

SERMON ON THE MOUNT

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# THE *golden* RULE

MATTHEW 7:7-14



TRINITY  
Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | July 28, 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.

Resurrecting

### CALL TO WORSHIP | Matthew 20:25-28 (ESV)

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

But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

### 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 | Matthew 16:24-25 (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.

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

### 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.

Gratitude

We Will Dwell

## 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. 53.** Which is the third commandment?

A. The third commandment is, *Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.*

**Q. 54.** What is required in the third commandment?

A. The third commandment requireth the holy and reverent use of God's names, titles, attributes, ordinances, Word, and works.

## 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.

### WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING | Mercy Fund Offering

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.

### SONG OF RESPONSE

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

You've Already Won

### 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 7:7-14 (ESV)

**Title:** The Golden Rule

**Teacher:** Tim Rice

7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. 9 Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? 11 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him! 12 So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets. 13 Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. 14 For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few."

**INTRO:** When do you first recall being taught the Golden Rule?

### THE FATHER'S CHILD

What was so radical about Jesus' description of the Father?

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How do we doubt God's goodness and deny our neighbors?

## HARDSHIP, LOVE & GENEROSITY

Why, then, does Jesus say that this is hard?

## YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for His stunning generosity, and the even boundless ways in which He provides and blesses us. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit for giving us drastically better (and different) than we deserve.
2. How you have lived demanding things of the Father rather than humbly asking Him for His love and Presence? Confess your pride and self-interest to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and to change your heart.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His willingness to choose the hard path to save us from all of our sins. Thank Him for bearing the destruction that we earned so that we could freely receive the life that only He deserves.
4. Who do you know that doubts God's graciousness and, correspondingly, is self-protective in how they interact with others? Pray for them, and that the Lord would show them His amazing mercy and open their heart to be redeemed.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love and joy. Pray for such a sense of the Father's unending care — as you ask, seek and knock before Him — that you would be freed from self-interest to love others freely.

## 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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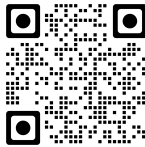


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Spotify

## Communication

Visit [trinitylakeland.org/events](https://trinitylakeland.org/events) to register.



### Children's Ministry - Back to School Pool Party

August 10, 4-7p

Contact [Callie Sandman](#) for details.



### Children's Ministry - Move Up Sunday

August 11

Contact [Callie Sandman](#) for details.



### The Weekender - New Members' Class

August 23 & 24

Contact [Ashley Coleman](#) for information.

## Community Bible Reading

[communitybiblereading.org](https://communitybiblereading.org)

July 29 - August 3, 2024

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

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| Monday    | John 12<br>Ezra 8     | Numbers 34<br>Ezekiel 20    |
| Tuesday   | John 13<br>Ezra 9     | Numbers 35<br>Ezekiel 21    |
| Wednesday | John 14<br>Ezra 10    | Numbers 36<br>Ezekiel 22    |
| Thursday  | John 15<br>Nehemiah 1 | Deuteronomy 1<br>Ezekiel 23 |
| Friday    | John 16<br>Nehemiah 2 | Deuteronomy 2<br>Ezekiel 24 |
| Saturday  | Psalms 83             | Psalms 31<br>Psalms 125     |

## Scripture Memory for the Week:

### Matthew 7:11 (ESV)

11 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

## Office Hours:

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

Sunday Worship | 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.