



# TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

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# 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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# WORSHIPING THE GOD OF ETERNAL WISDOM

**Liturgist:** Rev. Pablo Rosales

**Scripture Reader:** Sydney Segen

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

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Quotes and Reflections**

"The truth is that God in His wisdom, to make and keep us humble and to teach us to walk by faith, has hidden from us almost everything that we should like to know about the providential purposes which He is working out in the churches and in our own lives." — J.I. Packer

God moves in a mysterious way  
His wonders to perform;  
He plants his footsteps in the sea,  
And rides upon the storm.  
— William Cowper

"Sometimes providences, like Hebrew letters, must be read backwards."  
— John Flavel

# WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

## **A Prayer about Providence and Hardship- Scotty Smith**

From TGC.com, Oct. 17, 2013

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Jer. 29:11

Dear heavenly Father, this well-loved Scripture underscores the fact that there's no other god as merciful and gracious, and engaged and mighty, as you. Your forbearance is immeasurable; your kindness is inexhaustible; your plans are irrepressible.

When your people received this letter of encouragement from Jeremiah, they were quite discouraged in Babylon—in exile, feeling bereft, bewildered, even betrayed by you. Yet we know by your own testimony, Father, that when you lead us into difficult seasons, it's not to punish us, but to prosper us; it's not to bring us harm but to give us hope. When you discipline us, it's not to send us into the "doghouse" of your displeasure, but it's a sign of your great affection.

It's comforting to remember, as this verse states, that you always know exactly what you are doing with your people. You know the plans you have for us—individually and corporately. There's no happenstance in heaven; you don't make up things as you go along. You're not a God who reacts out of irritation, but one who always acts out of great affection. There are no coincidences, just providences. "Stuff" doesn't just happen; sovereignty is always happening.

Father, this way of thinking would be utter madness if you never sent Jesus—a big-time spitting into the wind; the spin of all spins; delusional at best, demonic at worst. But Jesus is the bold "Yes!" to every promise you've made. His life, death, and resurrection are the guarantee of our gospel prosperity, living hope, and glorious future. Apart from Jesus there is only unimaginable hopelessness. Because of Jesus there is joy unspeakable.

So, bring the truth, grace, and power of this gospel into our current situations, into our personal stories of pain, into the brokenness our local churches, and into the needs of our communities.

Turn our sighs into songs, our cynicism into servanthood, and our grumblings into the rumblings of a coming visitation of the Holy Spirit. So very Amen we pray, in Jesus' triumphant and compassionate name.

## Song of Preparation

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

Trinity Hymnal #167

### Call to Worship—Psalm 104 (selected)

Leader: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all. The earth is full of your creatures.

**People: Here is the sea, great and wide, which teems with creatures innumerable, living things both small and great.**

Leader: May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works,

**People: Who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke!**

**All: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

## WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

### \*Songs of Adoration

*O Worship the King*

Trinity Hymnal #2

# Across the Lands

Stuart Townend and Keith Getty



1. You're the Word of God the Fa - ther, — from be - fore the world be -  
 (2. Yet You) left the gaze of an - gels, — came to seek and save the  
 (3. With a) shout You rose vic - to - rious, — wrest - ing vic - t'ry from the

4 A G G<sup>6</sup> D/F# Em G



-gan; — Ev - ry star and ev - 'ry pla - net — has been fash - ioned by Your hand. All cre -  
 lost, — and ex - changed the joy of heav - en — for the an - guish of a cross. With a  
 grave, — and as - cend - ed in - to heav - en — lead - ing cap - tives in Your wake. Now You

9 D G D A



-a - tion holds to - geth - er — by the pow - er of Your voice: — Let the  
 prayer You fed the hung - ry, — with a word You stilled the sea. — Yet how  
 stand be - fore the Fa - ther — in - ter - ced - ing for Your own. — From each

## CHORUS

13 G G<sup>6</sup> D/F# Em G A<sup>sus</sup> G



skies de - clare Your glo - ry, — let the land and seas re - joice! — You're the au - thor of cre -  
 si - lent - ly You suf - fered — that the guilt - y may go free. —  
 tribe and tongue and na - tion — You are lead - ing sin - ners home. —

18 D D/F# G A<sup>2</sup> Bm Bm/A G G/A



-a - tion, — You're the Lord of ev - 'ry man; — And Your cry of love rings

22 1, 2.  
Bm<sup>7</sup> A D 3.  
Bm<sup>7</sup> A D



out a - cross the lands. — 2. Yet You out a - cross the lands. —  
 3. With a

## \*Prayer of Adoration

# WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

## **New Testament Reading—John 20:19-23**

### *Jesus Appears to the Disciples*

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

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 12:15-18**

If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.

## **Silent Confession and Lament**

# WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

## **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—1 John 1:9**

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all righteousness.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for forgiving us of 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

# His Mercy Is More

Matt Boswell & Matt Papa arr. by Grant Wall

E E/G# A E

1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om -  
 (2. What) pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What  
 (3. What) rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us. His

3 B C#m A B<sup>sus</sup> E F#m<sup>7</sup>

-ni - scient, all know - ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown in - to a sea with - out  
 Fa - ther, so ten - der, is call - ing us home? He wel - comes the weak - est, the  
 blood was the pay - ment; His life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could

6 E/G# A E/G# A E/B

1, 2. **TURNAROUND**  
 B<sup>sus</sup> B<sup>6</sup> B<sup>sus</sup> E E/G#

bot - tom or shore, our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.  
 vil - est, the poor. Our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.  
 nev - er af - ford. Our sins they are man - y; His

11 A E B C#m A B<sup>sus</sup>

3. **CHORUS**  
 B<sup>sus</sup> B<sup>6</sup> B<sup>sus</sup> E A E

2. What mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord, —  
 3. What

17 C#m<sup>7</sup> B<sup>sus</sup> A E B<sup>sus</sup> B B<sup>sus</sup> A E

His mer - cy is more. \_\_\_\_\_ Strong - er than dark - ness,

21 B C#m<sup>7</sup> A E

1. B<sup>sus</sup> E 2. B<sup>sus</sup> E

new ev - 'ry morn. — Our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more. Praise the mer - cy is more.

## **Promotion Ceremony**

Graduating Kindergarten:  
Benjamin Goldstein, Nora McCall, Silas Petty, Jake Standerfer

Graduating 5th Grade:  
Jonathan Kwong, Joseph Harlow, Graham Hendricks, Emmy Schmidt,  
Noah Thomason, Nora Williamson

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

## **Pastoral Prayer**

## **Tithes and Offerings**

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

### **Sermon**

"When God Says No"

A Series on the Book of Deuteronomy

Deuteronomy 3:23-29

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

# Song of Response

# On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

Words by Samuel Stennett. Music by Christopher Miner. Arr. by Joel Littlepage

Real Key

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of six systems of music, each with a line of lyrics and guitar chords indicated above the staff. The chords are E, A, B, B<sub>7</sub>, and E<sub>1</sub>. The lyrics are as follows:

1. On Jor - dan's stor - my banks I stand, And  
 2. All o'er those wide ex - banks ten - ded plains, Shines  
 3. No chill - ing winds nor that pois - onous breath, Can  
 4. When shall I reach that hap - py place, And

4  
 cast a wish - ful eye To  
 one e - ter - nal day There  
 reach that health - ful shore, blessed  
 be for - ev - er er, blessed Where

6  
 Can - aan's fair and hap - py land, Where  
 God, the Son sor - row, ey - er and reigns, And  
 Sick - ness, I see - row, my pain - er and death, Are  
 shall I sor see, my Fa - ther's face, face, And

8  
 my po - tions lie Chorus: I am  
 scat - ters night a - lie  
 felt in his bos - om 2. All way. more.  
 rest.

11  
 bound, I am bound, I am bound for Prom - ised Land I am

15  
 bound, I am bound, I am bound for Prom - ised Land  
 3. No  
 4. When

\*Benediction

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## **Skills in Bible Reading and Interpretation - Dr. Aaron Goldstein (Room 111)**

The Bible is God's word. It is also a big book, written over centuries, by different human authors, from various historical contexts, and in a variety of literary genres! In this class, we will discuss theory and practice for reading this diverse material well. (It will be fun!)

## **Trinity Connect – Rev. Pablo Rosales & Rev. Dr. Chris Polski (Room-110)**

Are you interested in learning more about Trinity Church and the PCA? Thinking of becoming a member? If so, join Pastor Rosales and Pastor Polski for this six week class. While attending this class does not commit you to membership, it is a prerequisite.

## **Exodus - Ruling Elders, Fielding Poe and Jim Talent (Fireplace Room)**

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*.

**Jr. & Sr. High Students** - Lower level

**4th-5th Grade** - Room 102

**1st-3rd Grade** - Room 106B

**Pre K/Kindergarten** - Room 105

**Nursery** - Rooms 103 & 104

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday school for all ages** meet today.

**Volunteers today:** Ushers: Oehlerking, Moen, Broughton, Smith. Nursery: L. Nichols, Poe, S. Hendricks, Marcus, Keating. SS: Hall, Bava. CC: Sweet, Doiron. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Alexander. Nursery: Garner, Sinclair, Goldstein, P. Waldron, Martir. SS: Harlow, Hammond. CC: Oehlerking, Linenbroker.

**Men's Breakfast:** Sat., Jun. 10 from 8-9:30am. RSVP to Kyle Roberts or use the QR code to the right.

Make plans to join us for our **Summer Discussion Series** events from 6-7:30pm. Mark these dates on your calendar: **June 7-** Transgenderism and Gender Dysphoria, **June 29** (*adjusted date from original*)- Christianity, Politics and Patriotism, **Aug. 2-** Disagreeing Biblically.

**Ladies**, we are excited to announce that we have an overnight **retreat coming** the evening of Aug. 11-the afternoon of Aug. 12. **Registration is now open!** Use the QR code to the right for more details.

**Jr. High Lock-In:** Jun.9-10 (friends encouraged). Senior High, be sure to RSVP for the **SH Retreat** on July 7-9 by Jun. 11. You can use the QR code to the right, then scroll to the event and register.

Children nursery-5th grade and their families, join us for **Summer Kickoff on Sat., Jun. 10** from 3:30-7pm for inflatables, activities, crafts, music, and fun! A hot dog dinner will be served at 5pm. Register by using the QR code to the right. **Volunteers & donations needed.** See your weekly email or Melissa Kocher if you are able to help.

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

**Congrats** to Will French, Maggie Roberts, and Ani Younger for graduating high school and to Drew Lattner for graduating from Covenant Seminary. We apologize if we missed anyone, we wish everyone celebrating graduations the best! **A special thank you** to all of our children's SS teachers, ACTION, nursery, and children's church volunteers. You are appreciated!

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](#):



## SAVE THE DATE(S)

As summer approaches we want to give you a few dates to add to your calendar:

- Summer Discussion Series**-(dates to the left)
- Children's Ministry Summer Kickoff-** Jun. 10
- Bike Night-** Jun. 21
- Lawn Games Night-** July 5
- Summer Splash-** July 19
- Prayer & Praise-** Aug. 6
- Women's Retreat-** Aug 11-12

# MISSION UPDATE

## **Oasis BBQ**

Time flies when you're having fun! That's how it felt being with our neighbors in South City. Several families that Oasis International has connected with, came out and enjoyed the beautiful weather, performances, care, music, arts and crafts, bounce house, and of course, the food. Your presence and interactions with the children will be impactful in their lives and the relationships they have formed with Oasis.

**Scan this QR code to see photos of the event:**



A lot of the families are refugees from Afghanistan. They fled their country in hopes of peace and freedom. Oasis strives to point them to true peace and freedom that can only be found in Jesus Christ. Together, Oasis and Trinity Church were able to share that through word and deed.

There is a term floating around in the 'mission' world, and it is "Glocal". For centuries, missions work has concentrated on going to the nations "there", which is of course still necessary. But this word points to the fact that the nations are coming "here". If you joined us last Saturday, you would have noticed this is very true. Countries that are still closed to the Gospel are arriving in St. Louis. Oasis continues to do missions work here and they need workers. Please reach out to our missions' pastor, Pablo, for ways to volunteer.

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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