

# TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

*2 CORINTHIANS 4:5*

January 29, 2023



# WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO FILLS US WITH HIS SPIRIT

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**Scripture Reader:** Louise Brumley

**Pastoral Prayer:** Tom Schmidt, Ruling Elder

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

### “Worship As a Body” from Ligonier.org

The psalmist declares, "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" (Ps. 122:1; emphasis mine). Worldly distractions, bad theology, or indwelling sin can cause us to lose sight of why we should be glad about meeting together on the Lord's Day. We might even start to think private devotions are an adequate substitute for, if not superior to, gathering with the church.

Of course, both private and corporate worship are vital to our relationship with God. But there are reasons the writer of Hebrews admonishes us not to follow "the habit of some" by neglecting to meet together (Heb. 10:25). Here are eight of them:

### **Obedience to God's Word**

While Hebrews 10:25 directly states that we must not neglect meeting together, Paul's repeated use of the phrase "when you come together" in 1 Corinthians 11 and 14 indicates that the Corinthians were assembling regularly. He often refers to the church in so-and-so's house, and we can assume he did not mean the "church" as a physical structure but rather the people who regularly met in that house.

### **The Spirit Working Through Others**

We should be able to encourage ourselves in the Lord through Bible study, prayer, and worship in song. But God ordains strengthening to come through others as well. "The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you,' nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you'" (1 Cor. 12:21). No one has every gift. God cannot build me up through gifts like preaching, encouragement, compassion, leadership, and faith unless I'm actually there to experience those gifts.

## **Serving in Action and Attitude**

When I sing to God, pray, or read Scripture alone, I bless myself. When I do those things with others, I can be a means of God's varied grace to them (1 Peter 4:10). My countenance and enthusiastic engagement, as well as the deployment of my spiritual gifts, are all ways I can point people to the worthiness of the God we worship. Colossians 3:16 tells us that singing is one of the ways we teach and admonish each other. That requires doing more than singing along to my iPod.

## **Manifestations of God's Presence**

In the middle of adjusting the Corinthians' love affair with certain spiritual gifts, Paul notes how these gifts can alert an unbeliever to God's presence. David Peterson writes, "1 Cor. 14:24–25 suggests that God is present in a distinctive way in the Christian meeting through his word and the operation of his Spirit" (Engaging with God, 196). Without making experiential encounters with God our primary goal, we should expect God to make us more aware of His presence with us when we meet together.

## **God's Voice Through Preaching**

Technology now enables us to hear sermons we missed or messages from churches we don't even attend. But when the church gathers expectantly in one place at one time to hear God's Word proclaimed, it is a unique event. God Himself addresses us as His people. The Spirit works in our hearts to convict, comfort, illumine, and exhort. We hear God's voice through a human mouthpiece and are changed.

## **Demonstrating Unity in the Gospel**

Being one in Christ is more than meeting regularly in the same room, but it is not less. Singing songs, reciting creeds, and reading Scripture together are ways of declaring to myself and others that I am part of a holy temple, not just a random brick or a loose stone (Eph. 2:19–22). "Christian proclamation might make the gospel audible, but Christians living together in local congregations make the gospel visible (see John 13:34–35)" (Mark Dever, *The Church: The Gospel Made Visible*, p. xi).

## **Dying to Self**

Let's face it—it's easier to worship God alone than with others. Church meetings introduce many aggravations, such as insufficient parking, people taking my seat, obnoxious voices, songs I don't prefer, and people with problems. But this makes such meetings ideal opportunities for cultivating the humble attitude of Christ (Phil. 2:1–5) and dying to ourselves.

## **Foretastes of Heaven**

Want to know what heaven is going to be like? Go to church. The singing may not be as stellar, the numbers might be drastically reduced, and the people might all come from the same ethnicity. But Hebrews 12 says we have already come to "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" (vv. 22–24). Jesus has brought us near to the Father through His finished atoning work on Calvary. We can draw near with boldness to the throne of grace with His people (Heb. 10:19–22). That's heaven.

So, the next time you're tempted to think cutting out on a Sunday meeting will not hurt, remember what you will be missing. And thank God you have both the privilege and freedom to enjoy corporate worship with the body of Christ each week.

## **Song of Preparation**

*Be Thou My Vision*  
Trinity Hymnal #642

## **Call to Worship—Psalm 111:1-5**

Leader: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**People: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.**

Leader: Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

**People: He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

**All: He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.**

# WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

## \*Songs of Adoration

## Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)

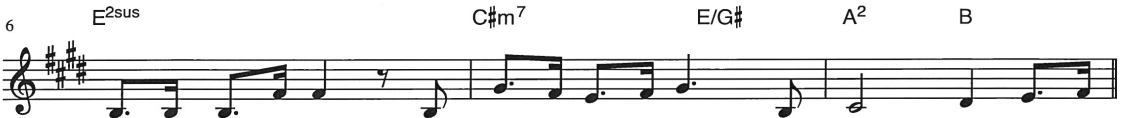
Words and Music by Matt Papa and Matt Boswell



1. You made the star - ry hosts, You traced the moun - tain peaks, You  
2. You reached in - to the dust, in love Your Spir - it breathed. You



paint the ev - 'ning skies with won - ders. The earth, it is Your throne from  
formed us in Your ver - y like - ness to know Your won - drous works, to



des - ert to the sea. All na - ture tes - ti - fies Your splen - dor. Praise the  
tell Your might - y deeds, to join the ev - er - last - ing cho - rus.

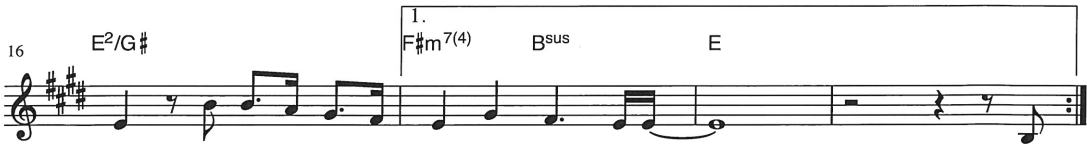
### CHORUS 1



Lord, praise the Lord, sing His great - ness, all cre - a - tion. Praise the



Lord, raise your voice, you heights and all you depths, from furth - est east to



west, let ev - 'ry-thing that has breath praise the Lord. — 2. You



has breath praise the Lord. —

24 A F F<sup>2sus</sup>

3. Let sym - phon - ies re-sound, let drums and choirs ring out, all

27 F F<sup>2sus</sup> F F

heav - en hear the sound of wor - ship. Let ev - 'ry na - tion bring its

30 F<sup>2sus</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup> F/A B<sup>b</sup>2 C

hon - ors to the King, a roar of har - mon - ies e - ter - nal. Praise the

**CHORUS 2**

33 F Gm<sup>7(4)</sup> F/A B<sup>b</sup>2(no3) C<sup>sus</sup>

Lord, praise the Lord, sing His great - ness, all cre - a - tion. Praise the

37 Dm<sup>7</sup> C/E F/A B<sup>b</sup>2(no3)

Lord, raise your voice, you heights and all you depths, from furth - est east to

40 F/C B<sup>b</sup>2/D F/C

west, you dis - tant burn - ing stars, all crea - tures near and far, from sky to sea to

43 Gm<sup>7(4)</sup> F/A B<sup>b</sup> C F

shore, sing out for ev - er - more, let ev - 'ry-thing that has breath praise the Lord. —

# We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore



We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our



hearts re - stored. He has done great things. we will say to - ge - ther



We will feast and weep no more.

1. We will not be  
2. In the dark of  
3. Ev - ery vow we've



burned by the fire, He is the Lord our God we are not con -  
night be - fore the dawn my soul be not a - fraid for the pro - mised  
bro - ken and be - trayed You are the faith ful one and from the



sumed by the flood Up - held, pro - tect - ed, ga - thered up  
mor - ning o how long O God of Ja - cob be — my strength.  
gar - den to the grave Bind us to - ge - ther bring — sha - lom

## \*Prayer of Adoration



# WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

## New Testament Reading—Matthew 5:1-12

### *The Beatitudes*

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons[a] of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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—1 Corinthians 1:26-29**

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong. God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being[b] might boast in the presence of God.

## **Silent Confession and Lament**

# WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

## **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—1 Cor. 1:30-31**

And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for his  
righteousness, sanctification, and redemption.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

**People: And also with you!**

**\*Song of Rejoicing**

*And Can It Be That I Should Gain*  
Trinity Hymnal #455

# 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)

*The Lord Is My Shepherd*

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Tom Douglas. Arr. by Dan Galbraith

## **Sermon**

"A Spirit-filled Walk"

Ephesians 5:15-21

Rev. Pablo Rosales

**How do we walk Spirit-filled lives?**

**We walk Carefully**

**We walk Creationally**

**We walk in Community**

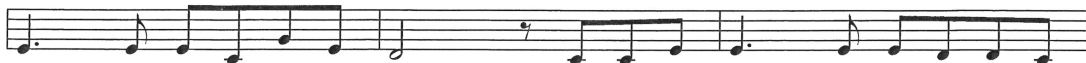
# \*Song of Response

# Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, and Rich Thompson. Arr. by Dan Galbraith



What gift of grace is Je sus my Re - deem - er There is no  
The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en. for by my  
No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en, the fu - ture  
With ev - 'ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for he has



more for heav - en now to give. He is my joy. my right - eous - ness and  
side the Sav - ior, he will stay. I la - bor on in weak - ness and re -  
sure, the price, it has been paid. For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my  
said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know he will re -



free - dom, my stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less peace. To this I  
joic - ing, for in my need, His pow - er is dis - played. To this I  
par - don, and he was raised to o - ver - throw the grave. To this I  
new me un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne. To this I



hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. For my life is whol - ly bound to  
hold: my Shep - herd will de - fe - nd me, Through the deep - est val - ly he will  
hold: my sin has been de - feat - ted. Je - sus now, and ev - er, is my  
hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. All the glo - ry ev - er - more to



his. Oh how strange and di - vine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not  
lead. Oh the night has been won and I shall o - ver - come! Yet not  
plea. Oh the chains are re - leased, I can sing: I am free! Yet not  
him. When the race is com - plete, still my lips shall re - peat: Yet not



I, but through Christ in me.  
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# \*Benediction

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday School for all ages** meets 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. Beginning in February we will offer children's church the 1st-4th Sundays of each month.

**Trinity ladies, 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: 2/14). We also meet weekly on Wed. either at 9am or 6pm to study the Book of Judges.

**Men's Bible Study** meets Wednesday at 6pm.

**Volunteers today:** Ushers: S. Thomason, Younger, Standerfer, Kocher. Nursery: Schmidt, Hall, Oehlerking, Ridenhour. SS: Nichols, Doiron. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Oehlerking, Moen, Smith, Broughton. Nursery: Garner, Talent, Petty, Schlitt. SS: Shelton, Bava. Children's Church: Doiron, J. Standerfer.

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) meets WED. from 6-7:15pm. There is something for everyone: 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.

We are currently in the process of assessing Summer programming for Children's Ministry, particularly in the areas of outreach events and activities. **Your feedback is appreciated and valued regardless of whether you have a child currently in Children's Ministry.** A link will be sent by email, or you may scan the QR code below. Thank you for your help!



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

## **Crates for Ukraine – Winter Crates**

Last year, Trinity Church led an initiative to get necessary supplies into the hands of the church in Ukraine. In partnership with other churches, we were responsible for getting 24 crates to Ukraine. Our very own, Pastor Chris, flew 6 crates into Poland, which were then transported over the border into Ukraine. These supplies were essential for the ministry of the church in Ukraine. Church members carried these supplies to the front lines and provided aid to many who have suffered as a result of the war.

With the winter is setting in quickly a new list of needs have arisen. Our mission's committee is spearheading round 2 of Crates for Ukraine. In partnership with our presbytery and other churches we will collect, pack, and transport, supplies to a warehouse in Chattanooga, TN. They will then be shipped via a carrier transport setup by MTW-Ukraine.

Please take a look at the list found here:



You can physically go to the store and purchase these specific items, or you can purchase them from the Amazon lists we create and have them shipped to our church here:



*PLEASE NOTE – The items requested are specific. Only purchase what is on the list; i.e.- CAT tourniquets must be CAT tourniquets as off-brands will fail during use.*

Volunteers will be helpful when its time for packing. Please see Becky Givens for details.

Deadline for supplies: Last week of February.

## **Mark your calendars – May 20th - BBQ with 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. Sign up to volunteer here:



*Please bring the whole family for this event. Non-volunteers can arrive around 11am.*  
Location: Oasis International • 5035 Gravois Ave • St. Louis, MO 63116

# 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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