

# TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

*2 CORINTHIANS 4:5*

January 15, 2023

# WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO IS OUR FATHER

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**Scripture Reader:** Glynn Schlitt

**Pastoral Prayer:** Jim Talent, Ruling Elder

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

— John 13:34-35

“Jesus is a teacher who doesn’t just inform our intellect but forms our very loves. He isn’t content to simply deposit new ideas into your mind; he is after nothing less than your wants, your loves, your longings.”

— James K.A. Smith, *You Are What You Love: The Spiritual Power of Habit*

## Devotional Preparation

"The Love of Christ is Rich and Free" by Sandra McCracken

The love of Christ is rich and free  
Fixed on His own eternally  
Nor earth nor hell can it remove  
Long as He lives His own He'll love

His loving heart engaged to be  
Their everlasting surety  
'Twas love that took their cause in hand  
And love maintains it to the end

Love cannot from its post withdraw  
Nor death nor hell nor sin nor law  
Can turn the surety's heart away  
He'll love His own to endless day

Love has redeemed His sheep with blood  
And love will bring them safe to God  
Love calls them all from death to life  
And love will finish all their strife

Love cannot from its post withdraw  
Nor death nor hell nor sin nor law  
Can turn the surety's heart away  
He'll love His own to endless day

At death beyond the grave He'll love  
In endless bliss His own shall prove  
The blazing glory of that love  
Which never could from them remove  
Which never could from them remove

# Song of Preparation

Psalm 40

Based on Psalm 40 | 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

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)

## Call to Worship—Psalm 145:1-5

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

**People: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.**

Leader: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

**People: One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.**

**All: On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.**

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

**\*Songs of Adoration**

*All Creatures of Our God and King*  
Trinity Hymnal #115

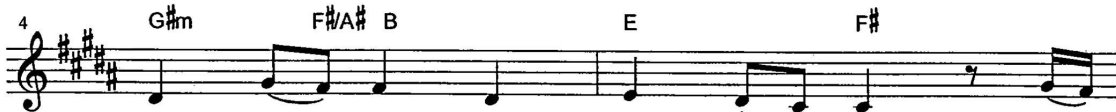
# O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Words by George Matheson. Music by Christopher Miner

Real Key



1. O Love that will not let me go, I  
 2. O Light that foll - ow'st all my way, I  
 3. O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I  
 4. O Cross that lift - est up my head, I



rest my wear - y soul in thee; I  
 yield my flick' - ring torch to thee; My  
 can - not close my heart to thee; I  
 dare not ask to fly from thee; I



give thee back the li - fe I owe, That  
 heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, That  
 trace the rain - bow through the rain, And  
 lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, And



in thine o - cean depths its flow May  
 in thy sun - shine's blaze its day May  
 feel the prom - ise is not vain, That  
 from the ground there bless - oms red Life



ri - cher, full er be.  
 brigh - ter, fair - er be.  
 morn shall tear - less be.  
 that shall end - less be.

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

# WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

## New Testament Reading—John 1:29-42

*Behold, the Lamb of God*

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

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—Psalm 40:4**

Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!

## **Silent Confession and Lament**

# WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

## **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Ps. 40:1-2**

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.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for hearing and answering our cries.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

**People: And also with you!**



# \*Song of Rejoicing

# Christ is Mine Forevermore

Jonny Robinson and Rich Thompson

$\text{♩} = 72$      $B\flat$      $B\flat(\text{sus}4)$      $B\flat$      $B\flat$      $F$     Lyrics on repeat

Guitar melody Mine are

## Verse

5     $B\flat$      $B\flat(\text{sus}4)$      $B\flat$      $Gm$      $F$      $B\flat$

days that God has num-bered I was made to walk with Him Yet I  
tears in times of sor-row dark-ness not yet un-der stood Through the  
days here as a stran-ger pil-grim on a nar-row way One with

9     $B\flat$      $B\flat(\text{sus}4)$      $B\flat$      $Gm$      $F$      $B\flat$      $B\flat/D$

look for worl-dly treas-ure and for-sake the King of kings But mine is  
val-ley I must tra-vel Where I see no earth-ly good But mine is  
Christ I will en-coun-ter harm and hat-red for His name But mine is

## Refrain

13     $E\flat$      $B\flat$      $F$      $B\flat$      $B\flat/D$

hope in my Re-deem-er though I fall His love is sure For Christ has  
peace that flows from hea-ven And the strength in times of need I know my  
ar-mour for this batt-le Strong e-nough to last the war And He has

17     $E\flat$      $B\flat$      $F$      $\begin{matrix} 1,2. \\ B\flat \end{matrix}$      $\begin{matrix} 3. \\ B\flat \end{matrix}$      $B\flat/D$

paid for ev'-ry fail-ing I am His for-ev-er more shore And mine are  
pain will not be was-ted Christ completes His work in me  
said He will de-liv-er Safe-ly to the gol-den

## Refrain

8     $E\flat$      $B\flat$      $F$

keys to Zi-on Ci-ty Where be-side the King I

walk for there my heart has found its treasure Christ is mine for-ev-er more

**Turnaround**

B $\flat$  B $\flat$ (sus4) B $\flat$  B $\flat$  F B $\flat$

B $\flat$  B $\flat$ (sus4) B $\flat$  B $\flat$  F B $\flat$

Come re -

**Bridge**

joyce now O my soul for His love is my re - ward Fear is

gone and hope is sure Christ is mine for-ev-er more Come re -more And mine are

**D.S. al Coda**

more Christ is mine for-ev-er more Christ is mine for-ev-er more

Guitar melod

**Fine**

B $\flat$  B $\flat$ (sus4) B $\flat$  B $\flat$  F B $\flat$

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** (Ensemble)

*Jesus Loves Me*

**Sermon**

"The Spiritual Morality of a Christian"

Ephesians 5:1-2

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

# \*Song of Response

## How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Stuart Townend



1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all mea - sure,  
2. Be - hold the man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders;  
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom;



that He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His  
a - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the  
but I will boast in Je - sus Christ, His death and res - ur -



treas - ure. How great the pain of sear - ing loss— the  
scoff - ers. It was my sin that held Him there un -  
-rec - tion. Why should I gain from His re - ward? I



Fa - ther turns His face a - way as wounds which mar the  
-til it was ac - com - plished; His dy - ing breath has  
can - not give an an - swer; but this I know with



Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.  
brought me life— I know that it is fin - ished.  
all my heart— His wounds have paid my ran - som.



# \*Benediction

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday School for all ages** resumes today. See the next page for temporary room changes due to repairs to the building.

**Children's Church** is available for ages 4yrs to 2nd grade during the sermon on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month. We are temporarily meeting in the lower level youth area.

**Moms of littles**, come out for dinner, friends, and encouragement! TOMORROW, Jan. 16th at 6:30pm at Alyce Bava's home. Please RSVP to Alyce.

**Trinity ladies (and friends), join us for bible study** and prayer. Two Tuesday evenings a month a group meets in Melissa Jorgensen's home to discuss the Book of Ecclesiastes (next gathering: 1/24). We also meet weekly on Wednesday either at 9am or 6pm to study the Book of Judges. The Wednesday studies will begin on Jan. 18th. The Judges study guide is available on the hall table (\$12).

**Men's Bible Study** will begin this Wednesday at 6pm. Then come out for **Men's Night** at 7:30pm at Chris Freeman's.

**Volunteers today:** Ushers: Roberts, Maglione, Wong, Alexander. Nursery: McCall, Keating, O'Neals, Boeddeker. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Schaffer, T. Thomason, Schlitt. Nursery: P. Waldron, Inion, Goldstein, Oehlerking, Marcus. SS: Hammond, Harlow

We could use a few more **volunteers for the usher team, nursery, ACTION children's activities, Sunday snacks, and Sunday coffee**. See Amy Mitchell for help signing up.

You can find an **updated Sunday snack schedule** in your weekly email. Please consider signing up for an upcoming Sunday.

**ACTION** (All Church Things In One Night) begins THIS WEDNESDAY from 6-7:15pm. There is something for everyone in your family: nursery, children's activities, games, lessons, and choir, women's and men's bible studies, Jr. High youth. We will not be providing dinner, however we will have tables set up if you would like to bring your own.

**Men's Breakfast:** Saturday, Jan. 28th at 8am. Sign up on Church Center or see Kyle Roberts.

If you do not receive our **weekly email updates** on Tuesday mornings, please send your email address to [amymitchell@trinitystlouis.org](mailto:amymitchell@trinitystlouis.org).

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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](mailto:PaulSchaffer1012@gmail.com)), **Greeters:** James Broughton ([jlbroughton12@gmail.com](mailto:jlbroughton12@gmail.com)), **Nursery:** Alyce Bava ([jimnalyce@yahoo.com](mailto:jimnalyce@yahoo.com)). **Children's SS:** Michelle Goldstein or Melissa Kocker ([medcalf.melissa@gmail.com](mailto:medcalf.melissa@gmail.com))

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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.

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You can **sign up for all upcoming events** by scanning your phone camera over the QR code and then [following the link](#):



## SINGERS :

**Calling all singers!** All are welcome to join our adult choir this semester which will meet during the Sunday School hour from February 5th through April 2nd. Our choir will sing three times during the Sunday morning services this semester, including Easter Sunday. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Katie Polski.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

While the building is undergoing repairs we need to temporarily move our Sunday school classes. Please note the new locations below:

## **Adult Sunday School - Sanctuary**

### **Christian Forgiveness**

Do you struggle to forgive? Do you struggle to ask for forgiveness even when you know that you have wronged another person? Do you have difficulty knowing when and how and even whether you can trust a person that has hurt you? If any of these things are true for you, join Pastor Polski for a four-week exploration of the topic of Christian Forgiveness beginning on Sunday, January 15 and running through January 29. If any are interested, you can pick up the new book called "Forgive" by Tim Keller as some of the ideas in this book will recur in our class.

**Jr. & Sr. High Students** - Fireplace Room

**4th-5th Grade** - Sr. High (lower level)

**1st-3rd Grade** - Jr. High (lower level)

**Pre K/Kindergarten** - Current toddler nursery (next to the kitchen)

**Nursery** - Current infant nursery (across from the kitchen)

# MISSION UPDATE

## Coffee on Glenwood – January 20th – Volunteers Needed

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.

Coffee of Glenwood serves coffee on the Third Friday of the month from 6:30am-8:45. Volunteers are needed from 6-9am.

*There are 2 volunteers needed every month. Please sign up for the dates that you are available. **Keep in mind, this is OUTDOORS...dress accordingly.***



## Mark your calendars – May 20th - BBQ with Oasis International

Registrations for volunteers will be up soon. It will be a fun filled day of activities and fellowship with immigrants and refugees that are connected to Oasis International.

Oasis is a ministry that comes alongside new arrivals to this country to help them acclimate to a new land, people, and cultures. They provide resources and material goods to families in order to reflect the love that God has for all his image bearers. They are constantly looking to deepen relationships with refugees and immigrants in order to find open doors for sharing what we all need, the reconciliation of our broken relationship with God.

This BBQ serves to strengthen the relationship that Oasis has with this community. At the same time, it is a unique opportunity for us to create and develop relationships with people who are very different from us, all while enjoying a Arts and Crafts, a performance from Kinetic Tapestry (A Circus and Performing Arts Studio in St. Louis), Grilled Burgers and Hot Dogs.

*Please bring the whole family for this event. Non-volunteers can arrive around 11am.*

Location: Oasis International  
5035 Gravois Ave  
St. Louis, MO 63116

Schedule:

9:30 – Volunteers Arrive for Setup  
11-1 – Fellowship Festival  
1 – Tear down

# WELCOME

We are glad you could join us! We would love to connect with you and answer any questions you may have about Trinity. Scan below with your phone camera to leave us your contact information.



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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