



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

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WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO BLESSES US WITH MARRIAGE

Liturgist: Rev. Aaron Goldstein

Scripture Reader: Mickie Schmidt

Pastoral Prayer: Bill Elzinga, Ruling Elder

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflections

“But the best things come about when people change. Like jeggings. Imagine if jeans just wanted to stay jeans, or leggings wanted to remain leggings. Or it’s like dresses with hidden pockets. Something wonderful can come about when you are willing to lay down yourself for the sake of someone else.”

— A pastor, somewhere

“A man shall leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This is a profound mystery, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.” — Paul, Ephesians 5:31-32

“Those who take lightly promises they make to those they love are people who find little lasting satisfaction in life.” — Sazed, *The Well of Ascension*

“Marriage is a creation ordinance. One need not be a Christian in order to receive the common grace of the institution. While all men and women may marry, the Christian is called to marry only 'in the Lord.' Scripture is clear in its prohibition against Christians marrying non-Christians.”

— RC Sproul, *Essential Truths of the Christian Faith*

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

I know the idea of becoming one with someone else is scary. Actually, I think it's becoming increasingly impossible in today's world. We have been sold on the idea that if someone is going to love you, they will love you for who you are. And you think that people must learn to accept you for you. You don't have to change for anyone! We have come to believe that for you to change for someone else is to lose who you truly are. I think this to be nothing but a modern form of Gnosticism, which was an ancient religion which believed that the real you is inside and that is who you have to find—that inner light. Everything (or everyone) on the outside is preventing you from discovering that inner light and therefore is opposed to you. They are the “enemy” trying to change me. Of course, this will make marriage (becoming one) impossible.

You'll find this in various modern religions, like Christian Science, Buddhism, and Eastern Mysticism, but because of philosophers like Descartes and Rousseau, you'll also find it in Western society. Tim Keller, in his little book, *On Marriage*, points out that this is what we are being fed at every turn. Children are growing up on a steady diet of this.

In *Moana*, right before she goes on this journey of self-discovery, where she leaves mother and father and cleaves to herself, they sing “Where you are.” Everyone begins by singing that you are shaped and discover who you are within community and relationships. But what does the grandmother say? She signs, “You are your father's daughter, stubbornness and pride, mind what he says but remember, you may hear a voice inside, and if the voice starts to whisper, to follow the farthest star, Moana that voice inside is who you are.” In other words, you must be true to yourself, the real you, that is inside. Don't let the outside world change you, or shape you, you do you, mind over matter, be authentic (display the inside outwardly). This is known as expressive individualism.

This week, read Ephesians 5:22-33. Consider how expressive individualism has become the air you breathe. Ask the Lord to remind you how he is changing you and shaping you within the Gospel community he has provided for you. Ask him to show you, if you're married, how your spouse is sanctifying you and how you are sanctifying your spouse. In order to become one flesh you both must change. Ask him to show you how.

Song of Preparation

Be Thou My Vision

Trinity Hymnal #642

***Call to Worship—Psalm 138 (selected)**

Leader: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;

People: I bow down toward your holy temple;

Leader: And give thanks to your name.

Peopler: For your steadfast love and your faithfulness,

All: Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

***Songs of Adoration**

To God Be the Glory

Trinity Hymnal #55

Shout to the North

Words and Music by Martin Smith

♩ = 62

G D C

1. Men of faith, rise up and sing of the
 (2. Rise up,) wo - men of the truth, stand and
 (3. Rise up,) church with bro - ken wings, fill this

3 G D C G D

great and glo - rious King. You are strong when you feel
 sing to bro - ken hearts who can know the heal - ing
 place with songs a - gain of our God who reigns on

6 C G D C

weak, in your bro - ken - ness com - plete. _____
 pow'r of our awe - some King of love. _____
 high. By His grace a - gain we'll fly. _____

10 G C D G C D Em

Shout to the north and the south; sing to the east and the west. Je - sus is

15 C D C D G

Last time to Coda

Sav - ior to all, Lord of heav - en and earth. 2. Rise up,
 3. Rise up,

⊕ Coda
 29 C D G C D

Lord of heav - en and earth, Lord of heav - en and

32 G C D G

earth, Lord of heav - en and earth. _____

*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading—Hosea 1:2-10

Hosea's Wife and Children

When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, "Go, take to yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord." So he went and took Gomer, the daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

And the Lord said to him, "Call his name Jezreel, for in just a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. And on that day I will break the bow of Israel in the Valley of Jezreel."

She conceived again and bore a daughter. And the Lord said to him, "Call her name No Mercy, for I will no more have mercy on the house of Israel, to forgive them at all. But I will have mercy on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God. I will not save them by bow or by sword or by war or by horses or by horsemen."

When she had weaned No Mercy, she conceived and bore a son. And the Lord said, "Call his name Not My People, for you are not my people, and I am not your God."

Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured or numbered. And in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living 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—Colossians 2:6-7

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Silent Confession and Lament

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Col. 2:11-13

In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God for the forgiveness of all our sins.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

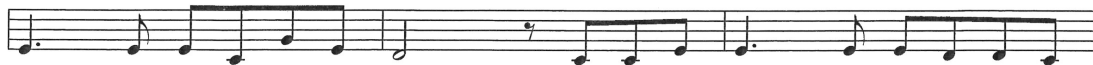
*Song of Rejoicing

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 - eous - 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
joy - 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 ages 4yr to 2nd grade may be excused for Children's Church)

Sermon

"Marriage: A Reflection of God"

Part of a Series on The Foundations of the Christian Faith

Genesis 2:18-25

Rev. Pablo Rosales

*Song of Response

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Words and Music by Stuart Townend

♩ = 54

D Em D/F# G D/F# D/A A

1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all meas - ure That
 2. Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders. A -
 3. I will not boast in an - y - thing: no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But

3 D Em D/F# G D/F# A D

He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His treas - ure. How
 shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers. It
 I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why

5 Em D/F# G D/F# Bm A

great the pain of sear - ing loss. The Fa - ther turns His face a - way As
 was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished; His
 should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer. But

7 D Em D/F# G D/F# A

wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo -
 dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin -
 this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran -

9 D G/B D/A D G2 D

ry.
 ished.

2. Be - som.
 3. I

*Benediction

UPCOMING EVENTS

The **adult Sunday school**, *The Essential Truths of the Christian Faith*, meets today. Children's SS will resume in August.

Nursery workers NEEDED! Volunteering in one of our two nursery rooms is such a great way to care for your church family. Please see Pastor Ben if you are interested.

Sr. High Movie Night: Friday, July 29th from 7-10pm at Trinity.

Elementary Students and Parents Family Night. Saturday, July 30th at 4:30pm. Sign up for George Night and get more details on Church Center.

No Men's Bible Study this week. The study will resume in Aug.

Trinity Ladies: Be sure to take home the summer schedule of fun events. If you haven't received one, they can be found on the Welcome Table. Join us for **Ladies Connect on Wed., July 27** at 7:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's. Mark your calendars for a **book discussion on Aug. 2nd** on *Gentle & Lowly*.

Thank you to all who donated to the Crates for Ukraine! Information about the second round of supplies going out is coming soon.

Ladies, mark your calendars for Wed., Aug. 24 at 6:30pm for a night of FUN (AKA: Trinity Women's Dip Off)! More info coming soon, but you won't want to miss this.

Chesterfield Presbyterian Church is hosting a **Grief Share Support Group** starting Aug. 22nd. It will run for 13 weeks from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. For more info and to register go to: GriefShare.org.

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 to get involved: **Ushers:** Paul Schaffer (PaulSchaffer1012@gmail.com), **Children's Church:** Melissa Kocher (medcalf.melissa@gmail.com), **Greeters:** Elisa Tharp (elisa.f.tharp@gmail.com), **Nursery:** Ben Tharp (ben.e.tharp@gmail.com).

Did you know you can use the **Church Center app** for online giving, church directory, to sign up for events, connect with your small groups, bible studies, etc? Contact the church office for assistance.

You can **sign up for all upcoming events** by scanning your phone camera over the QR code and then [following the link](#):



SUMMER DISCUSSION SERIES

Join us for the remaining two Wednesday night discussions on critically important contemporary issues in the Christian Church.

6:15-7:30pm (no childcare).

July 27: Continuing Responsibilities of Being Pro-Life with the overturn of Roe v. Wade

Aug. 10: Walking through the 12 Statements in the PCA Report on Human Sexuality

WELCOME

We are glad you could join us! We would love to connect with you and answer any questions you may have about Trinity. Scan below with your phone camera to leave us your contact information.



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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