



PARABLES OF  
**THE KINGDOM**

PARABLE OF THE  
**UNFORGIVING SERVANT**

MATTHEW 18:21-35



**TRINITY**  
Presbyterian Church

# ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, September 8, 2019

*Listening devices are available for the hearing impaired.*

*Please speak with a greeter or visit the sound booth upstairs for a listening device.*

## 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.

God With Us

## CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 103:1-5 (ESV)

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

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

## 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 | 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (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.

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.

Holy Holy Holy

## 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.

His Mercy Is More

Worthy Of Your Name

## KIDS' WORSHIP DISMISSAL

*Infants - Kindergarten 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.

## 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.

Rescue

## 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 18:21-35 (ESV)

**Title:** Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

**Teacher:** Tim Rice

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. <sup>23</sup> Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup> And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup> So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup> And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup> But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' <sup>29</sup> So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup> He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup> Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup> And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup> And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup> So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

**Intro:** How vital is forgiveness? *Especially when you're doing the forgiving?*

## A PROFOUND DEBT

What does Jesus reveal about His Father's mercy to anyone who repents?

## HEART IDOLS

What is our fallen instinct in response to being wronged?

## LIVE ALONE BY MERCY

How is forgiving this way a *second* move – an echo?

## YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD who delights to show mercy and steadfast love! *Praise God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit for being willing to completely pardon and cleanse anyone who turns to him in faith and repentance!*
2. How have you lived in bitterness or with an unforgiving spirit toward others who harm or disappoint you? Confess your bitterness to Jesus as a violation of His character when He is so free in how He forgives.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for how He bore the costs of your sin and pride. Thank Him for freely giving up His Father's approval so that we could gain it by His Grace.
4. Who do you know that is bitter or unforgiving? Pray for them asking the Lord to open their eyes to see themselves in light of their true indebtedness to God, and that they'd humble themselves before Him.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to persuade you that Jesus' estimate of 10,000 talents is a realistic measure of your debt to God. Ask Him to grow in you such a deep sense of His mercy that you would be eager to forgive others who offend or disappoint you.

## WELCOME TO TRINITY!

We're so glad you are here.

Please place completed tear-off in offering plate.

Name (Please Print) Gender  Male  Female

Spouse

Children (Include DOB for Children's Ministry)

Address

City/State Country/Zip

Phone

E-mail Address

- First-Time Visitor  Regular Attendee  
 Member  College Student  
 Update my contact information

### I would like to receive:

- Worship Folder & Announcement Emails

### I would like information about:

- Children's Ministry  Student Ministry  
 Community Group  Volunteering  
 Men's Ministry  Women's Ministry  
 New Member Class  
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### Prayer

How can our staff pray for you?

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## Community Bible Reading

[joincbr.com](http://joincbr.com)

September 9 - 14, 2019

(3-year plan: read blue passages | 1-year plan: read all)

Monday	Revelation 13 Job 4	Deuteronomy 27 Daniel 1
Tuesday	Revelation 14 Job 5	Deuteronomy 28 Daniel 2
Wednesday	Revelation 15 Job 6	Deuteronomy 29 Daniel 3
Thursday	Revelation 16 Job 7	Deuteronomy 30 Daniel 4
Friday	Revelation 17 Job 8	Deuteronomy 31 Daniel 5
Saturday	Psalms 89	Psalms 37 Psalms 135

### Scripture Memory for the Week:

Matthew 18:33-35 (ESV)

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### Communication

Register for events at [trinitylakeland.org/events](http://trinitylakeland.org/events)



### [Renew Polk Vision & Prayer Gathering](#)

September 8, 5:00p



### [Campus Outreach College Lunch](#)

September 15, following Worship

Contact [David Springer](#) for more information.



### [Bridal Shower for Ellie Tucker](#)

September 19, 6:00p

Contact [Tina Strawbridge](#) to RSVP.

### Office Hours:

Mon - Thur | 8:30a - 5:00p & Fri | 8:30a - 12:00p

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