Spirit would help you grow and excel in the grace of giving, by His transforming love.

