

TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

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WELCOME

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WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO UNITES US TO ONE ANOTHER

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Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Chris Freeman

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflections

"Cursed be that unity for which the Word of God is put at stake."

— Martin Luther

And yet...

"We cannot expect the world to believe that the Father sent the Son, that Jesus' claims are true, and that Christianity is true, unless the world sees some reality of the oneness of true Christians." — Francis Schaeffer

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Abridged from an Article Entitled "Five Ways to Maintain Unity amid Disagreement" by Dan Doriani on TGC.com.

It seems that people today disagree more often and more sharply than ever. For millennia, most societies agreed on basic questions: What is virtue and goodness? What do people owe their family and society? What is the script for a leader, a man, a woman, a child? There were always disagreements, but now they've become more frequent and fundamental...Is there a better way to maintain a unified community amid disagreement? Here are five encouragements.

1. Listen actively, attentively, and empathetically.

James 1:19 (NIV) says, “Be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.” We should listen with the goal of stating the other person’s position in terms she’d consider accurate and fair...The goal of listening is to open a dialogue, not launch a critique. Don’t interrupt to say, “No, no, no!” Listen for the other person’s strongest points, not to refute her weakest ones.

2. Give grace and show love.

We’re to speak the truth in love and give grace to those who hear (Eph. 4:15, 29). If someone with whom you disagree misspeaks slightly or makes a minor mistake, we may ignore it. If he struggles to make his point, you can repeat back what you think he’s saying and ask, “Is that right?” This is one way to live by Proverbs 20:3: “It is an honor for a man to keep aloof from strife, but every fool will be quarreling.” It’s gracious to acknowledge that debated issues are complex and that your conversation partner makes valid points—or at least heartfelt and interesting points. If we think an idea is hopelessly misguided, we can at least say, “I agree this is an important issue.”

3. Keep the big picture in mind.

Gospel-driven churches gladly welcome unbelievers and Christians from every ecclesiastical tradition into their worship and Bible studies. If that’s true, how much more should we graciously engage people from every political and social tradition? Paul says, “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male or female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus” (Gal. 3:28). He saw how God’s justifying verdict transcended the sharpest divisions of his day. We must let our faith in Jesus count more than ethnicity, social views, and economic or educational status.

4. Find common ground.

We usually listen better to those with whom we agree on certain essentials. So, at the beginning of a dialogue, it’s helpful to find that common ground. Can we agree God is neither Republican nor Democrat? Can we agree the church ought to welcome people from across the political spectrum? Can we agree that the leading political parties both emphasize points that resonate with Scripture?

5. Use points of contact to build bridges wherever you can.

In Acts 17:22–28, Paul connected with pagans by agreeing with them that there was (for them) “an unknown god.” He cited, with some approval, pagan poets who proclaimed, “In him we live and move and have our being” and “We are indeed his offspring.” Paul models how we can, for the sake of discussion, make statements that are plausible to both parties even when those parties may define the terms differently.

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These five suggestions will help you to promote respectful dialogue amid disagreement. After all, no one wins a shouting match. If we hope to win secular people with the gospel, we must learn to listen and communicate with great skill. If we hope to have unity with fellow believers, we must learn to kindly dialogue with them as well. We may persuade them, and we may even be persuaded by them, but the goal is to be humble peacemakers who bring healing within the church and shine the gospel of peace brightly in the world.

Song of Preparation

Be Still My Soul
Trinity Hymnal #689

***Call to Worship—Psalm 98 (selected)**

Leader: Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

People: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

People: With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!

All: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Words by William Kethe. Additional Words & Music by Alen Glover

5 D Bm A D

1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell,
2. Know that the lord is God in deed;
3. O en - ter then his gates with joy,
4. Be - cause the Lord our God is good,
5. Praise God from whom all bles - sings flow;

8 D G Bm A

sing to the Lord with cheer - ful voice.
he formed us all wi - thout our aid.
wi - thin his courts his praise pro - claim.
his mer - cy is for - e - ver sure.
praise him, all crea - tures here be - low.

11 Bm G A Bm

Serve him with joy, his prai - ses tell,
We are the flock he comes to feed,
Let thank - ful songs your tongues em - ploy,
His faith - ful - ness at all times stood
Praise him a - bove ye hea - venly host;

14 D G A

come now be - fore him and re -
the sheep who by his hand were
O bless an mag - ni - fy his
and shall from age to age en -
praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

16 1. D 2. D CHORUS

joice! O let the
made,
name,
dure
Ghost. [FINE]

G A Bm G A D
earth re - jice, lift up your voice and

G A Bm A D
mag - ni - fy his ho - ly name. O let the

G A Bm G A D
earth re - jice, lift up your voice and

G A Bm A D
mag - ni - fy his ho - ly name.

***Songs of Adoration**

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Chorus

**Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name**

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

(Chorus)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

(Chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

(Chorus)

Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading—Isaiah 65:17-25

New Heavens and a New Earth

“For behold, I create new heavens
and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be remembered
or come into mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever
in that which I create;
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,
and her people to be a gladness.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and be glad in my people;
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping
and the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not fill out his days,
for the young man shall die a hundred years old,
and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord,
and their descendants with them.
Before they call I will answer;
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
and dust shall be the serpent's food.
They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain,”
says the Lord.

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—2 Thessalonians 3:13

As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

Silent Confession and Lament

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Isaiah 12:2

“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.”

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for saving us!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Pardon

We Will Say In That Day

Wendell Kimbrough

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of six staves of music. Chord markings are placed above the notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

1 F Bb F
You will see there a high - way from God's own hand that will
We will call back our ar - mies, "Re - turn from war!" And we'll
You will see there a ban - quet for sin - ners spread where we'll
When the rem - nant re - turn to the pro - mised land, when the

3 F G C F F7
lead back the lost to the pro - mised land, and the voice of the Sa - vior will
make in - to plow-shares our use - less swords, ve - ry soon to for - get what they
sit with the Lord at the ta - ble's head, and the Shep - herd Him - self is our
high - way of God brings us home to Him, we'll be wel - comed with love by our

6 Bb F C F
call us friends, say - ing, "Join in the song of the Lord!"
once were for, when we join in the song of the Lord.
wine and bread, and we'll join in the song of the Lord.
Sa - vior Friend and we'll join in the song of the Lord.

9 F Bb F
We will say in that day, "To the Lord, give _ thanks!" We will

12 C C7 F F7 Bb
not be a - fraid, for He comes to save. We will shout, we will call, "Ev - 'ry

15 F A7/Db Dm Bb F/C C F
tribe and race: Come and join in the song of the Lord!"

Children's Sermon

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

(Children's Church meets for 4yr to 2nd grade on the 1st & 3rd Sunday)

Offertory Song (please join when directed) *Oh How Good It Is*

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Ross Holmes, and Stuart Townend

The musical score is written for piano and three-part vocal harmony. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 8/8. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Oh, how good it is when the fam - 'ly of God dwells to -
2. Oh, how good it is on this jour - ney we share, to re -
3. Oh, how good it is to em - brace His com - mand to pre -

6 ge - ther in spi - rit, in faith and un - i - ty. Where the
joice with the hap - py and weep with those who mourn. For the
fer one a - no - ther, for - give as He for - gives. When we

10 bonds of peace, of ac - cep - tance and love are the
weak find strength, the af - flic - ted find grace, when we
live as one, we all share in the love of the

14 fruits of His pre - sence Here a - mong us.
of - fer the bles - sing of be - long - - - ing. } So
Son with the Fa - ther And the Spi - rit.

Refrain

18 G F C G

with one voice we'll sing to the Lord; and with one

23 F G C C/E

heart we'll live out His Word. Till the whole earth sees the Re-

28 F C F C/E F G

deemer has come For He dwells in the presence of his peo-

33 1. 2. 3. F C/E F G C

ple. Oh, how -ple. Oh, how

Sermon

"Unified"

Ephesians 4:1-6

A Series on the Epistle of Ephesians

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

*Song of Response

The Church's One Foundation

Words: Samuel Stone. Music: Brian Moss

♩. = 54

Lead

E A C#m 1. B_{sus} 2. B_{sus} E

1. The church's one foundation from every

E/G# A B_{sus} B E E/G#

da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord, she is His new creation by
na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth; her charter of salvation: one

A B_{sus} F#sus7 E/G# A B_{sus} B

wa - ter and the Word. From heav'n He came and sought her to be His ho - ly bride; With
Lord, one faith, one birth. One ho - ly name she bless - es, par-takes one ho - ly food, And

A/C# E/G# A B 1. E A C#m7 B_{sus}

His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died. 2. E -
to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en -

2. F#sus7 E/G# A B_{sus} F#sus7 E/G# A B_{sus} E5


duced. 3. Mid - toil and trib - u -

B/E E5 A

la - tion, and tumult of her war, she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er

B_{sus} F#sus7 E/G# A B_{sus} A/C#

more. Till with the vi - sion glo - ri - ous, her long - ing eyes are blest, And the great church vic -

2nd time bits:  resume rhythm

E/G# A B 1. E 2. E E/G# A B_{sus} E

tor - ous shall be the church at rest. Till rest.

*Benediction

Adult Sunday School

The Gospel of Matthew (Classroom one)

Ruling Elders Jim Talent and Fielding Poe

This class seeks to provide an in-depth study of the book of Matthew by addressing the text and various key doctrines that emerge from its study toward the goal of helping church members develop a deeper and firmer understanding of the fundamentals of the faith while also providing encouragement and instruction for those who may be interested in leading their own bible studies in the future. The ultimate goal is that all who take part will come away with a renewed appreciation for the King of Kings!

Perspectives on Parenting (Classroom two)

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

Parenting is one of the most difficult and yet, rewarding experiences in our lives. But how do we navigate the complexities we face at each different stage of the journey? Join Pastor Polski for this Sunday School class as he leads conversations on, and explores biblical teachings related to issues in parenting. Please note that this class isn't just for parents of young children, it's for anyone and everyone who ever has been, is now, or who hopes to be a parent someday since an intergenerational and multi-perspectival dialogue on parenting is essential to developing a context for wisdom and discernment in our calling as parents.

Adult Choir (Sanctuary)

Katie Polski, Director of Music Ministries

Do you enjoy singing? Join us for 8-9 weeks as we prepare songs for upcoming worship services. No experience necessary.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday school classes for all ages meet today.

Wed. night dinner: Register today for dinner at 5:30 on Wed. This week we will have a taco bar. Adult-\$8, Children-\$4. **Deadline to register is Tue. at 3pm.** Go to events in Church Center or email Amy Mitchell.

Jr. Students: meet on Wednesdays from 6-7:15pm.

Sr. High meets on Sundays from 6-7:30pm in the lower level youth area.

Men's Bible study meets Wed. at 6pm, continuing with a look at the Book of Acts. **Women,** on Tuesdays at 7pm twice a month we will meet to discuss Ecclesiastes at Melissa Jorgensen's home (11/29) or we meet weekly on Wednesdays at 9am or 6pm to study 1, 2, 3 John.

Volunteers today: Ushers: Oehlerking, Moen, Smith, Broughton. Nursry: Schmidt, Talent, M. Cheatham, Mitchell, Ridenhour. SS: Bava, Nichols. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Roberts, Maglione, Wong, O'Neal. Nursery: Poe, Doak, S. Goldstein, Younger, Hammond. SS: Broughton, Keating.

ACTION meets Wednesdays starting with dinner at 5:30pm followed by ministries for ALL ages. We have nursery, children's activities, singing, men's and women's bible study, and Jr. High. **This is our last ACTION for the semester.**

Men's Breakfast: THIS Sat., Nov. 19th at 8-9am. RSVP to Kyle Roberts or on Church Center.

Mom's Group next gathering is Mon., Nov. 21st. See Alyce Bava for details.

Christmas Craft Party: Sat., Dec. 3rd at 9am. Kids ages 4yrs to 5th grade will make gifts to take home, enjoy singing, a special Christmas story, and lunch. Space is limited. **Registration is open** on Church Cetner or our website. **Bring your friends!** We still **need volunteers and donations.** Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hall or on Church Center.

Trinity's annual **Christmas Concert** is Sun., Dec. 18th at 6:30pm (doors open at 6pm). This year's concert, *The Weary World Rejoices*, will begin with a prelude by W. Mark Akin, classical guitarist.

Christmas Eve Service at 5pm, **Christmas Morning Service** at 10:30am.

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), **Greeters:** James Broughton (jlbroughton12@gmail.com), **Nursery:** Alyce Bava (jimnalyce@yahoo.com). **Children's SS:** Michelle Goldstein or Melissa Kocker (medcalf.melissa@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:](#)



THANKSGIVING WEEK

Make plans to join us on Wed., Nov. 23rd at 5:30pm for a family friendly service of thanksgiving. We will worship in song, prayer, and with testimonies of God's goodness. It is a tradition to open the floor to anyone who would like to briefly share what they are thankful for and to bring a symbol or item related to their testimony. All ages are welcome to share!

Then come back on Sat., Nov. 26th at 9am to help us decorate the church for Advent and Christmas.

MISSION UPDATE

Coffee on Glenwood – This Friday, November 18th

Coffee of Glenwood began to show our neighbors, as they pass by our church on Friday mornings, that we are here. We understand that the weeks have been long and there are pressures at school and work. Maybe a smile, a cup of coffee, a croissant, and prayer, will encourage them before the weekend. We want them to know that Trinity Church exists to serve them and not ourselves.

This is not possible without you! There are 2 volunteers needed every month. Please sign-up on the Events page of our Church Center app. If you can't make it, please pray for our volunteers.

Robinson Elementary Food Pantry – November 21st

Robinson Elementary hosts a food pantry every month during the school year. They collect and distribute food and supplies to families in need. Trinity Church has partnered with them and assists in greeting, meeting, and providing necessary items to families. During COVID, when public schools were forced to close, Trinity Church hosted the pantry at our location. Since returning to the school, we have the privilege and opportunity to come alongside Robinson Elementary and serve our community.

There are 2 volunteers needed every month. This month is full, but there is no cap on prayer. Pray for our volunteers and consider signing-up on the Events page of our Church Center app.

Ministering to the Sexually Broken

FirstLight has been a beacon of hope and healing in St. Louis for the last 15 years. They have helped hundreds of men and women find comfort and healing in Jesus as they seek to live out their convictions regarding healthy, biblical sexuality.

Through providing support groups, teaching, and developing resources aimed at helping the church disciple people in the area of sexuality, FirstLight continues to be a voice in the conversation about what it looks like to live faithfully for Jesus in the midst of a sexually broken world.

Please visit with the FirstLight representative in the narthex following the service if you know someone who has been affected by sexual brokenness and would like more information.

If you want to confidentially talk more about this, consider contacting the pastors via email, text, or through the confidential prayer request section that only they receive, by scanning the QR code:



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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