

# HUNGER THIRST for RIGHTEOUSNESS

MATTHEW 5:6



# ORDER OF WORSHIP | April 14, 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.

My All In Thee

# CALL TO WORSHIP | Galatians 5:16-17 (ESV)

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

"Walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do."

#### 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 | Ezekiel 36:25-28 (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.

"I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from fall your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules ... and you shall be my people, and I will be your 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 His church and the kingdom of God.

Jesus Is

#### **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

Just As Good

#### **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:

- O. 27. Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist?
- A. Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.
- Q. 28. Wherein consisteth Christ's exaltation?
- A. Christ's exaltation consisteth in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

#### 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, Lead Pastor and 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**

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

Abide

#### **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 5:6 (ESV)

Title: To Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness

**Teacher:** Tim Rice

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."

INTRO: How specific can your cravings be?

#### WHAT DO YOU REALLY WANT?

How do the objects of our desire define our trajectory?

# WHAT IF IT'S WARPED & TWISTED?

What if our desires are broken or hi-jacked?

#### **REDEEMED & SATISFIED**

How has Jesus worked for the redemption of our very desires and for our satisfaction?

#### YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

- 1. Worship the LORD for His sufficiency and goodness. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that He is enough (vs. all enticements in this world) and that He is purely good (vs. all lies and deceptions).
- 2. How have you lived hungering and thirsting for what could never satisfy you while rejecting Jesus in His goodness and love? Confess your pride and folly to Him, asking for His work to forgive and renew your heart.
- 3. Give thanks for how Jesus has given Himself so freely for us (by His death and resurrection) to atone for our guilt. And thank Him for giving His Spirit to us, to satisfy us to the uttermost and for all eternity.
- 4. Who do you know who hungers and thirsts after righteousness? Pray for them, and for the opportunity to learn from them in how they set aside the things of this world that do not suffice, and for how they seek their satisfaction in Christ.
- 5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love and joy. Thank Him that He is "at work in you both to will and to work for His good pleasure" (Philippians 2) and pray for growing desires for Christ vs. the lies of this world.

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# **Women's Ministry Table Talk**

April 18, 7p Contact JoAnn Johnson for information.



# 4th Sunday Prayer Gathering

April 28, 4p

Contact the church office for information.



# Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2024 - Scuba June 17-21

Contact Callie Sandman for information.

# Community Bible Reading

communitybiblereading.org

April 15-20, 2024

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

Monday	1 Corinthians 8 2 Kings 23	Exodus 26 Jeremiah 2
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 9 2 Kings 24	Exodus 27 Jeremiah 3
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 10 2 Kings 25	Exodus 28 Jeremiah 4
Thursday	1 Corinthians 11 1 Chronicles 1	Exodus 29 Jeremiah 5
Friday	1 Corinthians 12 2 Chronicles 2	Exodus 30 Jeremiah 6
Saturday	Psalm 68	Psalm 16 Psalm 119:17-32

# **Scripture Memory for the Week:**

Matthew 5:6 (ESV)

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## Office Hours:

Mon - Fri | 8:30a - 5:00p Sunday Worship | 8:45a & 10:30a 301 N Florida Ave, Lakeland, FL 33801 863-603-7777 | trinitylakeland.org

#### 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.