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WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO CALLS US TO SEARCH AFTER HIM

(Our overflow room is located off of the hallway near the kitchen.)

Liturgist: Tim Jackson Scripture Reader: Andy Sisk

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflections

"Man must have a God or an idol." —Martin Luther

"The human mind is, so to speak, a perpetual forge of idols." — John Calvin

"If you love anything better than God you are idolaters: if there is anything you would not give up for God it is your idol: if there is anything that you seek with greater fervor than you seek the glory of God, that is your idol, and conversion means a turning from every idol." — Charles Spurgeon

"But in the Bible the great divide is between those who believe in the Christian God and those who serve idols—"gods," that is, whose images, whether metal or mental, do not square with the self-disclosure of the Creator." — J. I. Packer

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Devotional - thegospelcoalition.org, Timothy Keller

New City Catechism Question 17: What is Idolatry? Idolatry is trusting in created things rather than the Creator for our hope and happiness, significance and security.

[Sin] is rejecting, ignoring, and rebelling against God, not treating God as God, and not giving him the honor that is his due. In the Bible, the most frequently described way that human beings do that is through the sin of idolatry. Idolatry is loving anything more than Jesus Christ. Idolatry is treating anything as more important than Jesus Christ for your meaning in life, for your happiness, for your security and hope, or for your self-regard. The reason why it's so important to understand the sin of idolatry is that it can be growing in a part of your life for a long time and get very deep without it right away leading to clear, visible, and easily seen violations of God's law.

So, for example, if affluence and your career have become too important to you, they've become idols, and that can lead you to working too hard and exhaustion. It can lead you to becoming ruthless. It can block the development of a loving heart and the fruit of the Spirit. It can thin out your relationships. It can hurt your family relationships. It can hurt your friendships. And all these things can be going on for a long time before it leads to a real overt example of lying or cheating or adultery, because idolatry can lead to those things.

So what's important to grasp is this: sin is not just doing bad things. It's turning good things into ultimate things, because it ruins your soul, destroys community, and dishonors God.

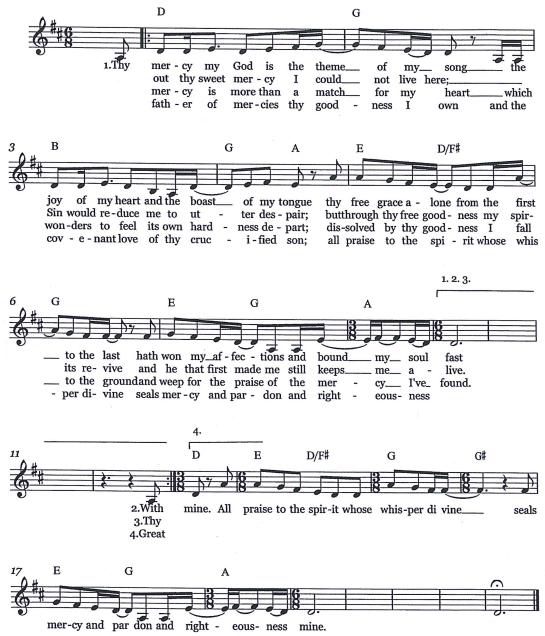
Prayer:

Creator God, forgive us for worshiping the things you have made. No person or thing should be our hope or our trust. You alone are self-existent and all sufficient. May you be our all in all. Amen.

Song of Preparation

Thy Mercy My God Is the Theme of My Song

Sandra McCracken



Call to Worship—Psalm 33

Leader: Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

People: Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre;

Leader: Make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!

People: Sing to him a new song;

- Leader: Play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
- All: For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD *Songs of Adoration All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! Trinity Hymnal #296

Rejoice In All Your Works

Wendell Kimbrough



*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD New Testament Reading—Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Matthew Called and a Girl and Woman Restored

As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, behold, a ruler came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus rose and followed him, with his disciples. And behold, a woman who had suffered from a discharge of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his garment, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. And when Jesus came to the ruler's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. And the report of this went through all that district.

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—Romans 4:18-21

In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Rom. 4:22-25

That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness." But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Leader: Family of God, give thanks to God for forgiving our trespasses!

People: Thanks be to God!

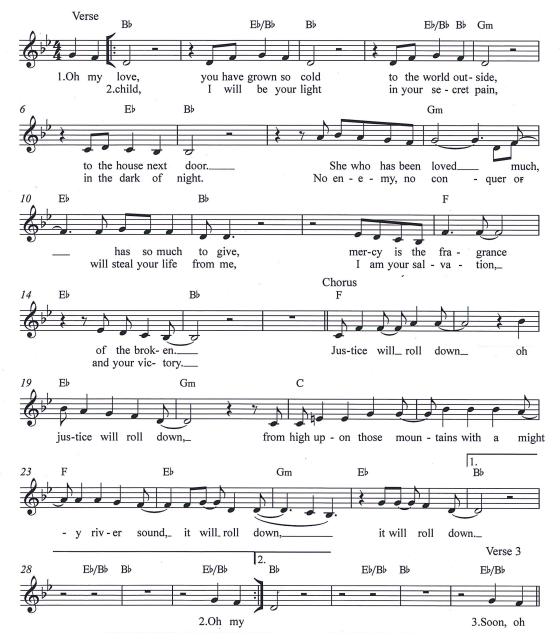
Leader: Now may the peace of Christ be with you all!

People: And also with you!

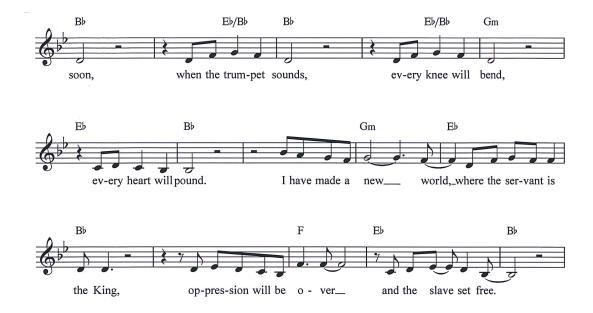
Song of Rejoicing

Justice Will Roll Down

Sandra McCracken



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Children's Sermon

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)

Psalm 34 (Taste and See)

Joe Rigney & Shane Barnard. Arr. by Grant Wall

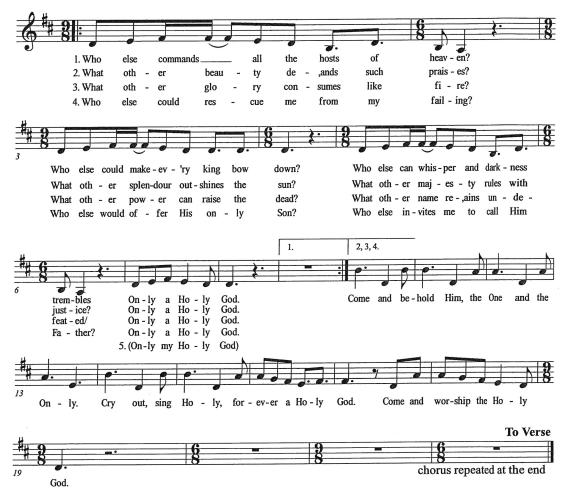
Sermon

"Keeping Your Eyes on the Invisible God" A Series on the Book of Deuteronomy Deuteronomy 4:15-31 Rev. Pablo Rosales

Song of Response

Only A Holy God

Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, Dustin Smith, and Rich Thompson



*Benediction

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday school is on a break until Jun. 25.

Volunteers today: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: M. Schmidt, Highmark, A. Schmidt, Ridenhour, Inion. CC: Jackson, Marcus. Next Sunday: S. Thomason, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: Schaffer, Reynolds, Linenbroker, Kling, Boyd. CC: K. Standerfer, A. Rosales.

Make plans to join us for our **Summer Discussion Series** events from 6-7:30pm. There are two evenings left in the series: June 29 (*adjusted date from original*)- Christianity, Politics and Patriotism, Aug. 2- Disagreeing Biblically.

Youth Parents' Meeting: TODAY from 11am-noon. Childcare will be available for your little ones.

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.

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.

Women's Outing: Fri., Jun. 16th-Third Friday is an event hosted by the Delmar Marker District which provides an evening spot once a month for people to create, shop, learn, and socialize. There will be music, food, craft demonstrations and art exhibits. So FUN!!! The event starts at 6pm. See Jessica Doiron or Mickie Schmidt to meet at church or at the event.

Communicants Class is offered for interested 1st through 5th graders. This class is a prerequisite to church membership and will cover the basics of the Christian faith and prepare children for their first communion. The class will take place on Sat., Jun. 24th from 9am-noon. Register on Church Center under "events."

If you would like to receive the monthly **Children's Ministry Newsletter**, please send your email address to: 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) Bike Night- Jun. 21 Lawn Games Night- July 5 Summer Splash- July 19 Prayer & Praise- Aug. 6 Women's Retreat- Aug 11-12

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MISSION UPDATE

Local missions volunteers and a job opportunity!

As mentioned last week, the nations are coming here. **Oasis International** is one of the ministries that we have partnered with, as they help acclimate refugees and immigrants to a new life in this country.

Another such ministry is **FORAI (Friends of Refugees and Immigrants)**. Each year Forai walks alongside 8-12 refugee and immigrant women on the artisan/artisan-admin team and 20-30 women who take part in community sewing classes. Forai works to foster dignity and help these women's stories be heard. We help empower them economically with income earned from their work. And Forai creates community, a space where women from different backgrounds and cultures are mutually giving and receiving.

This ministry started in 2009, when the Lord continued to press on the mind and heart of its founder that newcomers needed someone to walk alongside them in this country. The founder, Jen Owens, a member of Kirk of the Hill (PCA), has witnessed the Lord do amazing work in the lives of immigrant and refugee women through the relationships formed at Forai.

She reached out to me this past week to share a wonderful opportunity for artists/art teachers, who also have a heart for refugee women. They are hoping to hire a part-time director for Forai's Jewelry Project. If you are a woman and have a heart for God, a heart for refugee women, knowledge of jewelry-making, and teaching experience, please reach out to Pastor Pablo so that he can send you a job description and contact information.

As with Oasis, they are also looking for volunteers. If you discern even a thought that any of this is something you are interested in, do not hesitate to reach out to Pablo so that he can pray with you as you pursue the Lord's leading. Contact pablo@trinitychurchkirkwood.org.

New Missionary!!! - Meghan Rintoul

Trinity Church is sponsoring a new missionary! Meghan Rintoul is a native of Kirkwood, MO, who moved to Memphis, TN five years ago after college to work with Campus Outreach. During that time, she felt the Lord calling her to the missions field. After meeting with her, she was recommended to the World Missions Committee, who brought her on board at the last meeting. We are excited for the work that the Lord will be doing through her in what she has described as a "pre-Christian culture" (a culture that has moved beyond the post-Christian phase).

Meghan Rintoul is moving to England this summer to serve with Campus Outreach, which was founded in 1978 to take the Gospel to college students. Meghan will serve in Birmingham, which is the 2nd largest city in England, and Europe's youngest, with over 100,000 college students across several universities. Further, Meghan's work will take the Gospel to the ends of the earth as the University of Birmingham has 35,000 students with 9,000 of those from 150 different countries.

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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