

SERIES ON GALATIANS

from
Captivity
to the
Palace

GALATIANS 3:23-4:7



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | October 13, 2024

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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.

No Longer Slaves

CALL TO WORSHIP | 2 Corinthians 6:2b-10 (ESV)

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

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

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 8:1-4, 14-15 (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.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ... For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

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.

The Goodness of 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.

It Is Done

Lead On Good Shepherd

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 Westminster Shorter Catechism:

Q. 73. Which is the eighth commandment?

A. The eighth commandment is, Thou shalt not steal.

Q. 74. What is required in the eighth commandment?

A. The eighth commandment requires the lawful procuring and furthering the wealth and outward estate of ourselves and others.

Q. 75. What is forbidden in the eighth commandment?

A. The eighth commandment forbids whatsoever does, or may, unjustly hinder our own, or our neighbor's wealth or outward estate.

KIDS' WORSHIP & COMMUNITY KIDS' DISMISSAL (Infants - 5th Graders)

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 | Tim Rice, *Founding & Teaching Pastor*

A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our lives and circumstances.

ORDINATION OF TONY MYERS | 10:30a Service

SONG OF RESPONSE

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

Death Was Arrested

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: Galatians 3:23-4:7 (ESV)

Title: From Captivity To The Palace

Teacher: Tim Rice

23 Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. 24 So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, 26 for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. ... I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, 2 but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. 3 In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. 4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

INTRO: When have you been held down? Or ever held captive?

HOW ARE WE HELD UNDER?

Apart from Jesus, how are we not really free but rather, actually slaves?

REDEMPTION = LIBERATION

What does it mean to be redeemed?

OWNED AS SONS & HEIRS

How is the life of an heir different?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for His heart to redeem sinners like us. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit for His mercy to rescue us from oppression when He could've justly left us in our sin and slavery.
2. How have you lived aware of being held down by the powers of this world, or your own sin and guilt? Confess your helplessness to Jesus, asking Him to cleanse you and free you by His grace and power.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His willingness to be born under the burden of our sin and guilt in order to redeem us. Thank Him for becoming a curse for us so that we could be blessed by His grace.
4. Who do you know that is held down by their attachments to this world? Pray for them, asking the Lord to make known to them His love and power so that they could be freed in Christ.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you the fruit of being justified by faith, redeemed, and adopted as heirs. Pray for His work that you could be loyal from the heart and empowered by your privileges in Christ.

Welcome to Trinity!

We would love to connect with you. Please scan on the QR code to get connected and let us know of any prayer requests you may have.



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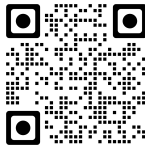


The Compass And Map

now streaming on Apple Podcasts and Spotify



Apple



Spotify

Communication

Visit trinitylakeland.org/events to register.



Seeing Jesus Together Seminar

October 25, 6-8:30p & October 26, 9a-12p
Contact [Brown Peterson](#) for details.



Renew Polk Worship Service

October 27, 5:30p at The King's Church
Contact the church office for details.



2nd Grade Bible Presentation

October 27, during the first service.
Contact [Callie Sandman](#) for details.

Community Bible Reading

communitybiblereading.org

October 14-19, 2024

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

Monday	1 Peter 1 Job 30	Joshua 19 Joel 1
Tuesday	1 Peter 2 Job 31	Joshua 20 Joel 2
Wednesday	1 Peter 3 Job 32	Joshua 21 Joel 3
Thursday	1 Peter 4 Job 33	Joshua 22 Amos 1
Friday	1 Peter 5 Job 34	Joshua 23 Amos 2
Saturday	Psalms 94	Psalms 42 Psalms 136

Scripture Memory for the Week:

Galatians 3:28 (ESV)

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Office Hours:

Mon - Fri | 8:30a - 5:00p

Sunday Worship | 8:45a & 10:30a

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Mission

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.