

For you
BLESS THE
RIGHTEOUS,
O Lord;
YOU COVER HIM WITH
FAVOR
AS WITH A SHIELD.

TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

July 30, 2023

WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO LEADS US WITH HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS

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

Liturgist: Rev. Pablo Rosales

Scripture Reader: Cheryl Poe

Pastoral Prayer: Michael Jorgensen, Ruling Elder

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

"Saints are so righteous in Jesus Christ that they are more righteous than Adam was before he fell, for he had but a creature righteousness, and they have the righteousness of the Creator. He had a righteousness which he lost, but believers have a righteousness which they can never lose, an everlasting righteousness." — Charles Spurgeon

"Unfallen Adam was righteous, but it was his own righteousness as a created being, it was the righteousness of a man. Adam never had the righteousness of Jesus Christ upon him. What he lost was his own righteousness. But you and I are not merely given back a human righteousness, the righteousness that Adam had before he fell—we are given the righteousness of Jesus Christ."

— David Martyn Lloyd-Jones

"Rather, 'the righteousness of God' involves a declaration of righteousness before God. It is a forensic term signifying that people who are still sinners stand as not guilty before God because of the gift of God's righteousness."

— Thomas Schreiner

Devotional Preparation

Below, RC Sproul briefly tells us of the importance of Christ's righteousness being transfer to us by faith alone and apart from anything we could do. This is known as imputation. As we speak today about being lead in God's righteousness, it is crucial to understand that without righteousness there is no possibility of salvation. We are by nature unrighteous from birth and incapable of making ourselves righteous. Therefore, Jesus came and lived a perfect life (from birth to death) in order to take upon himself our unrighteousness (imperfect life) and give to us his righteousness (his perfect life).

As we meditate on the righteousness of God, let the wonder of God's work in you and for you stir up your soul to thanksgiving and worship.

[What is Imputed Righteousness? – Ligonier.org](#)

We look to the Scriptures and see that when Paul explains the doctrine of justification, he goes back to the Old Testament to Genesis 15. There the Scriptures say of Abraham, "He believed God, and it was counted to him for righteousness" (Gen. 15:6).

When Paul develops the doctrine of justification by faith alone, he is saying that when God counts somebody righteous on the basis of faith, it is not because He looks at them and sees that they are inherently righteous. Rather, they have been clothed by the imputation, or transfer, of the righteousness of Christ to that person by faith.

This is why we say that the single meritorious cause of our salvation is the transfer, or counting, of Jesus' righteousness for me. Not only did He die to pay the penalty for my sins, but He lived a perfect life of obedience and fulfilled the law for those who put their trust in Him. This is what we're talking about in imputation. That was the single, central, most important point of the sixteenth century Reformation.

Song of Preparation

Come To Me

Sandra McCracken

Come to me, walk with me
Learn the rhythms of my grace
Come to me, I have all you need
Learn to rest even while you are awake

Are you tired? Are you worried?
Worn out from the day?
Have you been in a hurry? I will slow the pace.

Come to me. Come to me. Come to me.

Call to Worship—Psalm 105:1-4

Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name.

People: Make known his deeds among the peoples!

Leader: Sing to him, sing praises to him.

People: Tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name.

Leader: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

All: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)

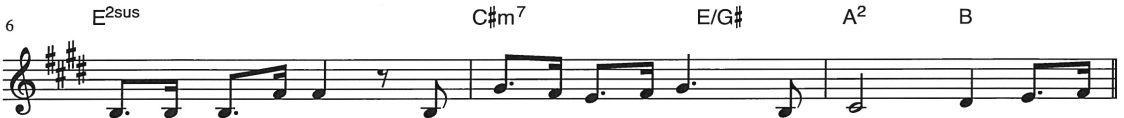
Words and Music by Matt Papa and Matt Boswell



1. You made the star - ry hosts, You traced the moun - tain peaks, You
2. You reached in - to the dust, in love Your Spir - it breathed. You



paint the ev - 'ning skies with won - ders. The earth, it is Your throne from
formed us in Your ver - y like - ness to know Your won-drous works, to



des - ert to the sea. All na - ture tes - ti - fies Your splen - dor. Praise the
tell Your might - y deeds, to join the ev - er - last - ing cho - rus.

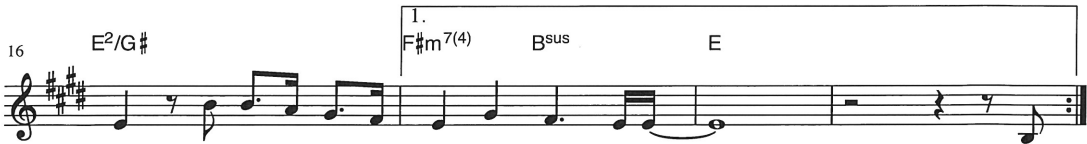
CHORUS 1



Lord, praise the Lord, sing His great - ness, all cre - a - tion. Praise the



Lord, raise your voice, you heights and all you depths, from furth - est east to



west, let ev - 'ry-thing that has breath praise the Lord. — 2. You



has breath praise the Lord. —

24 A F F^{2sus}

3. Let sym - phon - ies re-sound, let drums and choirs ring out, all

27 F F^{2sus} F F

heav - en hear the sound of wor - ship. Let ev - 'ry na - tion bring its

30 F^{2sus} Dm⁷ F/A B^b2 C

hon - ors to the King, a roar of har - mon - ies e - ter - nal. Praise the

CHORUS 2

33 F Gm⁷⁽⁴⁾ F/A B^b2(no3) C^{sus}

Lord, praise the Lord, sing His great - ness, all cre - a - tion. Praise the

37 Dm⁷ C/E F/A B^b2(no3)

Lord, raise your voice, you heights and all you depths, from furth - est east to

40 F/C B^b2/D F/C

west, you dis - tant burn - ing stars, all crea - tures near and far, from sky to sea to

43 Gm⁷⁽⁴⁾ F/A B^b C F

shore, sing out for ev - er - more, let ev - 'ry-thing that has breath praise the Lord. —

King of Kings

Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, and Scott Ligertwood. Arr. by Dan Galbraith

D/F# G



1. In the dark - ness — we were wait - ing, with - out hope, .
(2.) the king - dom com - ing and to re -

2 A D D/F# G



— with-out light, — till from Heav - en You — came run - ning. There was mer -
- con-cile the lost, — to re - deem — the whole — cre - a - tion You did not —

4 A D D/F# G



- cy in — Your eyes. — To ful - fil — the law — and pro - phets, to a vir -
— des - pise — the cross. — For — e - ven in — Your suf - fring, You saw to —

6 A D D/F# G



- gin came — the Word — from a throne — of end - less glo - ry to a cra -
— the oth - er side. — Know-ing this — was our — sal - va - tion, Je - sus, for —

CHORUS

8 A D D



- dle in — the dirt. — Praise the Fa - ther,
— our sake — You died. —

12 G Bm A^{sus} A D



praise the Son, praise the Spir - it, three in one. God of Glo - ry,

16 G Bm G A D



maj - es - ty, praise for - ev - er to the King of Kings.

20 1. VERSE 3 2.

Bm G

2. To re-veal 3. And the morn - ing that - You rose - all of heav

23 A D Bm G

- en held - its breath - till that stone - was moved - for good, - for the Lamb

25 A D Bm G

- had con - quered death. - And the dead - rose from - their tombs, - and the an -

27 A D Bm G

- gels stood - in awe, - for the souls - of all - who'd come - to the Fa -

VERSE 4

29 A D D/F# G

- ther are - re - stored. - 4. And the Church - of Christ - was born, - then the Spir

- it lit - the flame. - Now this Gos - pel truth - of old - shall - not kneel,

33 A D D/F# G

- shall - not faint. - By His blood - and in - His Name, - in His free

35 A D D/F# G A

- dom I - am free, - for the love - of Je - sus Christ - who has res - ur - rect - ed me.

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Matthew 13:31-33; 44-45

The Mustard Seed and the Leaven, the Hidden Treasure, and the Pearl of Great Value.

He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it."

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 8:28-30

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Rom. 8:38-39

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Leader: Children of God, give thanks to the Lord for his
measureless and infinite love!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

Stuart Townend. Arr. by Dan Kreider

♩ = 54

D Em D/F# G D/F# D/A A

1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all meas - ure That
 2. Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders. A -
 3. I will not boast in an - y - thing: no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But

3 D Em D/F# G D/F# A D

He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His treas - ure. How
 shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers. It
 I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why

5 Em D/F# G D/F# Bm A

great the pain of sear - ing loss. The Fa - ther turns His face a - way As
 was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished; His
 should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer. But

7 D Em D/F# G D/F# A

wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo -
 dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin -
 this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran -

9 D G/B D/A D G2 D

ry.
 ished.

2. Be - som.
 3. I

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

(Children's Church does not meet on the 5th Sunday of the month)

Offertory Song (Ensemble) *Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah*

Sermon

"Praying in the Face of Evil"

Psalm 5

Rev. Ben Church

Song of Response

Holy, Holy, Holy!
Trinity Hymnal #100

***Benediction**

SUMMER 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 (Room-111)

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 elders take us through Exodus 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

Today is our last day for Summer Sunday school.
See previous page for a list of classes and locations.

Sunday snack volunteers needed: See sign up info on the snack table.

Volunteers today: Ushers: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Alexander. Nursery: McCall, Moen, Josie Standerfer, Younger, Schlitt. SS: Keating, Younger. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: Reynolds, Halls, Polski. CC: Doiron, Rosales.

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. While online registration is full, please reach out to Amy Mitchell if you would like to attend.

Sunday Night Youth Ministry TONIGHT at Trinity
5:30-7:30pm (JH & SH).

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

The **men's and women's bible studies** are on hiatus for the summer. More info about upcoming studies will be available soon.

Calling all singers (and wanna-be singers!) You are invited to join our Trinity choir which meets during Sunday school from Aug. 27-Oct. 29. We'll learn pieces that we'll sing in worship throughout the semester (including Christmas time). No musical experience necessary; the only thing needed is a heart for worship and a desire to SING. Sign up using the QR code to the right or on Church Center.

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)

SH Cardinal's Game- Aug. 2

Prayer & Praise- Aug. 6

JH Urban Air Night- Aug. 9

Women's Retreat- Aug 11-12

ACTION Resumes- Aug. 23

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. We are excited to have Ben preach today on Psalm 5. 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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