

Trinity Reformed Church of Northwest Connecticut

Biblical, Traditional, Conservative, Congregational

Lord's Day Worship for
May 10, 2026

"And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all." – Ephesians 1:22-23



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“*” = Please stand if you are able.

Welcome, Greeting & Announcements

Call to Worship – Matthew 6:31-34

Leader: Do not worry then, saying, What will we eat? or What will we drink? or What will we wear for clothing?

People: For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things;

Leader: For your heavenly Father knows

People: That you need all these things.

Leader: But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness,

People: And all these things will be added to you.

Leader: So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself.

People: Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Prayer of Invocation and Confession

Gospel Absolution Text – Hebrews 12:28

***Hymn #295** – “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Scripture Reading – Colossians 1:13-18

Ancient Creedal Proclamation – Apostles Creed (pg#845 in the red hymnal)

Offerings Presented

[Please put your tithe/offering in the plates before or after the service – Thank you!]

[Gifts labeled “Deacon’s Fund go to aid those in need in the congregation.]

***Doxology #731** (red hymnal)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Sung Psalm #45C** – “Daughter, Incline Your Ears”

Prayers of the Church & Lord’s Prayer (sins)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Reformation Creedal Reading – Heidelberg Catechism, Q#123.

Leader: Which is the second petition (of the Lord's Prayer which is "Thy Kingdom Come")?

People: That is, rule us so by His word and Spirit,

Matt 6:33

Leader: That we may submit ourselves more and more to Him;

Ps 119:5; 143:10

People: Preserve and increase His church;

Ps 51:18; 122:6-9

Leader: Destroy the works of the devil, and all violence which would exalt itself against Him;

1John 3:8

People: And also all wicked counsels devised against His holy Word;

Rom 16:20

Leader: Till the full perfection of His Kingdom take place,

Rev 22:17,20; Rom 8:22-23

People: Wherein He shall be all in all.

1Cor 15:28

Reformation Creedal Reading – Westminster Larger Catechism, Q#154.

Leader: What are the outward means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of His mediation?

Matt 28:19-20

Acts 2:42,46-47

People: Christ communicates to His church

Leader: The benefits of His mediation, are all His ordinances;

People: Especially the word, sacraments, and prayer;

Leader: All which are made effectual to the elect

People: For their salvation.

Ministry of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

***Sermon Text** – Matthew 13:44-46

***Gloria Patri #735** (red hymnal)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Sermon – "Treasure Parables"

A Sermon Series on Parables

Ministry of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation & Warning

TRC practices guarded open communion. All who profess faith in Christ, have been baptized, have a basic understanding of this sacrament, and are in good standing with a biblical local church are welcome to the Lord's Table. If you are uncertain whether you should partake, it is wise to abstain and speak with the pastor afterward.

Prayer

Words of Institution – Matthew 26:26-28 + Luke 22:19-20; 1Corinthians 10:16-17; 11:26

"While they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.' And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you; for this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.' . . . Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ? Since there is one bread, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one bread. For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes."

Partaking of the Bread and then the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Hymn #353** – "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

*Benediction

Everyone is welcome to Coffee Hour Fellowship downstairs after church today

Upcoming Events

- The next in-person **Elder-Deacon meeting** is on Saturday, **May 16th**, from 8:00-10:00ish AM, at the Aldrich's.
- **June 6th**, Saturday, there will be a **Pot-Luck Picnic** starting at noon at the Ensminger's (100 Hallow Rd, Winchester, CT). If possible, please bring a side, drink or a dessert. Hot dogs & hamburgers will be provided. (*Rain Date: June 27th*)
- **July 18th**, Saturday, there will be a **Pool Party / Picnic Pot-Luck** starting at noon at the Gabelmann's. Sandwich platters, beverages and an ice cream bar will be provided. If possible, please bring a pot-luck food item. (We will gather rain or shine.)
- **October 10th**, Saturday, there will our annual **Oktoberfest** at the Aldrich's. If possible, please bring a food item. (*Rain Date: October 17th*)
- *Regular Studies & Gatherings:*
 - Sunday School** for all ages (9:00 AM) at the Grange.
 - Tuesday Study** (10:30 AM – noon) – Augustine's Sermons, at Pastor Doug's house.
 - Wednesday Study** (6:30 – 8:00 PM) – On 2nd & 4th: Thessalonians. On other: Free discussion.
 - Gen-Alpha Club** 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, at Pastor Doug's house.
 - Friday Young Adult Discussion Group** (6:30 PM) meets on 1st & 3rd Friday, at Pastor Doug's house.
 - Saturday Morning Prayer Group** at the Gabelmann's. (Please call Sheryl to confirm if the group is meeting that day, 860-309-7250.)

ONLINE RESOURCES

<i>TRC's Webpage:</i>	TrinityReformedCT.org
<i>TRC's Facebook Page:</i>	facebook.com/people/Trinity-Reformed-Church/61554974150922/
<i>TRC's Youtube Channel:</i>	youtube.com/@TrinityReformedCT
<i>Pastor Doug's</i>	youtube.com/simplyreformed
<i>Youtube Channels:</i>	youtube.com/@PilgrimsOfPlunder

INTERNET PRAYER CHAIN

If you have any prayer requests for our prayer chain, please email them to Donna Ensminger at: trcnwprayer@gmail.com. (If you would like to join the Prayer Chain, also see Donna.)

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Worship Starts At: 10:30 AM (9:30 AM in the summer)

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Sermon Notes

Matthew 13:44-46

“Treasure Parables”

A Sermon Series on Parables

May 10, 2026

Introduction

- 1) We are going through the Parables of our Lord as found in Matthew, Mark & Luke.
- 2) Today’s parables are seemingly very straightforward and simple.
- 3) That the Kingdom of God is of exceeding value and must be sought after as the most important thing in this life.
- 4) The Kingdom of God, put simply, is where Christ reigns directly and personally. Ps 2:6-12; Dan 7:13-14; Matt 6:10
Matt 28:18; Luke 17:20-37; Col 1:13
 - a) And seeking to be under that reign is the major duty we Christians have in this life.
 - b) It is like seeking after a Hidden Treasure, or a great Pearl.
 - c) So let us ponder these two short parables found only in the Gospel of Matthew.

Parable of the Hidden Treasure

Matthew 13:44

- 1) A man finds a treasure hidden in the field.
 - a) Literally “*a store of valuables*” or even “*a treasure chest.*” Matt 2:11
 - b) It is worth a ton of money.
- 2) It is hidden in the ground, which is not uncommon in the ancient world. Matt 25:25
 - a) They had no secure modern banks or a modern police force.
 - b) Thieves, raiders, invasions, and war, were all frequent dangers in the ancient world.
- 3) The man finds the treasure and then hides it again, but why?
 - a) Probably too big to simply carry away, it is a “store of valuables” or a “treasure chest.”
 - b) And there are rules in the ancient world about legal rights to finding treasure.
 - i) He wants to do this lawfully, to make sure he has full claim to the treasure.
 - ii) So he does the lawful thing and goes to buy the field.
 - iii) To do this, he has to sell everything he has.
 - c) Which makes sense because it is worth it.
 - i) If all your net worth is \$100,000 would you not sell everything to get \$100 million?
 - ii) And thus he has great joy about, and for, this treasure.

Parable of the Pearl

Matthew 13:45-46

- 1) The next parable, of the Pearl, is very similar.
- 2) A merchant is seeking fine pearls for his business.
 - a) Pearls were highly valuable in the ancient world because they were difficult and dangerous to obtain by diving, naturally rare, beautiful, and associated with wealth, royalty, and luxury Esth 1:6; Job 28:18
1Tim 2:9; Rev 17:4
Rev 18:12,16; 21:21
 - b) If your business is selling high-end pearls then you would want the best pearls to sell.
 - c) He finds one pearl of great value, worth more than all his other pearls.

- 3) Like our first parable today, this is all about obtaining the thing you most desire.
- 4) How does our Lord put it, *“for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”* – Matthew 6:21

The Quest

- 1) This leads to an important question: If Kingdom is of great value, where do we find?
- 2) And going with the spirit of these parables, I mean in a simple, concrete, direct, way.
 - a) Not like going on a life quest about an important, but abstract idea, like “pursuing the good life”.
 - b) But with the imagery that these parables use, of something direct and obvious, like a treasure chest.
- 3) I grant you the Kingdom of God is a profound and deep thing.
 - a) As seen by the fact our Lord teaches many parables about them.
 - b) Our Lord, quoting Scripture declares, *“I will open My mouth in parables; I will utter things hidden since the foundation of the world.”* Ps 78:2
– Matthew 13:35b
 - c) For example, the Kingdom of God . . .
 - i) Is already and not yet. Matt 12:28; Luke 17:20-24; Rev 11:15
 - ii) Is in this world but not of this world. Matt 28:18; Luke 17:20-21; John 18:36
 - iii) Starts in the Garden, at Sinai, at the first Christmas, at Easter, at Pentecost and also, will have its consummation at the end of the age. Gen 1:26-28; Ex 19:5-6
Dan 2:44; Matt 28:18
Mark 1:14-15; Luke 2:11
Acts 1:3; 2:1-4; 2Tim 4:1
 - iv) Is powerful and humble. Ps 110:1-2; Matt 5:5; 1Cor 4:20
 - v) Is about God’s Law, the Gospel and new life in the Spirit. Jer 31:31-34; Ezek 36:26-27; Matt 4:23
Rom 14:17; Gal 5:16-23; Col 1:13-14
 - vi) Is already victorious and currently being contested. Ps 110:1-2; Matt 12:28-29; John 12:31-32
1Cor 15:24-26; Col 2:13-15; Rev 12:7-12
 - vii) Only a few find it and yet there are many rooms within that host a multitude. Matt 7:13-14; 22:1-14; Luke 13:23-30
John 10:9; 14:2; Rev 7:9-10; 19:6-9
 - d) And our Lord explained that He taught in parables to bring wisdom to the saints and to justify God’s judgment against the wicked. Is 6:9-10; Matt 13:10-17,34-35
Mark 4:10-12,33-34; Luke 8:9-10
John 12:37-41; Rom 11:7-8
- 4) Our Lord has not left us without direction, He has promised to be with us, and His words are always true. Josh 1:5-9; Ps 119:160; Matt 28:18-20
John 14:16-18; 16:13; 17:17
Heb 6:18; 13:5-6; Rev 1:12-18; 19:11
- 5) Let me ask, if you had to point at one simple, physical thing, that most represents the Kingdom here, where would you point to?
 - a) If an unbeliever, or a new Christian, asked you to “point to where I can find the Kingdom of God”, where, what, or who, would you point to?
 - b) If someone said, where do I go to meet the King?
 - c) Note, I said “most” represents.
 - i) You could point to several different places or peoples, and be somewhat right.
 - ii) But I want the first thing, the best, on the list.

d) Where would you point to?

e) I think most modern Christians would first give two places that are good but not the best.

Option #1 – Yourself

1) Most modern Western Christians would first point to their own heart.

2) After all, we read in Luke 17:21 (KJV), “Neither shall they say, *Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.*”

3) It is true there is a lot in the Bible about having a changed heart.

a) Remember, in the Bible “heart” means a lot more than emotions. Deut 6:5; Prov 4:23; Jer 17:9-10
Matt 22:37; Rom 12:2; Heb 4:12

i) It is the whole “inner” man.

ii) Including the mind, soul/spirit, will, emotions, etc.

iii) If anything, the Bible puts more of a focus on the mind.

b) Which just heard the Kingdom of God is like leaven, which works from the inside.

c) Scripture teaches that the Kingdom works inwardly by the Holy Spirit, because God makes us born again, creating in us faith, fundamentally changing our heart which causes us to live by His Spirit, which certainly dwells within us.¹

4) However, the Bible does not teach that the Kingdom is discovered inwardly.

a) As if by self-exploration or mystical introspection you find the King.

b) The Kingdom is established, and given by God, through the work of His Son, by His Holy Spirit.

c) We are called not to trust in ourselves, but to trust in the King.

5) That is why almost all modern translations, translate Luke 17:21 as “*nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or, ‘There it is!’ For behold, the kingdom of God is in your midst.*” (NASB)

a) This is a much better translation according to the context of the passage.

b) Who is our Lord speaking to?

i) The Pharisees! Luke 17:20

ii) If a bunch of Nazis asked you “where is the Kingdom of God” do you think the answer “look inside yourself” works?

iii) Besides, the word “your” is plural, pointing to a corporate reality rather than an inward experience within each Pharisee.

6) So, pointing to yourself, or any human heart, is a really bad answer.

7) Lest you have faith in your faith, instead of faith in Christ, who is found outside of you.

Option #2 – The Bible

1) Another option would be to point at our Bibles.

a) After all it is the inerrant, authoritative, inspired, and infallible, written Word of God. Ps 19:7-9; 119:160; Prov 30:5
John 17:17; 2Tim 3:16-17; 2Pet 1:20-21

¹ Deut 30:6; Ps 51:10-12; Jer 24:7; 31:31-34; Ezek 11:19-20; 36:26-27; Matt 7:17-18; 13:31-33; Luke 17:20-21; John 1:12-13; 3:3-8; 6:37,44,63-65; 10:26-29; Acts 11:18; 13:48; 16:14; Rom 2:28-29; 8:1-17,29-30; 14:17; 1Cor 2:10-14; 4:20; 2Cor 3:3-6; 5:17; Gal 4:19; 5:16-25; Eph 1:4-5,13-14,19-20; 2:1-10; 3:16-19; Phil 1:6,29; Col 1:13,27; 2:12-13; Titus 3:3-7; Heb 8:10-12; 1Pet 1:3-4,23; 1John 3:9; 4:13; 5:1,4.

- b) And we are Protestants; we believe in the doctrine of *sola scriptura*, that Scripture alone is the final authority. Is 8:20; Matt 15:3-9
John 10:35; Acts 17:11
1Cor 4:6; 2Tim 3:16-17
- c) Amen and amen! Those are glorious truths.
- 2) But that is not the best answer. Why?
- a) Because the Bible does not teach that the Bible is the Kingdom itself.
- i) Yes, the Bible is God-breathed revelation about the Kingdom, the King, and how we enter into His Kingdom.
- ii) Yes, it is the authoritative written Word of God that governs & corrects the Church.
- b) However, the Kingdom of God is not a book. Luke 17:20-21; John 18:36-37; Rom 14:17
1Cor 4:20; Col 1:13; Heb 12:28
- c) Christ's Kingdom is where Christ reigns over His people. Ps 2:6-12; Is 9:6-7; Dan 7:13-14
Luke 1:32-33; Col 1:13; Rev 11:15

The Correct Answer

- 1) Then what is the best option?
- a) *Answer:* Point to the big white building with the steeple.
- b) Point to a church.
- 2) I know, every modern evangelical is now freaking out.
- a) The church is not a building!
- b) I know, that is true.
- i) The common biblical word for "church" is "ἐκκλησία" (*ekklēsia*).
- ii) Which means assembly, or congregation.
- iii) It never means a building. (Though there is James 5:14 which uses "synagogue".)
- 3) And it is true many so-called churches, especially this day and age, are simply synagogues of Satan where hatred, blasphemies, and death are offered as worship and teaching, which are only storing up for themselves more severe punishments come Judgment Day. Deut 13:1-5; Ps 1:1-6; Is 5:20
Matt 7:15-23; 23:13-33; John 8:44
2Cor 11:13-15; 2Tim 4:3-4
Heb 2:1-3; 6:4-8; 10:26-31; 12:25
2Pet 2:20-21; Rev 2:9; 3:9; 20:11-15
- 4) It is true the assembly does not need to own a building, but they do need to assemble some place, because that is commanded, and so you point to that place. Acts 2:42-47; 20:7;
1Cor 11:18-20; 14:26
Heb 10:24-25; Rev 1:10-13
- 5) So you point at a building, or at least the place where the saints have gathered, especially on the Lord's Day (note that name!) where the King has commanded His subjects to gather to worship Him and hear Him speak. Ex 20:8-11; Ps 95:6-7
Matt 18:20; Acts 20:7
1Cor 14:26; Heb 10:24-25
Rev 1:10-13
- a) You point to the people, those who have true faith in Christ, because those are the King's subjects, because they have been given His baptism, His Spirit dwells in them, they have received His pardon, and are allowed to feast at His royal table. Ezek 36:26-27; Matt 28:19-20
Luke 22:29-30; John 1:12-13
Acts 2:38-42; Rom 8:9-17
1Cor 10:16-17; 12:12-13
Gal 3:26-29; Eph 2:19-22
- b) You point to the leaders of the assembly that the King as ordered to govern, lead, teach and protect His subjects. Jer 3:15; Ezek 34:1-16,23-24; Mic 5:2-4;
Matt 16:18-19; 18:15-20; 28:18-20
Acts 20:28; Eph 4:11-14; Heb 13:17

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| <p>c) Above all, you point to the place the King has ordained to be the central place of His worship and the normal means by which He speaks to His people; the Ministry of the Word, which is the reading and preaching of Scripture with the administration of the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.</p> | <p>Deut 31:11-13; Matt 28:19-20
Acts 2:42; 20:7; Rom 10:14-17
1Cor 1:21; 10:16-17; 11:23-26
1Cor 14:26; 2Tim 4:1-2
Titus 1:3; Heb 10:24-25</p> |
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- 6) So the full answer to the original question is: You walk into a church that has faithful Christians and you point to the pulpit, the baptismal font and the table.
- a) That is where you point to.
 - b) If someone asks you where is the Kingdom that I must seek and have above all else.

Problems?

- 1) Many modern Evangelicals would be surprised, or even, offended by this.
 - a) They would complain that this is all about a religion with rituals and hierarchies, not a relationship they feel in their heart.
 - b) *Question: Do your private opinions based on your feelings as taught by the world's godless dogma of individualism trump the commands of the King?*
 - c) Many will reply: But the New Covenant doesn't teach a religion with rituals and hierarchies! No where in the Bible does it say I have to go to church!
- 2) Really?
 - a) James 1:26-27 – *"If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man's religion is worthless. Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world."*
The Bible actually calls the Christian faith a religion, the one true religion.
 - b) Matthew 16:18-19 – *"I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock (Peter's confession) I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. I will give you (the Apostles) the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven."*
 - c) Matthew 18:17 – *"If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector."*
 - d) Hebrews 13:17 – *"Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you."*
The church alone has the power to bind people to heaven through the Gospel. Which is found in the Ministry of Word and Sacrament.
 - e) Acts 6:4 – *"But we (church leaders) will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."*
 - f) 1Timothy 5:17 – *"The elders who rule well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching."*
 - g) Acts 20:25,28 – *"And now, behold, I (Paul the Apostle) know that all of you (church elders), among whom I went about preaching the kingdom, will no longer see my face . . . Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock (a local church), among which the Holy Spirit has*

made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.”

- h) Ephesians 4:11-13 – *“And He (Christ) gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.”*
- i) Romans 10:14 – *“How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher?”*
- j) 1Timothy 4:13 – *“Until I (the Apostle Paul to Pastor Timothy) come, give attention to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation and teaching.”*
Public reading? Does that mean we should have a public house of worship?
- k) 2Timothy 3:16-4:5 - *“All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God (pastors/elders/overseers) may be adequate, equipped for every good work. I solemnly charge you (pastor Timothy and thus all pastors) in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist (the Gospel preacher), fulfill your ministry.”*
- l) Matthew 28:18-20 – *“And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”*
- m) John 6:55-56 – *“For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.”*
- n) Colossians 1:13-4,18 – *“For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins . . . He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.”*

Conclusion

- 1) If you think you have a relationship with the King without the religion, rituals and hierarchies commanded by the King then you have no relationship with Him. Your only relationship is with the Prince of Darkness. Matt 7:21-23; 16:18-19
Luke 6:46; John 14:15,21
Acts 2:42; 1Tim 3:14-15
Heb 10:24-25; 1John 2:3-4
- 2) But, what a blessing it is to be in His church, His spiritual body on earth. Ps 84:1-4; Acts 2:42-47; 1Cor 12:12-27
Eph 2:19-22; 4:11-16; Heb 12:22-24
 - a) Here we are washed, fed, corrected and encouraged by the King’s Word.
 - b) So, let us come to His Table and rejoice.
 - c) Because what is before us is of far greater wealth than a pile of treasure or pearls.