

FAITHFUL CHARACTER IN CRISIS  
THE ANATOMY OF **SIN**  
JAMES 1:13-18



TRINITY  
Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, September 20, 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.

Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

### CALL TO WORSHIP | Hebrews 4:14-16 (ESV)

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

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

### 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 | Titus 3:3-7 (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.

For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. 4 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

### 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.

Grace

### 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.

Rescue

Lord I Need You

## 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. 38. What is prayer?

A. Prayer is pouring out our hearts to God in praise, petition, confession of sin, and thanksgiving.

Q. 39. With what attitude should we pray?

A. With love, perseverance, and gratefulness; in humble submission to God's will, knowing that, for the sake of Christ, he always hears our prayers.

## KIDS' WORSHIP & COMMUNITY KIDS DISMISSAL | 9a Service Only

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

## RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS | 10:45a Service

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.

Adam Fagan

Jay & Amy Hickey

Craig Nagle

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM | 10:45a Service

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 makes how real God's promise is for who will trust in Him (seal).

Beckham Tyler Clark

Adam Jeffery Fagan

Craig Alan Nagle

## 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.

Living Hope

## 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:** James 1:13-18 (ESV)

**Title:** Faithful Character In Crisis: The Anatomy of Sin

**Teacher:** Tim Rice

<sup>13</sup> Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. <sup>14</sup> But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. <sup>15</sup> Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. <sup>16</sup> Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. <sup>17</sup> Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup> Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

**Intro:** How widely accepted do you believe the concept of "sin" is today?

## WE HAD A GOOD BEGINNING

Why do we believe that God is the Lord and Giver of all good things?

## THE POWER OF WARPED DESIRE

How are we deceived and vulnerable to turn away from our Maker?

## ATONEMENT & TRANSFORMATION

How has Jesus redeemed us by His wisdom, love and power?

## YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for His profound and total goodness as the Giver of all good things. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that in Him is no darkness, that He cannot be tempted and He tempts no one.
2. How have you lived as if God is to blame for your sins? Confess your folly and pride to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you AND transform your desires to be in line with His eternally good desires.
3. Give thanks to Jesus that by dying for us, He paid for our crimes. Thank Him also that He gives us new birth to reverse the instinct to want to commit them.
4. Who do you know that lacks any equipment for an enduring fight against temptation or sinful desires? Pray for them, asking the Lord to open their eyes to their peril and their need for Jesus to change what they can't.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love and goodness. Pray for His work to teach you the truth in Christ (vs. lies and temptations) and for His power daily to put desires to death and raise you to newness of life.

