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WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO SUSTAINS HIS PEOPLE

Liturgist: Tim Jackson

Scripture Reader: Amy Mitchell

Pastoral Prayer: Tom Schmidt, Ruling Elder

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflections

"God has never promised to solve our problems. Neither has He promised to answer our questions. He has, however, promised to go with us."

- Elizabeth Elliot
- "God's promises are, virtually, obligations that He imposes on Himself."
- F.W. Krummacher
- "My own promises make me shrink, but God's promises make me brave."
- C.H. Spurgeon

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

An Introduction to Deuteronomy, from the ESV Study Bible

Deuteronomy, the final book in the Pentateuch, contains Moses' last three sermons and two prophetic poems about Israel's future. Reflecting on the nation's past mistakes, Moses urges the people not to repeat those errors when they enter the Promised Land (c. 1406 BC). Possessing Canaan will fulfill the promises made to the patriarchs, but if the people fall into idolatry or fail to keep the law, they will be exiled.

Deuteronomy is largely a sermon, or set of sermons, preached by Moses to all of Israel shortly before his death. It is a motivational sermon, urging Israel's faithful obedience to the covenant laws given 40 years previously at Sinai (Ex. 19-40). The sermon is especially important because of Israel's earlier failure to conquer the land (see Dt. 1:19-46). Now that they are back at the eastern border of the Promised Land, Moses wants to ensure that the people will be obedient this time. The sermon encourages obedience by constantly reassuring them of God's faithfulness and his power to keep his promises. God is still faithful, despite Israel's persistent sin. He is merciful to his sinful people, for the sake of his promises to Abraham.

In Deuteronomy Moses urges Israel to trust and obey, and to conquer the land. He highlights God's uniqueness (e.g., ch. 4), his power over other nations and armies (e.g., 2:1-23), and his grace and faithfulness. He reminds the people that God promised the land, that God's gift of the land is undeserved (9:4-6), and that the land is full of good things (e.g., 6:10-12). He emphasizes the importance of God's law, given at Sinai (e.g., see 5:1-3). The large central section of Deuteronomy (Ch. 12-26) recites the law and urges Israel to keep it. The law is wide-ranging, incorporating all areas of life (economics, family and sexual relationships, religious observance, leadership, justice, guidance, food, property, and warfare). The details of the laws expand upon the great command of 6:5, that Israel is to love the Lord with all its heart, soul, and strength. Chapters 12-16 show what such total love of God will look like and provide examples of what the Ten Commandments (ch. 5) mean in practice.

(Please join in sining on the chorus)



Call to Worship—Psalm 16 (selected)

Leader: Preserve us, O God, for in you we take refuge.

People: We say to the Lord, "You are our Lord; we have no good apart from you."

Leader: Our hearts are glad, and our whole being rejoices;

People: You make known to us the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy

All: And at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Behold Our God

Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird, and Stephen Altrogge. Arr. by Joe Brownlee



Christ The Sure and Steady Anchor

Matthew Papa and Matthew Boswell



*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Peter's Sermon at Pentecost

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him,

"'I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
my flesh also will dwell in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One see corruption.
You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

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—John 20:24-25

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—1 Peter 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God for forgiving our sins!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

There Is A Fountain

Words: William Cowper. Music: Early American Melody. Norton Hall Band



Sacrament of Covenant Baptism

Judah Paul Mannix

Baptismal Hymn

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know Trinity Hymnal #189

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

(Children's Church meets for 4yr to 2nd grade in room 106)

Offertory Song (Ensemble)

Counting Every Blessing
Chris Llewellyn and Gareth Gilkeson

Sermon

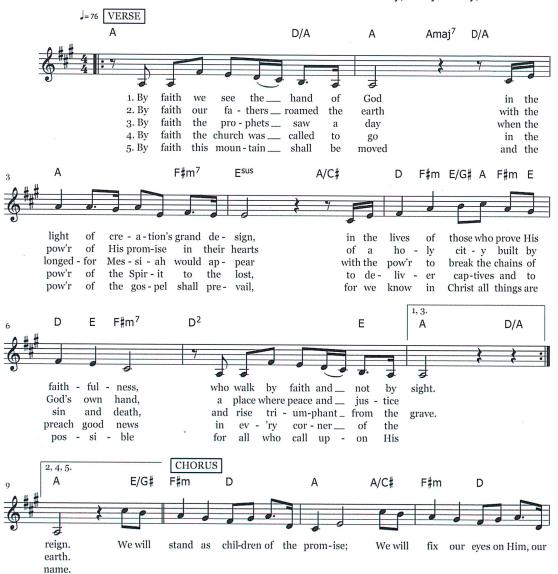
"Moving Toward the Promises"

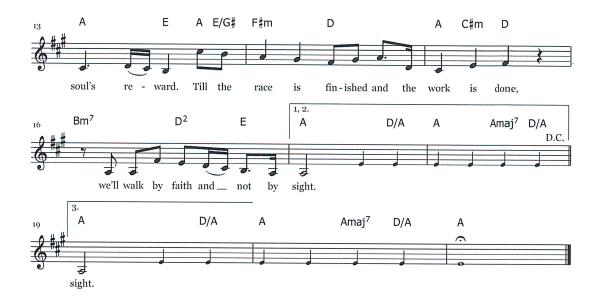
A Series on the Book of Deuteronomy

Deuteronomy 1:1-8

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend





*Benediction

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday school classes for all ages meet today. See the bulletin insert for a list of classes and locations.

Men's Night this Wed. at 7:30pm at Chris Freeman's.

Women's Bible Studies: Two Tues. a month a group meets in the evenings to discuss Psalm 23 (next gathering: 4/25). The Wed. study is on hiatus.

Coffee on Glenwood: Once a month we offer free coffee and croissants to our neighbors who drive by. We are looking for volunteers to help us pass out coffee and pray for those who stop by this Friday from 6-8am. Sign up using the QR code to the right or on Church Center.

The next Men's Breakfast is Sat., Apr. 22nd at 8am. Register on Church Center or see Kyle Roberts.

Women's Dessert and Social: Mon., Apr. 24th at 7:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's.

Volunteers today: Ushers: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: Schmidts, J. Hendricks, Kling, K. O'Neal. SS: Boyd, D. Nichols. CC: K. Standerfer, Sweet. Next Sunday: Ushers: S. Thomason, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: C. Waldron, McCall, S. Hendricks, Ridenhour, Martir. SS: Oehlerking, Harlow. CC: K. Standerfer, Sweet.

Family Movie Night: Fri., Apr. 28 at 6 pm (showtime at 6:15 pm). We will be watching Raya and the Last Dragon. Wear your comfiest clothes (PJs welcome!), bring your pillow and blanket, and meet us in the youth room downstairs! Lemonade and popcorn will be provided. Extra treats are welcome, but please help us stay peanut free. Please register on Church Center.

If you would like to receive the monthly **Children's Ministry Newsletter**, please send your email address to: melissa.kocher@trinitychurchkirkwood.org.

Make plans to join us for our **Summer Discussion Serie**s events on Wednesday nights from 6-7:30pm. More details will follow, but here are the topics and dates: June 7- Transgenderism and Gender Dysphoria, June 28- Christianity, Politics and Patriotism, Aug. 2- Disagreeing Biblically.

If you do not receive our **weekly email updates** on Tuesday mornings, please send your email address to 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: Paul.Schaffer@trinitychurchkirkwood.org, Greeters: James Broughton

(jlbroughton12@gmail.com), Nursery: Alyssa Hall (alyssaruth120@gmail.com). Children's Ministry: Melissa Kocker (Melissa.Kocher@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:



CINCO DE MAYO

The Missions Committee will be hosting missionary Cheryl Crocker on Fri., May 5, from 6-7:30 PM. We'll have tacos and mission updates. RSVP preferred, but not necessary, to Liz Boehne at 314-960-4874 or gregliz@swbell.net.

MISSIONS UPDATE

The Mobilized Church: Missions Workshop - April 26th and 27th

If someone were to ask you, "What kind of missions work does your church do?", would you know what to say? In a lot of churches, "missions" is the work of a few people in the church while the rest of the congregation is in the dark as to what is going on. This is no one-person's fault. Rather, it comes from a culture of compartmentalization and specialization. These aren't necessarily bad things, but we can see what happens if what is meant to be a team effort gets compartmentalized too early too soon. Take youth sports for example—kids (sometimes as early as 5 years old) are given a position that they will be expected to play for the rest of their lives. Note only will this delay athleticism and field awareness, but soon the team game is "not fun anymore." Similarly, the particular position of "missions" is given to some and they are expected to play that position for the rest of the lives.

In the mobilized church workshop, which will be hosted here at Trinity Church, we want to discover how the entire church can be involved in missions. How, as a team (or one body), we can strengthen and deepen our missional engagement for the spreading of the gospel.

These are two all-day workshops (9am – 5pm). Cost and information are found by clicking this QR code:

9 (2 %) 19 (3 %) 10 (4 %)

Please contact Pastor Pablo with any questions.

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



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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