

I am the
resurrection
& the life

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The Sixth Sunday of Easter

WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

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. — Hebrews 11

WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO GIVES US LIFE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements


Song of Preparation

O Great God

Words and Music by Bob Kauflin

$\text{♩} = 72$ **INTRO**


$\text{B}\flat$ F Gm^7 $\text{F}/\text{E}\flat$ $\text{B}\flat/\text{D}$ $\text{B}\flat$ $\text{E}\flat$ F^{sus} F



1. O great


VERSE 1 & 2

6 $\text{B}\flat$ $\text{E}\flat/\text{F}$ $\text{B}\flat$ Cm $\text{B}\flat/\text{D}$ $\text{E}\flat$ $\text{B}\flat$ $\text{E}\flat/\text{F}$




God of high - est heav'n, oc - cu - py my low - ly heart. Own it all and reign su -
(2.) blind - ed by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice, did not know Your love with-

11 $\text{B}\flat$ Cm F^{sus} F $\text{B}\flat$ F Gm $\text{F}/\text{E}\flat$ $\text{B}\flat$ F



-preme, con - quer ev - 'ry re - bel pow'r. Let no vice or sin re - main that re -
-in, had no taste for heav - en's joys. Then Your Spir - it gave me life, o - pened

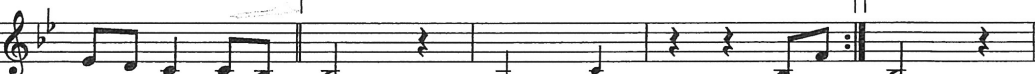
16 Gm^7 $\text{E}\flat$ F^{sus} F $\text{E}\flat^2/\text{G}$ F/A $\text{B}\flat$ $\text{B}\flat/\text{D}$



-sists Your ho - ly war. You have loved and pur - chased me, make me
up Your word to me through the gos - pel of Your Son, gave me

20 $\text{E}\flat$ F^{sus} F

1. INSTRUMENTAL 1 $\text{B}\flat$ F Gm^7 Cm F^{sus} F $\text{E}\flat/\text{F}$



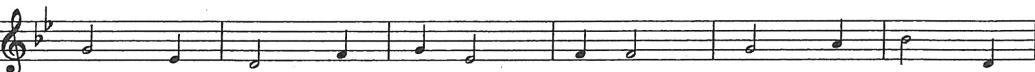
2. $\text{B}\flat$ F

Yours for - ev - er more. 2. I was peace.

end - less hope — and

INSTRUMENTAL 2

25 Gm^7 $\text{F}/\text{E}\flat$ $\text{B}\flat/\text{D}$ F Gm^7 $\text{E}\flat$ F^{sus} F $\text{E}\flat^2/\text{G}$ F/A $\text{B}\flat$ $\text{B}\flat/\text{D}$



VERSE 3

31 E \flat F^{sus} F G^{sus} G G^{sus} C F⁶ C Dm C/E



3. Help me now to live a life that's de - pen - dent on Your

36 F C/G F⁶ C/E Dm G^{sus} G C G



grace. Keep my heart and guard my soul from the e - vils that I face. You are

41 Am G/F C G Am⁷ F G^{sus} G F²/A G/B



wor - thy to be praised with my ev - ry thought and deed. O great God of high - est

46 C C/E F G^{sus} G



heav'n, glo - ri - fy Your Name through me. You are me.

1. C G

2. C G

***Call to Worship—Psalm 66 (selected)**

Leader: Shout for joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious. Say to God...

People: "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.

Leader: All the earth bows down to you;

People: They sing praise to you, they sing the praises of your name."

Leader: Come and see what God has done, his awesome deeds for mankind!

All: Praise our God, all peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

You're Worthy of My Praise

Words and Music by David Ruis

$\text{♩} = 82$

VERSE

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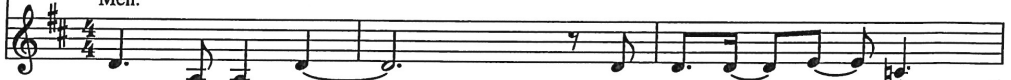
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Women:



1. I will wor - ship with
2. I will bow down and

Men:



1. I will wor - ship _____ with all of _____ my _____ heart. _____
2. I will bow down _____ and hail You _____ as _____ King. _____

4

G

G/D D Em/D D



all of _____ my _____ heart. I will praise You
hail You _____ as _____ King. I will serve You,



— I will praise You _____ with all of _____ my strength.
— I will serve You _____ give You ev - 'ry - thing.

8

Em⁷

A

D

C



all my strength. _____ I will seek You
ev - 'ry - thing. _____ I will lift up _____ my



I will seek You _____ all of _____ my _____ days. _____
I will lift up _____ my eyes to _____ Your _____ throne. _____

all of my days.
eyes to Your throne.

I will fol - low
I will trust You,

14 G/D D Em/D D Em⁷ A

I will fol - low
I will trust You, all Your ways.
You a - lone.

all of Your ways.
trust You a - lone.

CHORUS

17 All: D A/C# G Em⁷ A

I will give You all my wor - ship, I will give You all my praise.

21 D A/C# G

You a - lone I long to wor - ship, You a - lone are

24 Em⁷ A D

wor - thy of my praise.

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
Trinity Hymnal #77 (different tune)

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Acts 17:22-31

Paul bears witness to God among the philosophers in Athens

So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for

"In him we live and move and have our being";

as even some of your own poets have said,

"For we are indeed his offspring."

Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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

People: Amen!

WE CONFESS OUR UTTER UNWORTHINESS BEFORE GOD

Call to Confession—1 Peter 3:13-17

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for bringing us to God by grace!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

How Great Is Our God

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, and Ed Cash

G **Em7**



1. The splen - dor of the King, 7 clothed in maj - es - ty;
(2. And) age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;

4 **C2**



— Let all the earth re - jice, all the earth re - jice. He wraps —
— Be - gin - ning and the End, Be - gin - ning and the End. The God -

7 **G** **Em7**



— Him - self in light, and dark - ness tries to hide, —
— head, three in one, 7 Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son, —

10 **C2**



— and trem - bles at His voice, and trem - bles at His voice. How great —
— the Li - on and the Lamb, the Li - on and the Lamb. How great —

13 **G** **Em7**



— is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God! —

Last time to Coda

16 **Cmaj7** **D** **G2**



— And all will see how great, how great is our God! — 2. And

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music (Ensemble)

Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)

John Wilbur Chapman, Mark Hall, Michael Bleecker

Sermon

"Written, That You May Believe"

John 20:30-31, 21:25

Rev. Chris Polski

***Song of Response**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Trinity Hymnal #295

***Benediction**

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Worship and General Church Information

Please look for communication mid-week about ongoing activities at church. We will let you know if there is a change to any of the activities below.

- **Adult Sunday school class:** Spiritual Formation in an Anxious Age — With the presence of a pandemic, grim economic news, stir-crazy isolation, and the quest for new routines, it can be easy to simply try to get by. The temptation is to press pause on our spirituality as many other aspects of life stand still. What if, instead, we took some time to ask ourselves, "Who am I becoming?" We're all scrambling to find practices that will sustain us through tough times, but what if we thought this way about all of life? We'll be asking what it means to cultivate the habits of love and disciplines of grace as we seek to be conformed to the image of Christ, even in the midst of a very anxious time. **Pastor Nate will be recording the lessons and distributing them via email and social media.**
- **Men's Bible Study this Friday** at 6:30am. The men are studying the Book of Judges.
- **Ladies**, join us for *Steadfast*, a devotional bible study on the Book of James on Wednesdays at 9am and 7:30pm. Check your email for Zoom links.
- **Ladies, our first Tuesday Twilight Togetherness** is this Tues., May 19th at 7pm at Schroeder Park in Manchester. We will be sure to practice safe social distancing while enjoying each other's company. **Check your emails for more details!**
- Did you know you can use the **Church Center app** for online giving, to sign up for events, connect with your small groups, bible studies, etc? Contact the church office for assistance.
- If you do not receive our **weekly email updates** on Tuesday mornings, please send your email address to amymitchell@trinitystlouis.org.
- If you would like one of our **pastors stop by for a front porch visit** or to give you a phone call, please email info@trinitystlouis.org
- **Sign up for the Diaconal Care group** by going to Church Center, click the tab that says "Groups" then scroll till you find "Service," click that tab and search for diaconal care group.
- Now more than ever, it is important we stay in touch. **Please help us to keep our online directory up to date.** Pass along your contact info and picture to Amy Mitchell.