



PARABLES OF  
**THE KINGDOM**

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THE WICKED TENANTS  
MATTHEW 21:33-46



TRINITY  
Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, September 29, 2019

*Listening devices are available for the hearing impaired.*

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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 | Acts 3:13-20 (ESV)

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

The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus.

### 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 | Romans 8:32-35, 37-39 (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.

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### 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.

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

## 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.

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Build My Life

## 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

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

### WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING | Mercy Fund Offering

## SONG OF RESPONSE

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

Power To Redeem

## 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.

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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 21:33-46 (ESV)

**Title:** Parable of the Wicked Tenants

**Teacher:** Tim Rice

<sup>33</sup> “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. <sup>34</sup> When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. <sup>35</sup> And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup> Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. <sup>37</sup> Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup> But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup> And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. <sup>40</sup> When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” <sup>41</sup> They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.” <sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’? <sup>43</sup> Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. <sup>44</sup> And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” <sup>45</sup> When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup> And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

**Intro:** What is Jesus saying in this parable? And when is He saying it?

### THE OWNER & CORNERSTONE

Why are Jesus' claims so significant?



## HATEFUL & SELF-DECEIVED

What lie is being believed to behave like these tenants?

## JESUS: EXALTED, GRACIOUS & NECESSARY

What do we learn from Jesus' conclusion?

## YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD who is your Owner. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit for His good authority over all evil, so that He has guaranteed that His will prevails and evil will surely and eternally be overthrown.
2. How have you lived (*whether you were aware of it or not*) that God is not your Owner? *Confess your attitude and actions as equal to being a thief, asking Jesus to have mercy upon you and to change your heart to be reconciled to Him.*
3. Give thanks to Jesus for coming to bear the punishment you deserve. And thank Him for revealing to you how absolutely necessary He is, and for offering Himself to freely give what no one could ever take or earn.
4. Who do you know that avoids rendering to God the fruit that He is due? Pray for them, asking the Lord to awaken them from their denial and peril.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to grow in you a greater sense of God's ownership of you and of all people. Pray that He would help you trust in Jesus' authority (and ultimate justice) even as He calls you to testify to rebels.

