

## Worship Spotlight

### Why do we confess our sins?

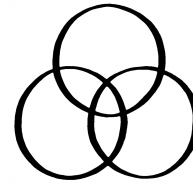
Being called into the presence of a perfectly righteous and holy God makes us painfully aware of our own sinfulness and guilt. We think of the prophet Isaiah who cried out: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" (Isaiah 6:5, compare Revelation 1:17).

God made a way for the people of Israel to approach Him through sacrifice. The first sacrifice was the *sin offering* or *purification offering* (Lev. 9:7,15; 2 Chr. 29:21). This sacrifice dealt with the sin in a worshipper's life at the very beginning of the service, so that he could continue to approach God knowing the penalty for his sin had been paid by the animal who died in his place. We still approach God on the basis of a sacrifice. But in our case that sacrifice was the crucifixion of Christ. His sacrifice on our behalf has dealt with our sin once and for all (Heb. 7:27, 9:12, 10:10).

The importance of confessing sins is taught throughout the Scriptures. Many of these passages appear in our worship service as the "Call to Confession," reminding us not only of the need to confess, but of God's promise to forgive us if we do. "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (John 1:8).

We confess our individual sins silently to God. But because we are one body in Christ we also join our voices in a corporate confession of sin. These traditional prayers of confession are based on Biblical teaching. For example: "We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves." This is a prayer based on Jesus' summary of the Law (Matt. 22:36-40, etc.).

The other reason we confess our sins is because the Bible teaches us that repentance leads to joy (Psalm 51:8, 12; Luke 15:17)! Having been honest about our sin we have the joy of receiving God's forgiveness in the next portion of our service: The Assurance of Forgiveness.



**TRINITY**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**August 18th, 2019**

*The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

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Prelude

Announcements

### **GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP**

Call to Worship

1 Chronicles 16:28-30

†Congregational Singing

#108 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

†Responsive Scriptures

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you!

**And also with you!**

Our help is in the name of the Lord

**Who made heaven and earth.**

†Collect

Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

†Greeting

†Congregational Singing

"He Will Hold Me Fast"

### **GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF**

Call to Confession

1 John 1:8-9

*Silent Confession*

Corporate Confession

**Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against**

your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Jesus Christ, our Lord. And grant, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

†Assurance of Forgiveness

†Congregational Singing "Be Unto Your Name"

### GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading Genesis 41:14-16, 25-36, 56-57

Epistle Reading James 4:1-10

†Gospel Reading Mark 10:35-45

†Profession of Faith The Apostle's Creed

Sermon Pastor Chad Anderson

"Joseph: Dying, Rising, Ascending"

Offertory

†Doxology #625 (a cappella)

†Prayer of Dedication

### GOD STRENGTHENS US AT HIS TABLE

*All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ are invited to share the Lord's Supper. Baptized children are welcomed to the Supper once they have been admitted by the Elders in accord with the practice of our denomination.*

*If you do not trust in Jesus, please allow the bread and cup to pass you by. If you desire to follow Jesus and share in His Feast, please speak with one of our pastors after the service.*

*The outer ring contains wine. All other cups contain grape juice. Take your portion, pass the rest to your neighbor, and then eat and drink as soon as you desire.*

*During the passing of the cup we encourage you to offer words of blessing to your neighbors such as: "Peace be with you" (Jn. 14:27) or "Christ be with you" (Rom. 16:20).*

Declaration of God's Invitation and Promises

Prayers and Distribution

†Congregational Singing "Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured"

### GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

†Commission and Benediction

†Congregational Response #628 IV "Threefold Amen"

Postlude

**Worship Leader:** Michael Freitag

**Nursery Volunteers:** Deb Petty, Annie Hooton

## CHURCH LIFE

**Sunday, August 18th**

Deacons' Meeting

After Service

**Monday, August 19th**

Chess Club

4:00 p.m.

❖ **No Sunday School** August 4th-September 1st. Children's and adult classes will resume Sunday, September 8th.

❖ **Women's Seminar** is starting back up Saturday, September 7 from 9am-noon! As in previous years, we plan to meet the first Saturday morning of each month. Seminar includes reading together, singing, Bible study, reflection and prayer. This year, we will start reading *Desiring God* together and we will be studying Genesis 1-11 using Jen Wilkin's *God of Creation*. No preparation is necessary to attend Women's Seminar! Please join us on September 7! For more information, contact Lisa Hajda (308-870-1115).

❖ Please remember to sign the **birthday cards** on the table in the foyer. They go to the missionaries we support.

**August Birthdays:** (5) Howard Bass,

Lydia Hajda 2000, (6) Deb Petty,

(7) Peregrine Salyer 2016, (12) Jake

Riley, (15) Amy Bates, (17) Luke Riley

2011, (22) Nancy Larsen, (25) Amy

Freitag, (26) Gary Elliott, (27) Dawn

Salyer

### Financial Report

Last Week Year to Date

Budgeted Need \$3,461.15 \$110,756.80

Received \$3,847.64 \$108,717.50

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

❖ That God would open doors for ministry to UNK students.

❖ For our expecting/new mothers and their children: Anika Fong

❖ For our men serving in the armed forces: Joseph Barber III, Ryan Brock, Ben Elliott, and Isaiah Petty.

*If you would like to receive TPC announcements and prayer requests via e-mail, please speak with Pastor Dave or email your contact info to: [tpc@tpckearney.org](mailto:tpc@tpckearney.org)*