



# TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

*2 CORINTHIANS 4:5*

February 19, 2023



# WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO IS WORTHY OF OUR OBEDIENCE

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## **Prelude**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

"Whose soul inhabits me at the moment? A child's, a youth's, a woman's, a tyrant's, a dumb ox's, or a wild beast's?" — Marcus Aurelius

"A Roman father had absolute power over his family. He could sell them as slaves, he could make them work in his fields even in chains, he could take the law into his own hands, for the law was in his own hands, and punish as he liked, he could even inflict the death penalty on his child." — William Barclay

"Do not hesitate to tell the child his ruin; he will not else desire the remedy. Tell him also of the punishment for sin, and warn him of its terror. Be tender, but true." — Charles Spurgeon

"A child only educated at school is an uneducated child." — Unknown

# WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

## “The Vocation of Parents and Children” – from Ligonier.org

Every Christian has a vocation in which he is to serve the Lord and bring Him glory, for God has made us a royal priesthood (1 Peter 2:9). This is true not only of adults, but also of children. While children may not have a vocation in which they earn a living, they nevertheless have a calling from God with distinct responsibilities. This is evident in today’s passage, which gives basic instructions not only to children but also to their parents.

Children, Paul tells us, are to obey their “parents in the Lord” (Eph. 6:1). Importantly, Paul quotes the fifth commandment in order to support his instruction (Ex. 20:12; Deut. 5:16). This tells us that the moral law, particularly the Ten Commandments, has abiding force for new covenant believers. But in any case, children are called to obey their mothers and fathers. Yet, as with other relationships wherein one human being submits to another, parents are not owed unqualified obedience. The obedience children render is “in the Lord” (Eph. 6:1). Children are not obliged to sin and break God’s law even if their parents tell them to.

Also worth noting is the promise attached to the fifth commandment, which Paul cites in Ephesians 6:2–3. One of the motivations given to children for obeying their parents, besides the fact that God commands it, is that it will go well for children who obey their parents. This is true on two levels. First, to obey the law of God is pleasing to Him, so children please God when they obey their mothers and fathers in the Lord. Second, we see that generally speaking, life goes well for children who obey their parents. Good parents lay down rules of discipline that are beneficial for all areas of life, and as children follow these rules, they find themselves able to form healthy relationships, hold down a job as an adult, and otherwise enjoy many benefits.

Today’s passage informs us that the vocation of parents involves not provoking their children to anger (Eph. 6:4). Paul singles out fathers, but this does not mean that mothers are allowed to provoke their children to anger. He likely speaks to fathers specifically as the heads of their households and as having the primary responsibility with respect to disciplining their sons and daughters. Essentially, not provoking children to anger entails not laying expectations on them that they cannot fulfill. It also requires clear communication and non-arbitrary rules so that children can know what their parents desire and why they are disciplined when they break the rules.

If children do not know the rules of the household and are disciplined for breaking them, they will understandably resent their parents and be provoked to anger. Thus, parents should strive to clearly communicate their expectations and make sure that these expectations are reasonable. Children are to obey their parents, but their parents should do what they can to make this obedience something children can and want to render.

**Call to Worship—Psalm 37 (selected)**

Leader: Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.

**People: Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Leader: Commit your way to the Lord.

**People: Trust in him, and he will act.**

Leader: He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.

**All: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.**

# WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

## \*Songs of Adoration

*How Firm a Foundation*

Trinity Hymnal #94

### *He Will Hold Me Fast*

Words and Music by Ada Habershon and Matthew Merker

VERSE 1 & 2

5 G G/B C D G

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;

9 G/B C D G

When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.  
Pre - cious in His ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.

13 Em D/F# G C B Em

I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His Prom - is - es shall last;

17 D/F# G/B C D G

For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast.  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

CHORUS

22 C D Em D/F# G

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

26 TURNAROUND

Am<sup>7</sup> G/B C D Gmaj<sup>7</sup> G/B

For my Sav - ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

30 VERSE 3

C<sup>2</sup> Gmaj<sup>7</sup> G/B C<sup>2</sup> Em<sup>9</sup> C

3. For my life He bled and died,

35 C/E D/F# G Em<sup>9</sup> C

Christ will hold me fast; Just - ice has been sat - is - fied;

39 D G Em D/F# G/B C

He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end - less life,

43 B Em D/F# G/B C

He will hold me fast till our faith is turned to sight,

47 CHORUS

D G C D Em

when He comes at last! \_\_\_\_\_ He will hold me fast,

52 D/F# G Am<sup>7</sup> G/B C

He will hold me fast; For my Sav - ior loves me so,

56 ENDING

1. D G 2. D G

He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast.

61 Am<sup>9</sup> G/B C G/B Am<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7sus</sup> G

## **\*Prayer of Adoration**

### **WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD**

#### **Old Testament Reading—Genesis 45:3-11, 15**

*Joseph Provides for His Brothers and Family*

And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.'"

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

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 6:27-31**

But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

## **Silent Confession and Lament**

# WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

## **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Luke 6:35-36**

But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for His kindness and His mercy!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

**People: And also with you!**

# \*Song of Rejoicing

## The Love of the Father

Words and Music by James Ferguson and Rich Thompson

### Verse 1 + 2:

Musical notation for Verse 1 + 2, featuring a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The melody is written on a single staff with lyrics underneath. Chords are indicated by letters C, G, and F above the staff. The lyrics are: "Lift up your voices and lift up your praise Join with the heavens de- Sing of the victory, the hope of the world The Saviour has risen, the clar- ing the won- ders of His faith- ful- ness for- ev- er spir- it has come to bring us in- to love for- ev- er". The verse concludes with a double bar line and the word "Oh" written below the staff.

### Chorus:

Musical notation for the Chorus, featuring a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The melody is written on a single staff with lyrics underneath. Chords are indicated by letters C, F, Am, and F above the staff. The lyrics are: "we are the peo- ple of God With the free- dom of hope in our hearts How great is the love of the Fa- ther". The chorus concludes with a double bar line and the word "Oh" written below the staff.

### Verse 3:

Musical notation for Verse 3, featuring a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The melody is written on a single staff with lyrics underneath. Chords are indicated by letters C, G, F, and C above the staff. The lyrics are: "Lift ed from dark- ness and in- to the light The sons and the daugh- ters are loved at a price our God has made us His for ev- er". The verse concludes with a double bar line and the word "Oh" written below the staff.

### Chorus:

Musical notation for the Chorus, featuring a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The melody is written on a single staff with lyrics underneath. Chords are indicated by letters C, F, Am, and C above the staff. The lyrics are: "we are the peo- ple of God With the free- dom of hope in our hearts How great is the love of the Fa- ther". The chorus concludes with a double bar line and the word "Oh" written below the staff.

Bridge:

12.C C/E F Am  
This is the song of the re - deemed The ran-somed and the\_ free

G C/E F Am  
Giv-en life at such a\_ price\_ This is love,\_ this is love

G C/E F Am  
And when the Fath - er calls us\_ home\_ And we see Him on the\_ throne

G C/E F  
Hear the voi - ces sing as\_ one\_ This is love, -

Am G  
this is love\_ Oh

Chorus:

C F  
we are\_ the peo- ple\_ of God With the free - dom\_ of hope in\_ our hearts\_ How

Am F C 1.  
great is\_ the love of\_ the Fa - ther\_ Oh

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Tithes and Offerings**

*(Children's Church meets for 4yr to 2nd grade  
with the exception of the 5th Sunday of the month)*

**Offertory Song** (Ensemble)

*Trust and Obey*

Words by John Henry Sammis. Music by Daniel Brink Towner

**Sermon**

"Lifting Parents, Raising Children"

Ephesians 6:1-4

Rev. Pablo Rosales

# \*Song of Response

# 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Stead, Kirkpatrick. Arr. by Page CXVI

C /G /F

*p*

C /D /E /F C

5

**A** (2x add toms)  
C/G

C/F C

11/39

(1x solo) *p* 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to take him at \_\_\_ his \_\_\_ word;  
1 voice) *mp* O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to trust his cleans - ing blood;

C/E C/F 1x sing 'promise' as 2x sing as written C

15/43

just to rest up - on his prom - ise; just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."  
just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'neath the heal - ing, cleans-ing flood!

C/A (1x elec plays notes) C/F C

19/47

(2x sing notes) (Oh, \_\_\_\_\_ Oh) \_\_\_\_\_

**B**

C/A C/G C/F

23/51

*p* Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!  
*mf*

C/A C/F C

27/55 Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust him more!

(add elec)  
C/A C/F C

31/59 (1x no lead) *mp* And more, \_\_\_\_\_ and more \_\_\_\_\_  
(2x add cues) *mf*

C/A C/F C

35/63 And more, \_\_\_\_\_ and more \_\_\_\_\_

**C** (building)  
C/G C/F C

67 (add a voice) I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, pre - cious Je - sus, Sav - ior, Friend.  
(prime unison)

C/E C/F C

71 And I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me 'till the end. \_\_\_\_\_

C/A C/F C

75 \_\_\_\_\_ 'Till the

(guys on bottom)

C/A C/F C

79 end \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Benediction**

# 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 - Healthy Habits of Reading and Prayer - Sanctuary**

Developing a healthy habit of reading scripture and prayer is difficult. Why is that? Let's explore this together and think through ways that we can form the habits essential to spiritual growth. Ultimately, community is how the Lord shapes and directs his people, so we will focus on a particular tool geared to build us up into healthy habits in community.

## **Adult Choir - Children's Church rooms (near rear entrance)**

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.

## **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)**

## **COMING NEXT SUNDAY:**

### **Turning Points: A Survey of the Most Significant Moments in Church History and Why They Still Matter**

It's been over 2000 years since the earthly ministry of Christ concluded and during that time His followers have expanded from being a small sect in Jerusalem to a world-wide movement of billions who have altered the course of human history. What were the most significant events in that process? Who were the key players and what did they believe? How did the church become what it is today and what lessons can we learn as we seek to live out our calling where the Lord has planted us? Please join Pastor Polski during the SS hour as he explores these and other fascinating questions by looking at key moments in the history of the Church beginning on Sunday, February 26.

### **Exodus - Fielding Poe and Jim Talent**

Moses, the Law, the Egyptian Plagues, the flight from Egypt: the references from Exodus are throughout Scripture. Can we really understand Mount Zion, unless we study to appreciate this experience of Mount Sinai? As our pastors take us through Exodus in their Sunday sermons, we will be doing a verse-by-verse study of the book, *Exodus, a Flight from Slavery*.

## 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 on the 1st-4th Sundays of each month during the sermon. We are temporarily meeting in the lower level youth area.

**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: 2/28). 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.

Ladies, plan to come to **Ladies Connect** on Mar. 27th at Mickie Schmidt's at 7:30pm.

**Volunteers today:** Ushers: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: Jorgensen, Schaffer, Chloe Inion, Younger, Bava. SS: Younger, C. Inion. CC: K. Standerfer, Linenbroker. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: S. Thomason, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: McCall, Hendricks, M. Linenbroker, Boeddeker, K. Linenbroker. SS: Keating. CC: Oehlerking, Sweet.

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.

**Men's Breakfast**-Sat., Feb. 25th at 8am at Trinity. Register on Church Center or see Kyle Roberts.

**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.

You are invited to special **concert with Sandra McCracken** on Friday, Feb. 24, 7:30pm, at Central Presbyterian Church. Tickets and more info: [www.centralpres.com](http://www.centralpres.com).

**Family Movie Night**-Feb. 24th at 6pm. We will be watching Encanto. Wear your comfiest clothes (PJs welcome!), bring your pillow and blanket, and meet us in the youth room! Lemonade and popcorn will be provided. Extra treats are welcome, but please help us stay peanut free. Please register on Church Center.

If you do not receive our **weekly email updates** on Tuesday mornings, please send your email address to [amy.mitchell@trinitychurchkirkwood.org](mailto:amy.mitchell@trinitychurchkirkwood.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](mailto:PaulSchaffer1012@gmail.com)),

**Greeters:** James Broughton

([jlbroughton12@gmail.com](mailto:jlbroughton12@gmail.com)), **Nursery:**

Amy Mitchell. **Children's SS:** Michelle

Goldstein or Melissa Kocker

([children@trinitychurchkirkwood.org](mailto:children@trinitychurchkirkwood.org))

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:](#)



## SAVE THE DATE

Here are a few events coming in the next several months:

- **Youth Group Mystery Event-** Mar. 3rd at West County Mall
- **Trivia Night-** Mar. 31, 6:30-9pm
- **Church Work Day-** Apr. 1, 9am
- **Good Friday Service-** Apr. 7 at 7pm
- **Easter Sunrise Service-** Apr. 9 at 7am
- **Easter Morning Worship-** Apr. 9 at 9:30am



# MISSION UPDATE

## **Crates for Ukraine – Winter Crates – Deadline NEXT WEEK**

The deadline to receive supplies for Crate for Ukraine is Sunday, February 26th . Please have any supplies from the list below in by then. There will be a packing party that afternoon. Please reach out to Becky Givens (beckykarateka@gmail.com) for more information.

Chesterfield Presbyterian Church recently became a local drop point and will be transporting crates on March 1 st .

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.*

## **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

## **Restore St. Louis Workday – March 11th**

Trinity Youth will be partnering with Restore St. Louis on the 2nd Saturday in March to serve our city. Together with volunteers will we work on yards and in homes of several underserved elderly. Come and be the hands and feet of the body of Christ.

*Registration is necessary! The organizers need an accurate headcount:*



We will meet at 1483 82nd Blvd at 8:30am for a short devotional to focus our hearts to serve the Lord. Then we will grab tools and head to our jobs around 9:00am. We wrap up between noon and 1pm.



# 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.



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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.