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WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO HAS GIVEN US TRUTH

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

Liturgist: Rev. Pablo Rosales

Scripture Reader: Meredith Heintz

Pastoral Prayer: Aaron Goldstein, Ruling Elder

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflections

Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. — Gal. 3:23-26

"The Law discovers the disease, the gospel gives the remedy." — Martin Luther

"The Law sends us to the gospel that we may be justified. The gospel sends us to the law to find out what our duty is now that we are justified." — Will Metzger

"Just as the moon and the stars, though they are themselves bright and spread their light over all the earth, yet vanish before the greater brightness of the sun, so the law, however glorious in itself, has no glory in the face of the gospel's grandeur." — John Calvin

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

"Want a Miserable Life? Confuse Law and Gospel" by Jeff Robinson

Abridged from, thegospelcoalition.org, November 19, 2019

What if your church's elders passed down a fiat that members couldn't take more than 1,999 steps on the Lord's Day without facing church discipline? Just one more step would represent a long trip—a no-no on the day God set aside for worship. Or what if they added a clause in the constitution and bylaws that members must not leave a radish in salt, since that vegetable might become a pickle, and pickle-making is work? You get the picture.

Such boorish legalism would make a congregation miserable and would get the elders fired. Yet these were merely a few among dozens of Sabbath laws that the Pharisees added to the Torah.

Ironically, the Pharisees and their scribes were the theological giants of the day, yet in Mark 2:25–26 and other passages Jesus asks them, "Have you not read?" In other words, don't you understand the Scriptures?

Of course, the Pharisees are infamous for encrusting the moral law of God with hundreds of manmade traditions. And we get the idea from the New Testament that trying to obey those laws as a means of salvation made them a miserable people.

While few of us today seek to follow the Pharisaical model, this level of misery is alive and well among those who misunderstand the complementarity of law and gospel. The law of God as a ground for salvation, as a means of accruing merit, leaves the worker exhausted, miserable, and lost. The law wrongly applied is a terrible taskmaster.

I think Paul gets at it in Romans 7:7: "If it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, 'You shall not covet.'"

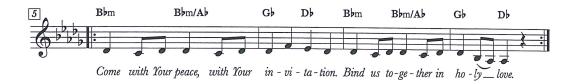
The law exposes our sin. It shows us the holy, spotless character of God. It produces holy despair—not a hopelessness that leads us to forego attempting to merit any favor with God and drives us to the only place it can be found—in union with Jesus Christ, in his person and work.

The law shows us that we have sinned and fallen short of God's glory, revealing our desperate need for grace—both before and after salvation. The law bruises; the gospel heals. John Calvin saw three good functions for the law: it's a mirror (clearly exposing our sin); it reveals God's will (as a guide to sanctification); and it restrains evil in society (we're not as bad as we could be).

The law left the Pharisees and their disciples miserable because they viewed it as a vehicle to glory, a means of salvation. They used it unlawfully, and the result was a shrunken, joyless, bitter existence.

This is the result when we misapply Scripture and replace grace with legalism. But, rightly understood, the law of God is good, unmasking our self-righteousness and exposing our depravity. It sends us running for cover in the righteousness of Christ, won at Calvary. It liberates us to rest from our labors at keeping the law, and it leads us to green pastures of deep and overflowing joy in Christ alone.





Call to Worship—Psalm 8 (selected)

Leader: Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: You have set your glory in the heavens.

Leader: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?

People: You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor.

Leader: You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet.

All: Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

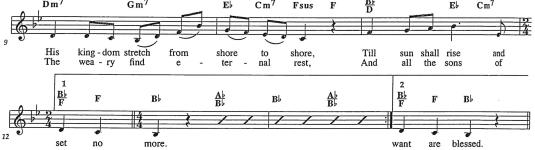
WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Verse Words and Music by Isaac Watts and John Hatton. Chorus Words and Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Ed Cash













All Creatures of Our God and King

Orig. words by William Henry Draper. Vs. 3-4 word by Jonathan Baird and Ryan Baird





*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Matthew 28:16-20

The Great Commission

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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—2 Corinthians 13:11

Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Silent Confession and Lament

Song of Longing (please join in signing when directed) All Things New



WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—2 Cor. 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for his grace, love, and fellowship of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

Song of Rejoicing

Father, Let Your Kingdom Come

Orlando Palmer, Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell, Liz Vice, Latifah Phillips



WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

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

Sermon

"Come Near"

A Series on the Book of Deuteronomy

Deuteronomy 4:1-14

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

Song of Response

Facing a Task Unfinished

Original Words and Music: Frank Houghton and Samuel Wesley. New Words and Music: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Ed Cash, and Fiona de Barra



THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Sursum Corda

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the LORD.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

People: It is good and right so to do.

*Confession of Faith

Leader: Christian, in whom do you believe?

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

The third day He arose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right

hand of God the Father Almighty, whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and life everlasting. Amen

Words of Institution-Matthew 26:26—29

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

Prayer of Consecration

The Giving of the Bread and Cup

Upon direction from the ushers, please come forward down the center aisle. After you receive the elements, please return to your seats via the side aisles. Please hold the elements until we are all able to partake together. After the service, please dispose of your used communion cup.

(Grape juice is in the purple cups and wine in the clear. The bread is gluten and nut free)

Words and Music by Brooke Ligertwood

In the crushing, in the pressing, You are making new wine. In the soil I now surrender, You are breaking new ground;

So, I yield to You and to Your careful hand.

When I trust You I don't need to understand.

Make me your vessel, make me an offering.

Make me whatever You want me to be.

I came here with nothing, but all You have given me.

Jesus, bring new wine out of me.

In the crushing, in the pressing, You are making new wine. In the soil I now surrender, You are breaking new ground.

'Cause where there is new wine there is new power.

There is freedom and the kingdom is here.

I lay dow my old flames to carry Your new fire today

Jesus, bring new wine out of me. Jesus, bring new wine out of me.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Sending Song

Doxology
Trinity Hymnal #731

^{*}Benediction

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday school is on a break until Jun. 25.

Young Adults Lunch today at 11:15am at Crushed Red in Kirkwood (please note this location change). Families welcome!

Volunteers today: Ushers: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Alexander. Nursery: Garner, Sinclair, Goldstein, P. Waldron, Martir. CC: Oehlerking, Linenbroker. Next Sunday: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: M. Schmidt, Highmark, A. Schmidt, Ridenhour, Inion. CC: Jackson, Marcus.

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.

Youth Parents' Meeting: Sun., Jun. 11 from 11amnoon. 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.

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 grace 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

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If you would like to receive the monthly **Children's Ministry Newsletter**, please send your email address to:

melissa.kocher@trinitychurchkirkwood.org.

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 <u>following the link</u>:



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

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.

