

# TRINITY CHURCH

July 2, 2023

# 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.



# WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US!

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

Liturgist: Matt Pannkuk

Scripture Reader: Megan Hawley

Pastoral Prayer: J Harrison, Ruling Elder

#### **Prelude**

#### Welcome and Announcements

### WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

I went to college intending to major in music, but because of a number of challenges in my first semester, I lost my music scholarship as well as my place in the music program. I'll never forget standing in the back of the chapel one afternoon boldly stating, "I will never touch a piano again."

I didn't touch a piano for a long time, but I imagine God might have chuckled at my childish temper tantrum because he knew what my future held. Years later when my husband was called to be the lead pastor here at Trinity Church, the new church plant needed a pianist. And now in God's amazing providence, I'm the music director at Trinity, playing piano week in and week out.



A few years into oiling up my rusty piano fingers, a dear friend and professional violinist, suggested we put on a concert together. Her suggestion seemed absurd – impossible! I couldn't imagine learning a Bach Concerto after so many years of neglecting my instrument. When I sat on the piano bench for the evening's concert and momentarily reminisced about my youthful intransigence, my heart overflowed with joy; it was wondrous; it was *dreamlike*.

I imagine this kind of dreamlike joy when I read Psalm 126. After 70 years in exile, after the complete destruction of their homeland, the Israelites were given permission to come back home and rebuild. Can you imagine it? It was *dreamlike*. Their mouths were filled with joy, their tongues with laughter. They could not contain their happiness because of the great things God had done.

In many seasons of life, however, grasping on to that dreamlike joy feels like a far reach. We just don't have the energy. In times of longing, anxiety, and loss, this kind of happiness seems like it can only be found in our literal dreams. Psalm 126 reminds us in a beautiful way that God will restore our joy, and we will again be filled with happiness. And he does this for His beloved by causing us to remember and anticipate.

Remember today God's goodness in your life. Our stories, even those marked with profound hardship, have pages filled with God's faithfulness to us. Sharing about this goodness causes joy to grow in our lives. So, remember the great things God has done and share them with gladness.

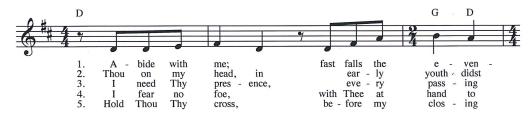
And then anticipate. Look forward with great expectation to all that God will do on the path to restoration. There may be hard work ahead, but as Hebrews 12 exhorts, "Lift your drooping hands, strengthen your weak knees," and trust in God's power at work within you as you move forward in the day God has given you. When the Lord in His sovereign timing brings restoration, what you reap today will bring joy tomorrow.

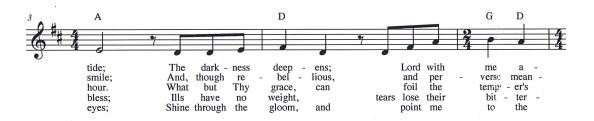
Katie Polski

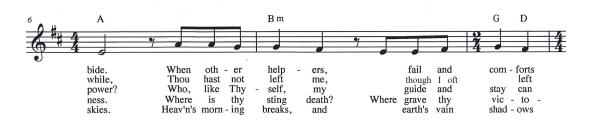
# **Song of Preparation**

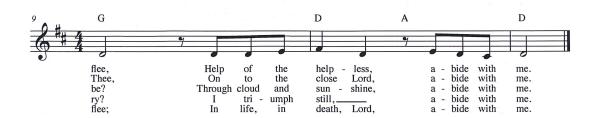
#### Abide With Me

Words by Henry Lyte. Music by Justin Smith. alt. by Justin Smith. Arr. by Joel Littlepage









# Call to Worship—Psalm 89 (selected)

Leader: I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever;

People: With my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

Leader: For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."

People: Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,

Leader: Who exult in your name all the day and in your righteousness are exalted.

All: For you are the glory of their strength; our king to the Holy One of Israel.

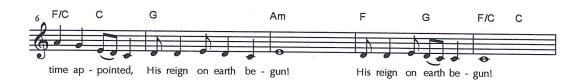
# WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

# \*Songs of Adoration

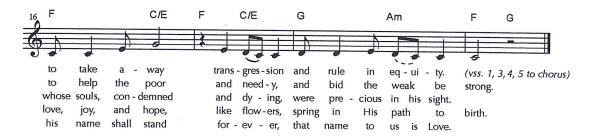
# Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Words by James Montgomery. alt. S. McCracken. Music by Sandra McCracken









# Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Words and Music by Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, and Michael Bleecker



# \*Prayer of Adoration

### WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

# Old Testament Reading—Genesis 22:1-14

The Sacrifice of Isaac

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

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 6:12-13

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.

#### Silent Confession and Lament

# WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Rom. 6:17-18

But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for setting us free

from sin because of His righteousness.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

# Song of Rejoicing

# Nothing But the Blood of Jesus

Robert Lowry. Arr. by Keith Getty, Fionan de Barra, Dave Cleveland, Ross Holmes, and Matt Menafee



# WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

# **Pastoral Prayer**

# **Tithes and Offerings**

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

#### Sermon

"Dreaming of Restoration" Psalm 126 Rev. Nate Taylor

# Song of Response

### We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore



# 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)

Communion Song (Ensemble)

Psalm 126

Isaac Wardell

# **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

# \*Sending Song

Mighty God We Thank and Praise You

Mighty God we thank and praise you for this meal, this Bread of Life; Precious blood and body, broken, from your Son our Savior, Christ. In these myst'ries you assure us we are members of your Son; Heirs of your eternal Kingdom, with all faithful people, one.

Humbly now we ask you, Father, in your grace, to make us strong, That, with all the saints before us, in good works we may press on! Send us out to love and serve you! Send us out to sing your praise! Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, pow'r and glory to your name!

Amen, amen, amen, amen.

\*Benediction

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

# Handing Down the Faith to the Next Generation – Rev. Dr. Chris Polski (Room-110)

This class will address the biblical background for the critically important calling of handing down the faith to our children as well as the current cultural headwinds that make it so difficult. Along the way we will explore the foundational importance of parents, grandparents and the church in making sure that our children are exposed to the whole counsel of God in such a way that it encourages them toward faith and not away from it.

# 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)

#### Summer Sundays- Drop off in room 106/parents pick up on playground

Trinity kids still have an opportunity to dig into God's Word following Sunday morning worship for six weeks beginning Sunday, June 25th through Sunday, July 30th from 11 am - 12 pm. In a one room schoolhouse format, students will watch a video lesson, sing worship songs, and then head outside to play! Summer Sundays is for children age 3 by July 31, 2022 through incoming 5th grade.

Children will begin in Room 106 and will be dismissed to a parent/guardian from the playground. In case of inclement weather, dismissal will be in Room 106. Please send your child with a water bottle, labeled with their name.

#### Nursery - Rooms 103 & 104

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Summer Sunday school classes meet today.** There is something for all ages. A list of classes is on the previous page

Volunteers today: Ushers: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Alexander. Nursery: Halls, B. Williamson, J. Standerfer, Schlitt. SS: Mitchell, D. Nichols. CC: Doiron, Roberts. Next Sunday: Ushers: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: C. Waldron, M. Sinclair, M. Linenbroker, Bava, Martir. SS: K. Linenbroker, K. Standerfer. CC: Jackson, J. Standerfer.

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

Make plans to join us for our final **Summer Discussion** Event from 6-7:30pm on Wed., Aug. 2- Disagreeing Biblically.

Ladies, we are excited to announce that we have an overnight retreat the evening of Aug. 11-the afternoon of Aug. 12. Registration is now open! Use the QR code to the right for more details. Please contact Amy Mitchell if the registration is full. We will do our best to add more rooms.

**SH Retreat** on July 7-9. You can use the QR code to the right, then scroll to the event and register. **Sunday Night Ministry tonight at Trinity** 5:30-7:30pm (JH & SH).

Children's Ministry families, come hang out with us on Wed., July 5 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm for lawn games! Families, if you have a favorite lawn game to share, please bring it and show off your skills! You are welcome to bring a picnic dinner. Frozen treats will be provided. Sign up on Church Center or by using the QR code to the right.

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

On Aug. 6, from 6:30-7:30pm we will have an **evening of Praise and Prayer** at the home of Debbie and Duncan Highmark. Space is limited, so sign up soon on Church Center or use the QR code to the right.

**Need help hearing?** An Apple and Android app named Listen Everywhere by Listen Technologies will allow the same sound coming through the speakers to be sent to your mobile phone and into bluetooth connected devices like headphones or hearing aides. Download the app, connect to Trinity Wifi, and select the first channel and it will start playing.

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)

Here are a few dates to add to your calendar:

**Summer Discussion Series**-(dates to the left)

Lawn Games Night- July 5
Ladies to Kirkwood Farmers MarketJul. 15

Summer Splash- July 19 SH Cardinal's Game- Aug. 2 Prayer & Praise- Aug. 6 JH Urban Air Night- Aug. 9 Women's Retreat- Aug 11-12

#### MISSION UPDATE

#### Nate and Erin Taylor - Church Planting in Glasgow, Scotland

"Our main goal in moving to Glasgow and serving with the Free Church of Scotland was to help plant new churches. In what's been close to two years since we arrived, we have been helping at other church plants, serving in discipleship in a local congregation, and assisting where we can in the presbytery. We are excited to share that our church has approved a plan to begin planting a church in the area of Glasgow where we live called Bearsden with Nate as the planting pastor. We have been praying about this possibility for a while, so we're so thankful to the Lord for what he's done. We announced the plant to our congregation at the beginning of June and will have an informational meeting in August and tentatively start core group meetings in October.

As we look to the future, there's a lot to do, and the first thing on the list is to pray. Please be praying for wisdom as Nate puts together a development plan over the summer, for the Lord to lead people to decide to join the core group, for unity in our mother church as they tithe resources to get this new work started, and for the Lord to be preparing hearts to serve and reach new people with the gospel. Thank you, Trinity, for playing such a vital role in the ministry we are called to in Glasgow! — The Glasgow Taylors"

To support their ministry and stay informed about their continued work, please scan the following QR code

#### Meghan Rintoul Update

Meghan has been officially cleared to move to England this summer to serve with Campus Outreach. 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.

While we are supporting her, she is still shy a few pledges to be fully funded. If you are moved to support her ministry, please reach out to Pablo for more information: pablo@trinitychurchkirkwood.org

#### Trinity's Missionaries

Several weeks ago, we commissioned three of our own who are doing missions trips over the summer (Allison Schmidt, Cameron Roberts, and Lily Polski). We made every effort to ensure that all who were at Trinity that day took home a handout with information regarding their trip and prayer requests. I even stood at the door and watched every hand. Just kidding...or am I?

Please continue to pray for them. We can't wait to hear from them at the end of the Summer. If you would like another copy of the handout, please visit the Welcome Desk after the service.

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