



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

August 18, 2019

For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

— 2 Corinthians 4.5

WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO COMFOUNDS HUMAN WISDOM

Liturgist: Rev. Nate Taylor

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Chris Polski

Scripture Reader: Ellie Perry

Quotes and Reflections

“Knowledge leads us from the simple to the complex; wisdom leads us from the complex to the simple.” — Anon.

“To search for wisdom apart from Christ means not simply foolhardiness, but utter insanity.” — John Calvin

“The next best thing to being wise is to live in a circle of those who are.”
— C.S. Lewis

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

Reflect quietly and prayerfully on these words as we prepare to enter into worship.

Since the title of today's message is "Dialogue and Debate" I thought it might be appropriate to reflect on how believers in Christ are called to do these things with one another. In doing this, I found this section entitled "On Edifying Theological Disagreement" from a recent document presented to our presbytery to be commendable.

"In 2 Tim. 2:23-35 Paul instructs Timothy, a church leader, first, to avoid 'foolish and ignorant disputes'—why?—because they only generate quarrels (v. 23). As for those disputes that are not 'foolish and ignorant' he must engage them not in a quarrelsome or argumentative manner (v. 24a), but in a manner that is (i) tender and gentle (vs. severe, abrupt or harsh); (ii) possessing the necessary knowledge of both the topic and the recipient and the skill to instruct (vs. being culturally and pastorally uninformed, out of touch, relying upon hearsay, etc.); and (iii) graciously patient, absent of annoyance, resentment or irritation (v. 24b). To his opponents, he must (i) offer positive guidance, like a good coach (vs. merely offering negative critique), doing so (ii) with humble gentleness (vs. condescension, superiority, bluntness, or insensitivity). It is this positive guidance, gently given, that can be the means by which two beautiful things can happen: (i) God could enable one's opponents to turn and walk anew in God's life-giving ways, resulting in a "knowledge of the truth" and (ii) these opponents would "sober up" and escape the snares of deception, by which the Father of lies has held them captive, to do his will (v. 26). Clearly, then, in theological disagreements 'spiritual warfare' is a significant dimension, and opponents, to the extent that they are in error, are to be regarded as prisoners, captive to the Enemy's will, and thus need to be corrected with great concern and compassion."

May we be the type of believers that are able to stand firm in the truth of scripture AND in the spirit of kindness and gentleness to which we are exhorted in the very same!

Song of Preparation

Be Thou My Vision
Trinity Hymnal #460 (vv., 1, 2, 5)

***Call to Worship—Psalm 80 (selected)**

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

People: Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might and come to save us!

Leader: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

People: Then we shall not turn back from you; give us life, and we will call upon your name!

All: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts! Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

"We do not come to worship on our own, but are called to worship by our Creator." — Anon.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Song of Adoration

Lift High the Name of Jesus

Words and Music by Keith and Kristyn Getty, Fionan de Barra, and Ed Cash



1. Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our King. Make
 2. Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our Lord. His
 3. Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our Light. No



known the pow - er of His grace, The beau - ty of His peace. Re -
 pow'r in us is grea - ter than, is grea - ter than this world. To
 oth - er name on earth can save, can raise a soul to life. He



mem - ber how His mer - cy reached and we cried out to Him. He
 share the rea - son for our hope, to serve with love and grace, that
 o - pens up our eyes to see the har - vest He has grown. We



Refrain

lift - ed us to so - lid ground, to free - dom from our sin.
 all whosee Him shine through us might bring the Fath - er praise. } Oh
 la - bor in His fields of grace as He leads sin - ners home. }



sing my soul and tell all He's done till the earth and hea - vens are



filled with His glo - ry.



2. Lift - ry.
 3. Lift

***Song of Adoration**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Trinity Hymnal #53 (vv. 1, 2, 5)

***Prayer of Adoration**

"Only when we adore God as the greatest of all beings do we begin to rightly understand ourselves." — Anon.

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Hebrews 11:32-12:2

Recounting the faithfulness of God's people across the generations

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Reader: The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever!

People: Thanks be to God!

WE CONFESS OUR UTTER UNWORTHINESS BEFORE GOD

Call to Confession—Isaiah 5:1-4, 7

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?...He looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Isaiah 6:6-7

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for taking our guilt away!

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: Now may the peace of Christ be with you all!

People: And also with you!

*Song of Pardon

Thy Mercy My God Is the Theme of My Song

Sandra McCracken

1. Thy mer - cy my God is the theme of my song the
out thy sweet mer - cy I could not live here;
mer - cy is more than a match for my heart which
fath - er of mer - cies thy good - ness I own and the

3 joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue thy free grace a - lone from the first
Sin would re - duce me to ut - ter des - pair; but through thy free good - ness my spir -
won - ders to feel its own hard - ness de - part; dis - solved by thy good - ness I fall
cov - e - nant love of thy cruc - i - fied son; all praise to the spi - rit whose whis -

6 — to the last hath won my af - fec - tions and bound my soul fast
its re - vive and he that first made me still keeps me a - live.
— to the ground and weep for the praise of the mer - cy I've found.
- per di - vine seals mer - cy and par - don and right - eous - ness

11 2. With mine. All praise to the spir - it whose whis - per di vine seals
3. Thy
4. Great

17 mer - cy and par don and right - eous - ness mine.

The Receiving of New Members

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

(Children ages 4yr to 2nd grade may be excused for Children's Church in the 1st/2nd grade classroom.)

"It is possible to give without loving, but it isn't possible to love without giving."
— Richard Braunstein

Sermon

"Dialogue and Debate"

John 7:1-39

Rev. Chris Polski

*Song of Response

Only A Holy God

Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, Dustin Smith, and Rich Thompson



1. Who else commands _____ all the hosts of heav - en?
 2. What oth - er beau - ty de - ,ands such prais - es?
 3. What oth - er glo - ry con - sumes like fi - re?
 4. Who else could res - cue me from my fail - ing?



3 Who else could make - ev - 'ry king bow down? Who else can whis - per and dark - ness
 What oth - er splen - dour out - shines the sun? What oth - er maj - es - ty rules with
 What oth - er pow - er can raise the dead? What oth - er name re - ,ains un - de -
 Who else would of - fer His on - ly Son? Who else in - vites me to call Him

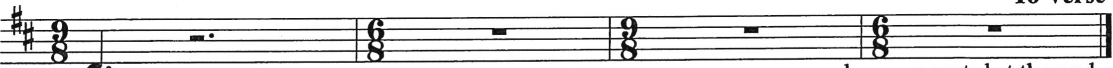


6 trem - bles On - ly a Ho - ly God. Come and be - hold Him, the One and the
 just - ice? On - ly a Ho - ly God.
 feat - ed/ On - ly a Ho - ly God.
 Fa - ther? On - ly a Ho - ly God.
 5. (On - ly my Ho - ly God)



13 On - ly. Cry out, sing Ho - ly, for - ev - er a Ho - ly God. Come and wor - ship the Ho - ly

To Verse



19 God.

chorus repeated at the end

*Benediction

"We lift our open hands to receive the benediction because it is God's good word of blessing to His needy people." — Anon.

These are just announcement highlights. If you'd like to know more about Trinity, connect with us in one of the following ways...

- 314/821-7311 • www.trinitychurchkirkwood.org • Facebook: Trinity Church Kirkwood

Worship and General Church Information

- **Sunday school is on summer hiatus.** We will resume on August 25th.
- **No Student Ministry** events this week.
- **Volunteers next week:** Nursery: Oehlerking, Highmark, Coulter, Younger. Ushers: A. Mitchell, Brumley, Boehne.
- **Nursery workers needed!** Please see Hallie Van Duren if you would like to serve our Trinity families in this way.
- **Men's Bible Study** this Friday at 6:30am. The men will continue their study of the Book of Revelation (but it isn't too late to join them).
- **Women's Bible Study** books and sign ups are on the hall table. The evening group meets twice a month at 7pm (beginning Aug. 27th) at Melissa Jorgensen's home. The morning group will meet weekly at 9am (beginning Aug.28th) at Trinity. Childcare is available for Wed. mornings.
- **Scripture Readers needed.** Please see sign up sheet on the hall table.
- **Parents:** We would greatly appreciate it if you would help us care for our instruments and sound equipment by **not allowing your children on the stage or to play with the instruments.**
- **Trinity Kid's Connect (membership class)** will take place on **Sept. 14th from 9-11:30am at Trinity.** If you have a child reading age through 5th grade, who is interested in becoming a communing member of Trinity, please contact Pastor Nate or Pastor Ben.
- Mark your Calendars for Trinity's annual **Party on the Lawn, Sat., September 28th** at 5pm. Bring your friends and family for a free food, live entertainment, games, and more!
- On **August 25th**, during the adult Sunday school class, we will **present our new church data base and source of future communications.** If you would like to access it or update your family's information, go to Church Center in the app store or <https://planning.center/church-center>.
- **Small Groups** will be kicking off in a few weeks. This is a great way to get plugged in and fellowship with others. **Sign-up lists are in the hallway.** Contact Pastor Nate with questions.

Visiting with us today?

We are glad you are here! We would love to reach out to you (not in a nagging way) this week. Please fill out a card in the seat pockets and place in the offering basket or hand to an usher or pastor, or text your name to: **314-384-2444**.

We are happy your little ones are here too. They are welcome throughout the worship service, but if you prefer we offer:

- Nursery care for children 6 weeks through pre-school age.
- Children's Church gathers in the 1st & 2nd gr. classroom (room 111) during the offering for ages 4yrs through 2nd grade (and stays there for the remainder of the service).
- The worship service is streamed to the Fireplace Room for nursing moms.

If you are not able to find seats in the sanctuary, overflow is set up in the Youth Room.

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Trinity's ministries are organized around the core values in our purpose statement which reads: Trinity Church exists to **exalt** God's name, **establish** God's people, **equip** God's church and **engage** God's world, in the power of the Holy Spirit and for the sake of the Risen King, Jesus Christ.

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