

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 SPEAKS UNIQUELY

Liturgist: Rev. Aaron Goldstein Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Tom Schmidt Scripture Reader: Beth Kling

Quotes and Reflections

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. — Colossians 1:15-20

"We should ask God to increase our hope when it is small, awaken it when it is dormant, confirm it when it is wavering, strengthen it when it is weak, and raise it up when it is overthrown."

— John Calvin

"Jesus, who unties such apparent extremes of character into such an integrated and balanced whole, demands an extreme response from every one of us. He forces our hand at every turn in the story. This man who throws open the gates of his kingdom to everyone, then warns the most devout insiders that their standing in the kingdom is in jeopardy without fruitfulness, is forever closing down our options...He is both the rest and the storm, both the victim and the wielder of the flaming sword, and you must accept him or reject him on the basis of both. Either you'll have to kill him, or you'll have to crown him...Please don't try to keep Jesus on the periphery of your life. He cannot remain there. Give yourself to him – center your entire life on him – and let his power reproduce his character in you." — Tim Keller

"At root, the rejection of Scripture as divine special revelation is often a side effect of the greater rejection of the particularity of Christ as God's ultimate self-revelation in the world." — Timothy Ward

Speak, I pray Thee, gentle Jesus! O, how passing sweet Thy words, Breathing o'er my troubled spirit Peace which never earth affords. All the world's distracting voices, All the tempting tones of ill, At Thy voice, so mild, melodious Are subdued, and all is still. — William Williams

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Song of Preparation

*Call to Worship—Psalm 71 (selected)

- Leader: In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame!
- People: Upon you I have leaned from before my birth; you are he who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.
- Leader: My mouth is filled with your praise, and with your glory all the day.
- All: My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day, for their number is past my knowledge.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

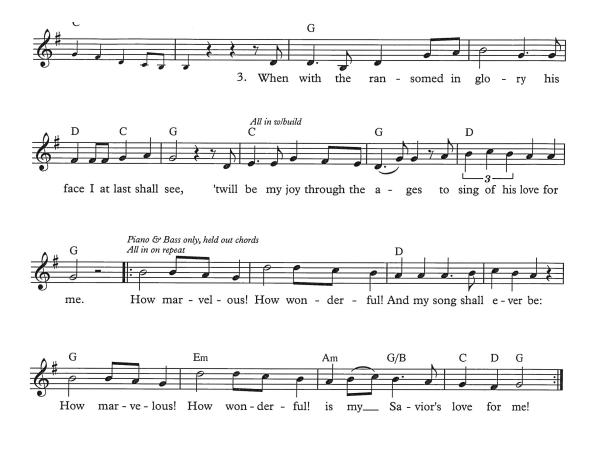
*Song of Adoration

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! Trinity Hymnal #296 (vv. 1, 3, 5, 6)

*Song of Adoration

I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)





*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD Old Testament Reading—Hebrews 12:18-29

God, who is a consuming fire, establishes a Kingdom that cannot be shaken

For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

- 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—Luke 14:27-33

"Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple."

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Ps 103:10-14 He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us

according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for His compassionate love!

People: Thanks be to God!

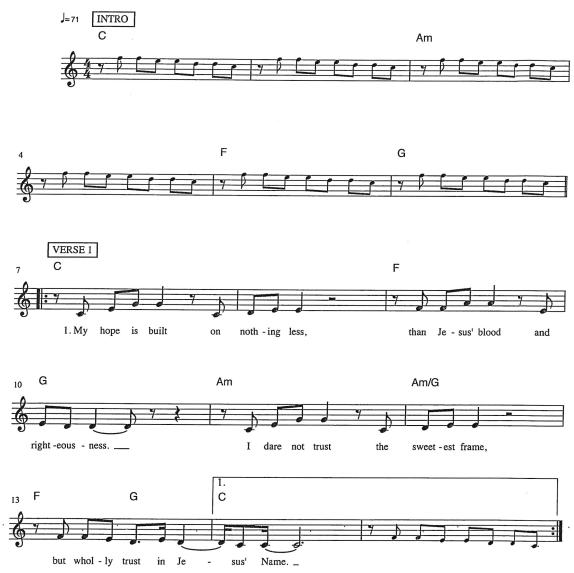
Leader: Now may the peace of Christ be with you all!

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

Cornerstone

Words by Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan, Eric Liljero, and Edward Mote. Music by Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan, Eric Liljero, and William Batchelder Bradbury





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.)

Sermon "No One Ever Spoke Like This Man" John 7:40-52 Rev. Nate Taylor

*Song of Response

Hail to The Lord's Anointed

Words by James Montgomery. Music by Sandra McCracken



*Benediction

Adult Sunday School Joint Sunday School Class — Sanctuary

Church Center Rollout: Join us as we walk through the new tool we will use for communications, nursery check-ins, optional online giving, event registraions, and more.

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

Small Groups

Taylor/Goldstein Small Group (Crestwood) - Meets on the 2nd & 4th Sunday at 5pm. Childcare is available. Contact: ntaylor.trinity@gmail.com

Oehlerking/Moen Small Group (Fenton) - Meets on the 2nd & 4th Sunday at 4:30pm. Childcare is available. Contact: phil42040@yahoo.com

Kling/Steele Small Group (Kirkwood) - Meets on the 1st & 3rd Monday at 6:30pm. Contact: bill.kling1225@gmail.com

Highmark/DeRosa Small Group (Creve Coeur) - Meets every other Wednesday at 7pm. Contact: dhighmark@aol.com

Elzinga/Jorgensen Small Group (Pacific) - Meets two Thursdays a month at 7pm. Contact: zinger500.be@gmail.com

Boehne Small Group (Des Peres) - Meets twice a month on Friday at 7pm. Contact: gregliz@swbell.net

Schmidt/Thomason Small Group (Kirkwood) - Meets on the 1st & 3rd Saturday at 6pm. Childcare is available. Contact: schmidt.thomasm@gmail.com

O'Neal Small Group (Des Peres) - Meets on the 1st & 3rd Saturday at 6:30pm. Contact: steve@onealdesign.com

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

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 for all ages meets today. The adults will meet in the sanctuary. Parents, please take a moment to take your child to their classrooms so you all can meet the teachers.
- Today during the adult Sunday school class, we will **present our new church data base and source of future communications**. If you would like to access it or update your family's information, go to Church Center in the app store or https:// planning.center/church-center.
- Volunteers next week: Nursery: Please check your email this week for the new schedule. Ushers: S. Mitchell, Roberts, Thomason, Standerfer.
- Ladies Connect, TOMORROW night at 7:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's home.
- Small Groups will be kicking off in a few weeks. This is a great way to get plugged in and fellowship with others. Sign-up lists are in the hallway. Contact Pastor Nate with questions. See previous page for a list of small groups.
- **Nursery workers needed!** Please see Hallie Van Duren if you would like to serve our Trinity families in this way.
- No Men's Bible Study or Prayer Gathering this week.
- Women's Bible Study books and sign ups are on the hall table. The evening group meets twice a month at 7pm (beginning THIS Tues., Aug. 27th) at Melissa Jorgensen's home. The morning group will meet weekly at 9am (beginning THIS Wed., Aug.28th) at Trinity. Childcare is available for Wed. mornings.
- 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.
- Trinity Kid's Connect (membership class) will take place on Sept. 14th from 9-11:30am at Trinity. If you have a child reading age through 5th grade, who is interested in becoming a communing member of Trinity, please contact Pastor Nate or Pastor Ben.
- Mark your Calendars for Trinity's annual **Party on the Lawn, Sat., September 28th** at 5pm. Bring your friends and family for a free food, live entertainment, games, and more!

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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