



PARABLES OF  
**THE KINGDOM**

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THE PARABLE OF THE TWO SONS  
MATTHEW 21:28-32



TRINITY  
Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, September 22, 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.

In Christ Alone

### CALL TO WORSHIP | Matthew 5:6-7 (ESV)

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

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy."

### PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION | Dan Anthony

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 2:8-10, 18-19 (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 by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. ... For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household 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.

Abide With 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.

It Is Well

Living Hope

## 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. 36. What do we believe about the Holy Spirit?

A. That he is God, coeternal with the Father and the Son, and that God grants him irrevocably to all who believe.

Q. 37. How does the Holy Spirit help us?

A. The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin, comforts us, guides us, gives us spiritual gifts and the desire to obey God; and he enables us to pray and to understand God's Word.

## 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 | Dan Anthony

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

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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.

## SCRIPTURE PASSAGE & SERMON OUTLINE

### Proclamation of God's Word

**Text:** Matthew 21:28-32 (ESV)

**Title:** Parable of the Two Sons

**Teacher:** Tim Rice

<sup>28</sup> “What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ <sup>29</sup> And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup> And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. <sup>31</sup> Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. <sup>32</sup> For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.”

**Intro:** The context of this parable is the last week of Jesus' life ...

### NOT WORDS BUT ACTIONS

What matters is ultimately not what we say but *what we do* ...

## HOSTILE AND STUBBORN

Where God created us for a love relationship with Him, how are we hostile and willful?

## THE CALL TO REPENT

What is the nature of repentance?

## YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD, God Almighty, for His worth and kindness. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit that it is His loving kindness that leads us to repentance.
2. How have you lived in hostile defiance of Jesus, convinced all along that you were right to do so? *Confess your pride to Jesus, asking Him for mercy and healing – that He would forgive you and take away your hard heart.*
3. Give thanks to Jesus that He is worthy of whatever changes it would require to be reconciled to Him. Thank Him for His obedience to the Father, never hesitating to give His life to save us from our sin!
4. Who do you know that is self-righteous and blind about their sin or pride? Pray for them, asking the Lord to have mercy upon them and call them to repentance even as Jesus called you and me.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to grow in you amazement at God's goodness and worth, and His patience to call even you to change your mind. Pray for the Spirit's fruit of faithfulness – that you would abandon all other competing allegiances in order to serve Jesus eagerly.

