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## worship as communal exchange

Trinity God renews us, and we respond

Matthew 6:5-8

## True Prayer

Pastor Mark Howard

### called to come in

*God comes near and calls His people out of the world, and takes hold of us and brings us into the community of Himself.*

*Praise the Lord*

we hear – from Psalm 118, Luke 19: 38-40

we respond – *Come Boldly to the Throne of Grace*

### confessing our sin

*God the Spirit reminds us that God the Father has saved us through the righteous life and sacrificial death of Christ the Son – and in faith we rest on his gracious interest to renew us yet again.*

we hear – 2 Corinthians 7:9-10

we confess – from the Valley of Vision, book of Puritan prayers, “The Convicting Spirit”

we rest – *Arise My Soul Arise*

declaration – Colossians 1:13-14

### new members, greeting & announcements

*3yrs-5th grade go out to a kids experience of Word, worship and small groups.*

### consecrated by the Word

*God declares the finished gospel of his Son, and continues his powerful, internal work of change/consecration by his Spirit.*

we hear – True Prayer

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we respond – *Father Long Before Creation*

*Come to the Feast\**, Offering

### compelled to go out

*God blesses us and charges us go out and extend his kingdom into the broken world around us, making disciples of all nations*

benediction – Psalm 96:10

### outline

**Introduction: Not a “how to” but a “who to”**

## Two threats to true prayer

**AND two truths to neutralize them:**

**Threat 1: Praying to impress man (v. 5)**

**Truth: Your Father sees (v. 6)**

**Threat 2: Praying to impress God (v. 7)**

**Truth: Your Father knows (v. 8)**

