

# Hearts to Hear

THE GOSPEL OF  
**MARK**



// MARK 4:1-27



**TRINITY**  
Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, September 4, 2022

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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.

My All In Thee

### CALL TO WORSHIP | Isaiah 55:10-13 (ESV)

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

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

### 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 | Romans 11:30-36 (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 just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all. Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

### 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.

No Weapon

### 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.

Do It Again

Only A Holy God

## 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. 35. Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through faith alone, where does this faith come from?

A. All the gifts we receive from Christ we receive through the Holy Spirit, including faith itself.

## KIDS' WORSHIP & COMMUNITY KIDS DISMISSAL (Infants - Kindergarten)

*Please see your child's check-in name tag for class assignment.*

## GREETING

## 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 | Bud Daniel, *Male Discipleship Coordinator*

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.

[Lord I Need You](#)

## 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:** Mark 4:1-27 (ESV)

**Title:** Hearts to Hear

**Teacher:** Bud Daniel

<sup>1</sup> Again he began to teach beside the sea. And a very large crowd gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat in it on the sea, and the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. <sup>2</sup> And he was teaching them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: <sup>3</sup> "Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it. <sup>5</sup> Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and immediately it sprang up, since it had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup> And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered away. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. <sup>8</sup> And other seeds fell into good soil and produced grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold." <sup>9</sup> And he said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." <sup>10</sup> And when he was alone, those around him with the twelve asked him about the parables. <sup>11</sup> And he said to them, "To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside everything is in parables, <sup>12</sup> so that "they may indeed see but not perceive, and may indeed hear but not understand, lest they should turn and be forgiven.'" <sup>13</sup> And he said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? <sup>14</sup> The sower sows the word. <sup>15</sup> And these are the ones along the path, where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. <sup>16</sup> And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: the ones who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy. <sup>17</sup> And they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. <sup>18</sup> And others are the ones sown among thorns. They are those who hear the word, <sup>19</sup> but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. <sup>20</sup> But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold." <sup>21</sup> And he said to them, "Is a lamp brought in to be put under a basket, or under a bed, and not on a stand? <sup>22</sup> For nothing is hidden except to be made manifest; nor is anything secret except to come to light. <sup>23</sup> If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear." <sup>24</sup> And he said to them, "Pay attention to what you hear: with the measure you use, it will be measured to you, and still more will be added to you. <sup>25</sup> For to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away." <sup>26</sup> And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup> He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how."

**Intro:** What have you seen or heard recently that you found ridiculous?

## HEART ABUSE

What do we mean by “the heart”? And how do we sabotage ourselves?

## THE VITALITY OF THE GOSPEL

Why do we call the true story of Jesus “The Gospel”?

## THE HUNDREDFOLD HOPE

With ears to hear, what is our hope?

## YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit for sowing into our hearts the beauty of the Gospel.
2. How have you lived believing that you have to have all the answers? Confess your pride and arrogance to the One who knows all things, asking Him to forgive your blasphemy of yearning to know the mysteries that are His alone.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His commitment to you even when you were hard-hearted (the path), His work for you even when you chose the world (the rocky ground and the thorns), and His power in you to give you a heart of flesh (the rich soil). Thank Him for His saving Grace that even while we were still confused sinners, He chose to save us.
4. Who do you know that still hears the words of Jesus as ridiculous? Pray for them, asking the Lord to have mercy on them as He has on you, that they would see the wonder of the Lord and His secrets of the Kingdom.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to cultivate in you an open heart to hear the Word and have hope. Pray that the hope of the Gospel would continue to be revealed in miraculous ways throughout the city of Lakeland.

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How can our staff pray for you?

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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.

Monday	Revelation 9	Ezekiel 44
	Deuteronomy 23	Esther 10
Tuesday	Revelation 10	Ezekiel 45
	Deuteronomy 24	Job 1
Wednesday	Revelation 11	Ezekiel 46
	Deuteronomy 25	Job 2
Thursday	Revelation 12	Ezekiel 47
	Deuteronomy 26	Job 3
Friday	Revelation 13	Ezekiel 48
	Deuteronomy 27	Job 4
Saturday		Psalms 134
	Psalms 37	Psalms 89

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