

#### 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. Sean Maney Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Steve O'Neal Scripture Reader: Ella Polski

## **Quotes and Reflections**

"When Christ died, He died for you individually just as much as if you'd been the only man in the world."

— C.S. Lewis

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine."

— Isaiah 43:1

## Prelude

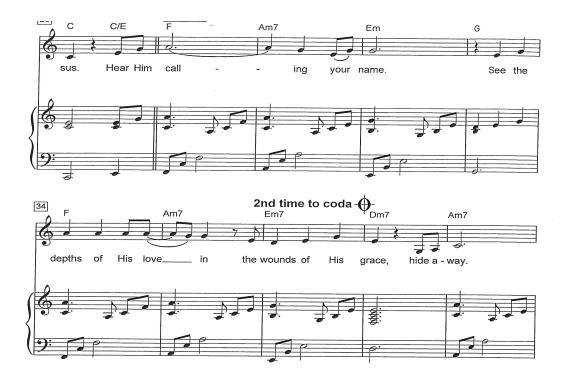
#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Song of Preparation

#### Hide Away In The Love Of Jesus

Words and Music by Steve and Vikki Cook





#### \*Call to Worship—Psalm 113:1-3

- Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!
- People: Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!
- Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- All: The name of the LORD is to be praised!

# WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD



## \*Song of Adoration

How Great Is Our God

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, and Ed Cash



\*Prayer of Adoration

# WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD Old Testament Reading—Isaiah 55:1-9

The Lord promises an everlasting covenant "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters: and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. "Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways

and my thoughts than your thoughts."

## New Testament Reading—Luke 16:1-13

#### The parable of the dishonest manager

He also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down guickly and write fifty.' Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

"One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

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—Romans 7:14-20

For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

#### Silent Confession and Lament

## WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Leader: People of God of God, give thanks for His freeing grace!

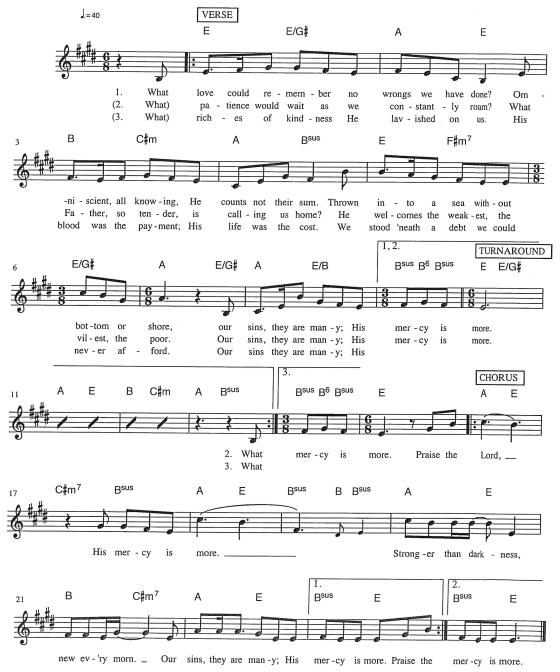
#### People: Thanks be to God!

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

#### People: And also with you!

#### **\*Song of Pardon** (please join when directed) His Mercy Is More

Words and Music by Matt Papa and Matt Boswell



# 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** "Who Is Jesus?" John 10:22-42 Rev. Aaron Goldstein

#### \*Song of Response

Isaiah 43



\*Benediction

#### Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School Class — Biblical Ethics of Technology (Sanctuary) Join us for a five week Sunday School series on the Biblical Ethics of Technology. We will take up a number of topics including communication styles, social media use, cell phone preoccupation, privacy issues and the urge that many feel to live their lives online, all in an effort to develop a more comprehensive understanding of how the Bible speaks to these issues that seem too modern for the ancient truths of God's word.

#### 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 Foundations

The Foundations class is designed for students to study the major framework of scripture, foundational books of the Bible, and key reformed theological principles. Join us this Fall as we study the framework of God's Word (creation, fall, redemption, and restoration) and how it relates to the world we live in today.

#### Sr. High Formations

The Formations class is designed for the spiritual formation of students as they become more like Christ. They will primarily study books of the Old & New Testament that focus on the Christian Life, as well as key theological doctrines and figures. Join us this Fall for our class going through the book of Acts as we learn about the importance of God's Church.

# 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.
- Volunteers next week: Nursery: Oehlerking, Wilhoit, Schaffer, Younger. SS: Harlow, Polski, Petty. Ushers: S. Mitchell, Younger, Thomason, Standerfer.
- **Small Groups** are kicking off this month. This is a great way to get plugged in and fellowship with others. Contact Pastor Nate with questions.
- NO Men's Bible Study this Friday.
- Men's Night this Wed. at 8pm at Chris Freeman's
- Women's Bible Study: The Tues. evening group meets twice a month at 7pm (next gathering is Sept. 24th) at Melissa Jorgensen's home. The morning group will meet weekly on Wednesdays at 9am at Trinity. Childcare is available for Wed. mornings.
- Trinity Students, Jr. & Sr. High small groups meet this Wed. from 7-8:30pm.
- Prayer Gathering this Friday at 7:45am in the fireplace room.
- Mom's Night this Friday at Erin Taylor's at 7:30pm. Please RSVP to Erin.
- All Church Work Day: Sat., Oct. 19th at 9am. See sign up sheets in the hall.
- Interested in serving our community? We're encouraging Trinity members to serve at the annual Hands on Kirkwood, Saturday, October 5th. Follow this link to learn more and sign-up: https://reg.planetreg.com/E814122128108345
- Men's Discipleship Groups are starting back up soon. Currently we have three groups, but would love to expand. If you're interested in being part of a small group of men who meet twice/month for the purpose of study, prayer, and sharing of life's struggles, then email Pastor Chris or Pastor Nate.
- Flannel Palooza meets Trunk or Treat-Sat., Oct. 26th at 4pm on the Trinity back parking lot. More info to come!
- All are invited to participate in our **next choral ensemble** that will sing during the service on Sun., Dec. 22nd. Rehearsal is Wed., Dec. 18th from 6-7:30pm.
- Save the Date for our **annual Christmas Concert**: Sun., Dec. 15th at 6:30pm.
- The churches in St. Louis have a **special opportunity to participate in a joint choir** for the Getty Christmas Concert on December 20th. For details about rehearsals and other information, please contact Katie Polski.
- **Scripture readers needed** for the months of October through December. Sign up in the hallway.

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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