

Message Notes

Today: *Eyes to See*

Matthew 13:10-16

Introduction

I. Given to some, but not others

Matthew 13:10-11

II. Seeing but not Seeing

Matthew 13:13

III. Heart Cause

Matthew 13:14-15

IV. Blessed Seeing & Hearing

Matthew 13:16

Current Message Series



Kingdom Seeking

As a new year begins, many folks re-evaluate their priorities. Each of us has only so much time. How will we spend it? What will take priority? The answer to these questions determines the history we'll make in 2019. Jesus taught more about the Kingdom of God than any other topic. For Him, and for His followers, the Kingdom is the number one priority. But what is this Kingdom, where is it, and how do we enter in?

January 13: *Signs of the Kingdom*

Matthew 11:1-24; John 14:1-4 If you're seeking something mysterious and difficult to find, it might help to have a sign. The Kingdom of God comes with signs that might help us find what we seek. Let's see what some of the original signs were and see if they help us find our way.



January 6, 2019



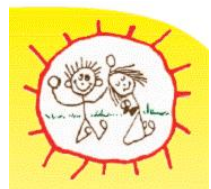
You've been invited! Long ago God invited us into a relationship with Himself through His son Jesus Christ. When we gather to worship, we have the opportunity to experience God's presence, hear His word, and respond to this invitation. That's why we're glad you're here!

Kids are Welcome too!

Kids of all ages are welcome in the sanctuary. We also offer Nursery for newborn through 3-year-old. Four-year-old through 2nd grade children will be invited to participate in children's worship most Sundays September through May.

Something Special for your Children

Children & Worship was created to make a special place where Children can come to encounter God, to be still with God, and to listen to God. It is a place where Children come to nurture their spiritual life. Children & Worship is a spiritual formation approach that presents a joyful way for children to worship God.





All Generations. One Family.

Compelled by Christ's love, our mission is to:

Invite all generations into God's family.

We do this by

- Worship: Experiencing life-giving presence of God
- Discipleship: Making passionate disciples of Jesus transformed by God's Word.
- Mission: Showing God's love and telling the gospel.
- Community: Encouraging followers to practice their faith.

Next Steps



If you're new to Trinity or to being part of a church family, you may be wondering, "What do I do after today?" Let us extend a few invitations to you:

1. Let us take you out for breakfast, lunch, or coffee. No big agenda. Who's us? Good question. That would be Pastor Randy or Elder Mike.
2. Visit a small group. We've got friendly groups that meet to talk about the Bible and life, pray for each other and encourage on another. Find out about all our small groups at: trc-gh.org/kids-youth-and-small-groups/
3. Take the Next Steps Christian Growth Survey. Discover personal, practical, and proven ways to grow in Christian faith. You can take it on-line at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BasicNextSteps>
4. Make a decision to follow Jesus and become part of God's family. Just check the box below, we'll contact you.

My Next Step - I'm interested in: (Check all that apply)

- Information on becoming a member
- Having coffee, breakfast or lunch
- Starting a relationship with God
- Pastoral visit
- Joining a Small Group

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Tear off & put in offering plate

Today in Worship



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TODAY: Eyes to See

Matthew 13:10-16 For seven-hundred years the Jews looked forward to a Messiah who would usher in the Kingdom of God. However, when Jesus came, His own people didn't recognize Him or the kingdom that was taking shape right before their eyes. They just couldn't see it. This inability to see was prophesied by Isaiah and confirmed by Jesus. What about us? Is the Kingdom coming in ways we can't see?

We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome
 Invitation to Worship
 Songs of Praise
 Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer
 Children 4 yrs-2nd grade dismissed for C&W
 Song of Preparation: Hymn No. 42 "Seek Ye First"

God Revealed in Word and Sacrament

Scripture: Matthew 13:10-16
 Message: **Kingdom Seeking: Eyes to See**
 Prayer for Blessing

Our Response to God

Offering (**Please sign Friendship Pad**)
 Closing Song: Hymn No. 382 "Be Thou My Vision" (vs. 1-3)
 Benediction

What's Next?

Coffee and Conversation after worship. Take a left out of the Sanctuary right after worship. Step up to the coffee bar. Meet some new people.



Roots Small Group
 A six-week small group experience with other newly arrived friends. Get to know them, the good things God intends for all of us and how they're happening at Trinity Church. Watch the bulletin for the next Roots Small Group.