

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

January 19, 2020 The Second Sunday of Epiphany

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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WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO KNOWS US

Liturgist: Rev. Aaron Goldstein Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Chris Freeman Scripture Reader: Beth Kling

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflections

For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. — Psalm 139:13-14

"As a Christian is never out of the reach of God's hand, so he is never out of the view of God's eye." — Thomas Brooks

"If one thing lies at the basis of all biblical teaching about God it is that God knows all things." — J. Gresham Machen

"God knows us altogether and cares for us in spite of that knowledge." — J. Charles Stern

WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

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

In spite of the lengthy delays in our construction project, one of the things I have enjoyed most about the process has been the opportunity to wander around in the midst of the construction from time to time.

It began with gazing out the window as Gary Strieder did the grading and excavation work to prepare the property for the expansion. While he worked it was fascinating to see the way he could shape a gentle slope to direct drainage. Then, once the that was done I was intrigued to see the footers and walls being poured to get a sense of how the foundation would support the structure. After this came the erection of the structure and all the re-engineering work on the support walls to ready the structure for the extra weight of the new roof. During this phase I watched with interest to see just how this all would be tied together. Now, as the various electrical and plumbing and HVAC vendors are finishing the final details, I have been curious to watch how all the piping and duct work has been woven together before being covered by drywall.

Because of this, I can say with confidence that I have an extraordinarily detailed knowledge of the new wing in our facility. I know where things are, how things fit together, where trouble spots might arise, how the light will strike a certain space in the late afternoon, how many round tables will fit in a certain area for dinner and so much more.

As I reflect on this, it strikes me that this is like how God knows us. The Psalmist begins one of his psalms with this very thought: "O Lord, you have searched me and known me!" (Ps. 139:1).

I for one am glad that from the moment of conception to the last breath I exhale, I am known like this, because the experiences I will encounter in this life require an expert counselor who knows me through and through. Let us now come and worship the God who knows us!

Song of Preparation

Be Thou My Vision

Trinity Hymnal #642 (vv. 1, 4, 5 Congregation stands on last vs. 5)

*Call to Worship—Psalm 99:1-5

- Leader: The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
- People: The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.
- Leader: Let them praise your great and awesome name!

People: Holy is he!

- Leader: The King in his might loves justice.
- People: You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
- Leader: Exalt the Lord our God; worship at his footstool!
- All: Holy is he!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD *Songs of Adoration Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy! Trinity Hymnal #100

"Praise is the best of all sacrifices and the true evidence of godliness." — John Calvin

I See the Lord

Words and Music by Chris Falson



*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD Old Testament Reading—Isaiah 49:1-7

The prophecy of the coming servant of the Lord Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God." And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant. to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to himfor I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you." The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of Reader: the Lord stands forever!

People: Amen!

WE CONFESS OUR UTTER UNWORTHINESS BEFORE GOD Call to Confession—James 1:1-4

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God?

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Psalm 40:1-3

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for His song-inspiring love!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

"Men may fall by sin, but cannot raise up themselves without the help of grace." — John Bunyan

*Song of Rejoicing

Forty (Psalm 40) Music by U2

I waited patiently for the Lord He inclined and heard my cry He brought me up out of the pit Out of the miry clay

I will sing, sing a new song (Men) I will sing, sing a new song (Women echo) I will sing, sing a new song (Men) I will sing, sing a new song (Women echo)

How long to sing this song? (Men) How long to sing this song? (Women echo) How long to sing this song? (Men) How long to sing this song? (Women echo)

How long, how long, how long? (Together) How long, to sing this song? (Together)

> He set my feet upon the rock And made my footsteps firm Many will see Many will see and fear

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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 in the1st/2nd grade classroom.)

Offertory Song (Ensemble)

All My Hope David Crowder and Ed Cash. Arr. by Dan Galbraith

Sermon "Hope for the Hated" John 15:17-16:4 Rev. Chris Polski

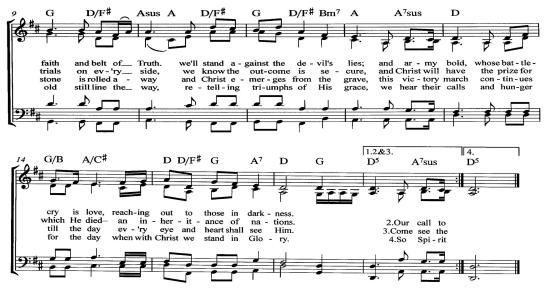
*Song of Response

O the Deep, Deep, Love of Jesus

Words by Samuel Trevor Francis. Music by Thomas J. Williams







"O for a heart to praise my God, a heart from sin set free, a heart that always feels thy blood so freely shed for me." — Charles Wesley

*Benediction

Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School Class

Join Pastor Polski for a SS series on the integrity of Holy Scripture. During this series we will examine the origins of the Bible, how it came together as one grand document and why we can believe that the Bible is exactly what it says it is, God's perfect and fully trustworthy word to mankind.

Children/Youth Sunday School

Classes	Teachers
Pre K & K	Jessica Doiron, Michelle Goldstein, Melissa Jorgensen, Melissa Kocher
1st & 2nd grade	Mimi Steele, Sue Freeman, Beth Kling, Janice Koch
3rd, 4th & 5th grade	Gary & Patty Peterson, Bill & Laurel Elzinga, Scott & Amy Mitchell
Jr. & Sr. High	Ben & Elisa Tharp

Jr. High & Sr. High Sunday School Testimony Series

In the month of January our students will have the opportunity to hear the testimonies of our brothers and sisters here at Trinity. By sharing their stories they will illustrate the work of God in their lives, even through seasons of trial and joy. Students are encouraged to attend and participate with questions and through conversation with our special guests each Sunday this month.

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 classes for all ages meet today.
- Volunteers next week: Nursery: Schlitt, Polski, Sinclair, Schmidt, Standerfer. SS: Behnke, Thomason, Van Duren. Ushers: Roberts, O'Neal, Lackey, Maglione.
- Men's Bible Study this Friday at 6:30am. This semester the men are studying the Book of Judges. This study meets on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Friday of each month.
- Women's Bible Study: The Tues. study will continue their look at the Psalms on Jan. 28th at 7pm at Melissa Jorgensen's home. The Wed. morning group meets weekly to study the Book of Galatians. It isn't too late to join either study!
- 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 if you need help setting it up.
- The **deadline to sign up for the UK mission trip is extended** to today. Please see Pastor Nate if you have any questions.
- Scripture Readers needed for Sunday mornings in January and February. Please see the sign up sheet in the hallway.
- If you do not receive our **weekly email updates** on Tuesday mornings, please send your email address to amymitchell@trinitystlouis.org.
- Volunteers needed to help in the Robinson Elementary Food Pantry. See Nate Taylor or your weekly emails to sign up.
- Does your family enjoy the Sunday snacks? If so, please consider signing up to bring a snack on a future Sunday. See Amy Mitchell or your weekly email.
- Save the Date: Trivia Night, Friday evening, Feb. 7th. See today's insert for more information!
- Calling all 4th-6th graders! It is time to sign up for Camp Strong. April 17-19th. Bring your friends. See today's insert for the details.

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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