

OH GIVE
THANKS
to the *Lord,*
FOR
HE IS GOOD,
FOR HIS
STEADFAST LOVE
ENDURES
forever!

TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

July 16, 2023

WORSHIPING THE GOD OF STEADFAST LOVE

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

Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

Scripture Reader: Fielding Poe

Pastoral Prayer: Duncan Highmark, Ruling Elder

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflections

The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation. — Ex. 34:6-7

"A man were better to say there is no God than say that God is unfaithful."

— Thomas Brooks

"We must see our circumstances through God's love instead of, as we are prone to do, seeing God's love through our circumstances." — Jerry Bridges

"God loves us; not because we are loveable but because he is love; not because he needs to receive but because he delights to give." — C.S. Lewis

For Preparation: Erik Raymond (thegospelcoalition.org) Nov. 16, 2010

Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. - (Psalm 107:28)

Many have reached their end. Many have felt their insufficiency and fleeting strength amid opposition. And so many have called upon the LORD for rescue. In fact this Psalm highlights many different ways in which the LORD has rescued people. In this instance the Psalmist is recounting those who were in great danger and helpless upon the sea. They cried to the LORD and he rescued them, he delivered them.

We forget the intimate kindness of God to people. Many times he rescues people who are not believers. How many hospitals in your city have people on the edge of their seat waiting to see if a loved one will survive? Many times God spares people. He rescues them. He is gracious and kind. But how much more those who have been rescued by God from our sin?

Listen, you and I were not out on the spiritual ocean sending signals hoping to get rescued, we were the pirates out thumbing our noses at God, undermining his authority, plundering his possessions and belittling his glory. We were pitiable but not neutral. We were enemies when God rescued us.

This is what really serves to be a continual instigator in my praise for Christ. The gospel not only whispers in my ear that God loves me but also that he loves me in spite of me formerly hating him. How can you get over love like this?

When I find myself dry and brittle inside I just need to marinate in the gospel waters. Listen, the truth of the gospel, the reality of Christ living, dying, and rising again for me, this refreshes and refurbishes me (1 Cor. 15.3-5; Eph. 2.1-8). There is no way around it. We cannot absorb the personal realities of the gospel and not be moved. Take time right now to do so. Preach this truth to your own heart and watch and feel God the Holy Spirit refresh your soul. You have been rescued. A rebel has been rescued.

The concluding verses of this section of Psalm 107 are fitting: (Psa 107.31-32) Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

Call to Worship—Psalm 65 (selected)

Leader: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed.

People: Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts!

Leader: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!

People: Those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe at your signs.

All: You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Our Great God

Fernando Ortega

Verse 1 & 2

8 A Em Em7
1. E - ter - nal God, un - chang - ing, mys - te - rious and un -
2. Lord we are weak and frail help - less in the

12 A A Em Em7
known. Your bound - less love un - fail - ing, in grace and mer - cy
storm.. Sur - round us with Your an - gels, hold us in Your

16 A F#m D2
shown. Bright ser - a - phim - in end - less flight a -
arms. Our cold and ruth - less en - e - my, his

19 F#m D2 A Em
round - Your glo - rious throne, They raise their voic - es day and night in
pleas - ure is our harm. Rise up, oh Lord and he will flee be -

23 Em7 A A Em
praise to You a - lone. Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry -
fore our Sov - 'reign God.

27 D A A
be to our great - God Ha - le - lu -

30 Em 1. D
jah! glo - ry be to our great

32 A Em A A 2.D
 God, Lord, be to our great

Instrumental

37 A Em A Em A Em
 God

Verse 3

43 A A A Em Em7
 3. Let ev - ry crea - ture in - the sea, and ev - ry fly - ing

48 A A Em Em7
 bird, let ev - ry moun - tain, ev - ry field, and val - ley of the

52 A F#m D2
 earth, let all the moons and all the stars in

55 F#m D2 A
 all the u - ni - verse sing prais - es to the

Chorus 2

58 Em Em7 A A
 liv - ing God, who rules them by His Word. Ha - le - lu -

62 Em D 1. A 2. A
 jah! glo - ry be to our great God! Ha - le - God

Goodness of God

Words and Music by Jenn Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Ben Fielding, and Brian Johnson

♩=63

VERSE

A

D



1. I love _ You, Lord. ____
2. I love _ Your voice.) ____

Oh, Your mer - cy nev - er fails .
You have led me through the fi -

3

A

E/G#

F#m7

D



____ me.
- re.

All ____ my days ____
In dark - est night, ____

I've been held in ____ Your hands .
You are close like ____ no oth -

5

E(4)

F#m7

D



____ er.

From the mo - ment that I wake up
I've known You as a fa - ther,

un - til I lay
I've known You as

7

A

E/G# F#m7

D

E(4)

A



my head,
a friend.

I ____ will sing ____
I ____ have lived ____

of the good - ness
in the good - ness

of God. ____
of God. ____

CHORUS

10

D²

A

D²



All my life _ You have _ been faith - ful.

All my life _ You have _ been so, .

13 A E⁽⁴⁾ D² A E/G# F#m⁷

— so good. With ev-'ry breath — that I — am a - ble I — will sing

16 D² E⁽⁴⁾ 1. A 2. A

Last time to Coda

— of the good - ness of God. — 2. I love _ Your voice. —

19 BRIDGE A/C# D² E⁽⁴⁾ A

Your good - ness is run - ning af - ter, it's run - ning af - ter me. —

21 A/C# D² E⁽⁴⁾ A

Your good - ness is run - ning af - ter, it's run - ning af - ter me. — With my life _

23 A/C# D² E⁽⁴⁾ F#m⁷

— laid down, _ I'm sur - ren - dered now; _ I give _ You ev - 'ry - thing. —

25 A/C# D² E⁽⁴⁾ A

Your good - ness is run - ning af - ter, it's run - ning af - ter me. —

27 2. E⁽⁴⁾ A D.S. al Coda

run - ning af - ter me. —

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The Parable of the Sower

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear."

"Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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 8:5-6

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Romans 8:1-4

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Leader: Children of God, give thanks to God for sending his son in order that the righteous requirement of the law be fulfilled in us.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

***Song of Rejoicing**

And Can It Be That I Should Gain
Trinity Hymnal #455 (vv. 1, 3-5)

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)

Living Waters

Words and Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Ed Cash

Sermon

"Hitting Bottom "

Psalm 107

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

Song of Response

O Give Thanks! (Psalm 107)

Wendell Kimbrough

1. We were wan - d'ring in the de - sert with our souls
 2. We were locked out of the gar - den and our backs
 3. We were fools in our re - bell - ion with our hun -
 4. We were far out on the o - cean ma - king wealth

so starved and weak; we were hun - gry for a home - land we did not
 bend down with pain in the sha - dow of death's dark - ness we were slaves
 - ger strike of pride; we were sick and grow - ing clos - er to the death
 and cha - sing dreams but the waves of great de - struc - tion brought us trem -

know how to seek, but we lif - ted up our voi -
 to sin and blame Then we cried out in our la -
 - we should have died Then he heard of our con - di -
 - bling to our knees, and we cried like drun - ken sai -

- ces to the on - ly One who hears and the God
 - bor to the on - ly One who hears and the God
 - tion and He called us by our names and the God
 - lors to the on - ly One who hears and the God

of mer - cy came and brought us near. Oh give thanks to the Lord
 of mer - cy wiped a - way our tears.
 of glo - ry took a - way our shame.
 of com - fort took a - way our fears.

for His love en - dures fo - re - ver! We were wan - der - ing and lost and our Fa -

- ther brought us home to a safe dwe - lling place, to a feast

of joy and laugh - ter. Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

*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 - Meet the youth ministry candidate, Mitchell Dixon (Lower level)

Parents come meet Mitchell and his family from 12-12:30 in the adult education area.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Sunday school classes meet today. Kids ages 3yrs thru 5th grade will meet for a joint special class in room 106. Parents please plan to pick them up on the playground. See previous page for classes.

Volunteers today: Ushers: Thomason, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: M. Goldstein, Inions, P. Waldron, J. Petty. SS: Harlow, Hammond. CC: K. Standerfer, Sweet. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Oehlerking, Moen, Broughton, Smith. Nursery: S. Garner, Schaffer, S. Goldstein, Highmark, M. Kocher. SS: L. Nichols, Oehlerking. CC: Oehlerking, Inion.

Our final **Summer Discussion** event is Aug. 2 from 6-7:30pm. The topic is: Disagreeing Biblically.

Trinity Women's 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.

Ladies, It's time for our next outing! Join us on Sat., July 15th for a morning at the Kirkwood Farmers Market along with the Peach Festival and sidewalk sale. Meet at 10am at McEntee Memorial Park, 131 W. Madison, Kirkwood 63122. There is parking in the Kirkwood Courthouse/Police Parking lot.

Youth Pool Party: July 12 from 7-9pm at the Freeman's. **Sunday Night Ministry TONIGHT at Trinity** 5:30-7:30pm (JH & SH).

Children's Ministry families, join us on Wednesday, **July 19 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm for Summer Splash!** Kids, wear your swimsuits, bring a beach towel, and join us for water games and fun! Parents, don't forget your lawn chairs. 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)

Be sure to add these dates to your summer calendar:

Summer Discussion Series-(dates to the left)

Youth Pool Party July 12

Ladies to Kirkwood Farmers Market-
Jul. 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

Ben and Kim Church are here!!

Ben and Kim Church, serving in Kampala, Uganda with Mission to the World, will be in St. Louis for the summer. They safely arrived a couple of weeks ago and are currently being hosted by Grace Church in their missionary house in St. Charles. They are here for two reasons:

First, Kim is looking to complete her Master of Nursing program to become a Nurse Practitioner. She began her final clinical assignment yesterday at Care STL clinic in St. Louis City. Kim is also preparing to take her board certification exam, possibly in August. They are very excited for how this additional equipping and qualification will enable her to develop a biblical healthcare ministry within their church and presbytery in Uganda.

Secondly, they are here to report to and connect with you who have been supporting them through your prayers and giving. They have so much that they are excited to share. So, we have invited Ben to preach on July 30th during our worship service. He will be joining us in our series in the Psalms. This is a great opportunity for us to hear from someone who primarily preaches and teaches in a completely different context. (As a side thought, I know that short-term missions trips partner with Ben in Uganda. What say you Trinity? Any interest?)

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.

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.



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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