



TRINITY CHURCH

KIRKWOOD

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

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WORSHIPING THE LORD WHO GIVES GOOD GIFTS TO HIS CHILDREN

Liturgist: Rev. Ben Tharp

Scripture Reader: Glynn Schlitt and Jessica Schaffer

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Fielding Poe

Quotes and Reflections

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. — Hebrews 11:4–6

“‘Wait on the Lord’ is a constant refrain in the Psalms, and it is a necessary word, for God often keeps us waiting. He is not in such a hurry as we are, and it is not his way to give more light on the future than we need for action in the present, or to guide us more than one step at a time. When in doubt, do nothing, but continue to wait on God. When action is needed, light will come.” — J.I. Packer

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

“The only difference between nature and grace is this, that what the trees and the flowers do unconsciously, as they drink in the blessing of the light, is to be with us a voluntary and a loving acceptance. Faith, simple faith in God’s word and love, is to be the opening of the eyes, the opening of the heart, to receive and enjoy the unspeakable glory of His grace. And just as the trees, day by day, and month by month, stand and grow into beauty and fruitfulness, just welcoming whatever sunshine the sun may give, so it is the very highest exercise of our Christian life just to abide in the light of God, and let it, and let Him, fill us with the life and the brightness it brings.” — Andrew Murray

“In worship God gathers His people to himself as the center: The LORD Reigns. Worship is meeting God at the center so that our lives are centered in God and not lived eccentrically. We worship so that we live in response to and from this center, the living God. Failure to worship consigns us to a life of spasms and jerks, at the mercy of every advertisement, every seduction, every siren. Without worship we live manipulated and manipulating lives. We move either in frightened panic or deluded lethargy as we are, in turn, alarmed by specters and soothed by placebos. If there is no center, there is no circumference. People who do not worship are swept into a vast restlessness, epidemic in the world, with no steady direction and no sustaining purpose.” — Eugene Peterson

Song of Preparation (Please join upon direction)

He's Always Been Faithful/Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Sara Groves/Trinity Hymnal #32

***Call to Worship—Psalm 147:1-5**

Leader: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

People: The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

Leader: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

People: He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

All: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

***Songs of Adoration**

All Creatures of Our God and King

Trinity Hymnal #115 (vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)

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;

C2

4
— Let all the earth re - joice, all the earth re - joice. He wraps
— Be - gin - ning and the End, Be - gin - ning and the End. The God -

G **Em7**

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

C2

10
— 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

G **Em7**

13
— is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!

Last time to Coda

Cmaj7 **D** **G2**

16
— And all will see how great, how great is our God! 2. And

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Ephesians 1:3-14

Spiritual Blessings Emanate from Union with Christ!

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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—John 1:9-11

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—John 1:12-13

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Leader: Church of Christ, give thanks to God for making us His beloved sons and daughters!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

Song of Rejoicing

Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me

Words and Music by Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, and Michael Farren



What gift of grace is Je sus my Re - deem - er There is no
The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en. for by my
No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en, the fu - ture
With ev - 'ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for he has



more for heav - en now to give. He is my joy. my right - cous - ness and
side the Sav - ior, he will stay. I la - bor on in weak - ness and re -
sure, the price, it has been paid. For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my
said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know he will re -



free - dom, my stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less peace. To this I
joic - ing, for in my need, His pow - er is dis - played. To this I
par - don, and he was raised to o - ver - throw the grave. To this I
new me un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne. To this I



hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. For my life is whol - ly bound to
hold: my Shep - herd will de - fe - nd me, Through the deep - est val - ly he will
hold: my sin has been de - feat - ted. Je - sus now, and ev - er, is my
hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. All the glo - ry ev - er - more to



his. Oh how strange and di - vine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not
lead. Oh the night has been won and I shall o - ver - come! Yet not
plea. Oh the chains are re - leased, I can sing: I am free! Yet not
him. When the race is com - plete, still my lips shall re - peat: Yet not



I, but through Christ in me.
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WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Children may be dismissed for Children's Church (8:45 service only)

Offertory Song (Ensemble)

Your Labor Is Not In Vain

Wendell Kimbrough, Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell, Aaron Keys. Transcribed by Owen Stroud

Sermon

"Genealogies and You"

Genesis 4:17-5:32

Rev. Nate Taylor

***Song of Response**

My Hope Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Trinity Hymnal #521

***Benediction**

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

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.

- **Small Groups** are a great way to get connected. For more information pick up a flyer at the Welcome Center.
- **The Tuesday Women's Study will meet this Tuesday** at 7pm, either in-person at Trinity or via Zoom. This week we will finish the last chapter of Generous Justice by Tim Keller.
- **The Wed. Women's Bible studies meet weekly.** We are studying 2 Samuel this semester. We will meet in a hybrid format at 9am or via Zoom only at 7pm.
- **Men's Night this Wed.** at 8pm at Chris Freeman's.
- **Men's Bible resumes this Friday at 6:30am.** You may join in person or via Zoom. Look for the link in your email this week. This semester the men will be studying the Book of Acts.
- 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.
- There are **several easy ways to serve at Trinity**. Feel free to reach out to these ministry coordinators if you would like to get involved: **Ushers:** Josh Hendricks (coachjph@msn.com), **Children's Church:** Melissa Kocher (medcalf.melissa@gmail.com), **Greeters:** Elisa Tharp (elisa.f.tharp@gmail.com), **Nursery:** Sarah Oehlerking, Deborah Moen, Alyssa Hall, and Ruth Harlow (nursery@trinitystlouis.org), **Sunday coffee:** Amy Mitchell (amymitchell@trinitystlouis.org).
- We are moving our on-line directory to the Church Center app. **Each member or regular attender needs to log in to Church Center and go to the directory link and click "share now"** to chose what contact information you would like to be included.

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.