

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

July 14, 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

WORSHIPPING THE GOD WHO BEARS WITNESS BY HIS WORD

Liturgist: Rev. Aaron Goldstein

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Michael Jorgensen

Scripture Reader: Kathy O'Neal

Quotes and Reflections

What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him? The word of God, which is contained in the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

— Westminster Shorter Catechism O&A #2

"Study the Bible to be wise; believe it to be safe; practice it to be holy."

— Anonymous

"It is a good thing to be a student of the Word, but only in order to be a practicer and experiencer of the Word." — D. Martyn Lloyd Jones

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

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

In today's passage, Jesus rebukes the Jewish religious leaders for reverencing God's word but rejecting him as Messiah. Jesus' rebuke could still stand today for some who claim faith but are more consumed with knowing the bible than they are in bowing to Jesus as Lord and Redeemer.

John Calvin, one of the magisterial reformers, rightly defines the purpose of scripture as that which leads us to salvation in this passage from his *Institutes of the Christian Religion*:

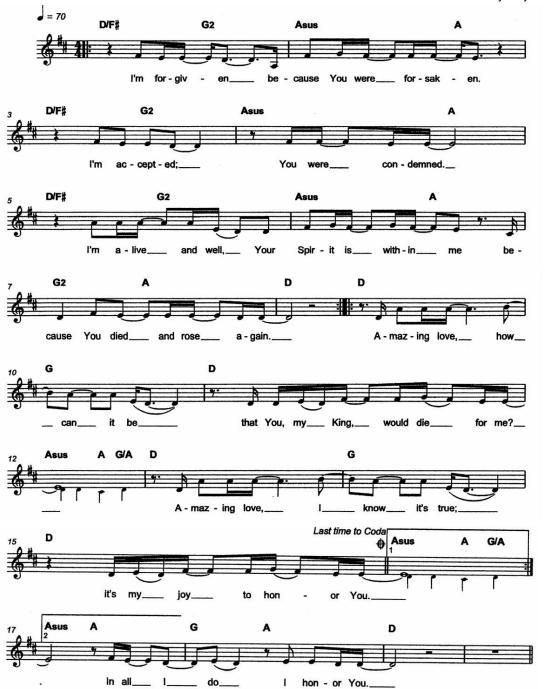
"So, since the radiance which meets our vision, both in the heavens and on the earth, makes man's ingratitude unforgivable, and because God has given us all the same opportunity of seeing his deity reflected in creation in order to bring the whole human race under the same condemnation, something different and better is needed to lead us to our Creator God. To this end he has added the light of his Word to make himself known in salvation, giving that privilege to the ones he sees fit to bring into closer and more intimate relationship with himself." (*The Institutes*: Book 2, Chapter 6)

As we come to worship today, let us worship through the Word unto the Redeemer Himself.

Song of Preparation

You Are My King

Words and Music by Billy Foote



*Call to Worship—Psalm 92 (selected)

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to

your name, O Most High;

People: To declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,

Leader: To the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody

of the lyre.

People: For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

All: For the Lord is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

[&]quot;Only God has the power and right to permit us into His presence to worship Him."
— Anon.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Song of Adoration Come, Behold The Wondrous Mystery Matt Pap, Matt Boswell, Michael Bleeker 1. Come 2. Come 3. Come 4. Come be be be hold hold hold hold the won - drous stery, stery, stery, stery, He Christ slain the the the my my my the the by won - drous won - drous won - drous dawn of Son the of the of King. Man. Ӊe the His the theme of hea vens His per Lord ving, of could In In But in u the pon God tree. life. stead ru e'er ined death grave re prai suf robed Ne ses, fering, frail in hu man ty. sin. In our ver the nor in He of See See What trace stain the sin ners, Him. hangs Praise lamb vic -is tor strain long true ing, and of dark our ness, dam Now come the bet ter dem li to the price our re de ption see How verence. un light save Fa Look Christ Bring Christ of the life hell has whọ come. to the Christ. con de ful man. fold! hope! bound great ma and sure thers plan ing un ny wer sons to ver our re sur 15 scen fill ded took on the flesh law; ran us. stand. told. to som ment of in Him love we glo rec ry ted grace mea will sured, be un un he we when comes.

*Song of Adoration

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Trinity Hymnal #457

*Prayer of Adoration

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading—Psalm 82

The Lord will bring justice to the earth

God has taken his place in the divine council;

in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

"How long will you judge unjustly

and show partiality to the wicked? Selah

Give justice to the weak and the fatherless;

maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.

Rescue the weak and the needy;

deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

I said, "You are gods,

sons of the Most High, all of you;

nevertheless, like men you shall die, and fall like any prince."

Arise, O God, judge the earth;

for you shall inherit all the nations!

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—Colossians 2:8-10

See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Col. 2:13-14

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, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for making us alive

in Him!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

The Lord is My Salvation

Words and Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Nathan Nockles, and Jonas Myrin





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 PrK/K classroom.)

Offertory Song (Ensemble)

Word of God Speak

Words and Music by Bart Millard and Pete Kipley

Sermon

"Reverencing the Scripture, but Rejecting the Savior"

John 5:30-47

Rev. Chris Polski

WE DECLARE OUR INTENT TO PURSUE GOD'S PURPOSES IN OUR LIVES BY HIS BLESSING

*Song of Response

My 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

- Sunday school is on summer hiatus. We will resume in August.
- **Student Ministry** (Jr. & Sr. High) **Summer Study: Today** at the Freeman's home from 12-2pm. Bring your lunch and swimsuit.
- **Volunteers next week:** Nursery: Johler, Wilhoit, Highmark, Wood, John. Ushers: A. Mitchell, Brumley, Boehne.
- Men's Night this Wed. at 8pm at Chris Freeman's.
- Prayer gathering this Friday at 7:30am.
- Ladies, join us this Thurs. evening for a little creativity and fun at Candle Fusion, followed by dinner. See your emails for more details or contact the church office.

 Save the date: Fri. evening, Aug. 16th and Sat. morning, Aug. 17th we will have two exciting events with guest speaker and author, Christina Fox!
- 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.
- The **Children's Church team is in need of another volunteer** on the 2nd Sunday of the month. If you are able to help, please see Graham Behnke.

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 return to one of the ushers or pastors, 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).

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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