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# WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO CALLS US TO TRUST IN HIM

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

Liturgist: Matt Pannkuk Scripture Reader: Elizabeth Hawley Pastoral Prayer: Fielding Poe, Ruling Elder

Prelude Welcome and Announcements

#### **Quotes and Reflection**

"The armour-bearer of Sin is Self-confidence." — Charles Spurgeon

"I sometimes think that the very essence of the whole Christian position and the secret of a successful spiritual life is just to realize two things ... I must have complete, absolute confidence in God and no confidence in myself."

— David Martyn Lloyd-Jones

"Feelings of confidence about our salvation need to be tested before they are trusted." — J.I. Packer

"Faith alone justifies, through Christ alone. Assurance is the enjoyment of that justification." — Sinclair Ferguson

#### **Devotional Preparation**

#### **Steadfast and Immovable** – Devotional from ligonier.com

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain

(1 Cor. 15:58).

Sometimes Christians are counseled not to be "so heavenly minded that they are no earthly good." The idea here is that an inordinate focus on the life to come can cause us to neglect our duties in the present. Certainly, it is possible for us to focus on the future life in glory in such a way as to make us think that we need not be so concerned with life today. However, the problem is not heavenlymindedness per se but a misunderstanding of what heavenly-mindedness entails. In fact, Scripture assumes that when we rightly think about life in glory, we will be of much use on the earth.

Remember that Paul has been emphasizing the certainty of our resurrection in this chapter. Christ's resurrection is so inseparable from ours that the reality of His resurrection means that we will surely be raised as well. Our bodies will not be resurrected until the last day, but they will surely be resurrected, for Jesus has conquered death (vv. 1–57). What are the practical ramifications of this truth? Paul says in today's passage that being convinced of this truth means that we are to be "steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord" (v. 58).

Confidence in the coming resurrection and our glorification will lead to active service in the present because we will recognize that our work is not in vain (v. 58). In this world, Jesus tells us, we will have trouble (John 16:33). The devil will throw everything he has at professing believers, seeking to destroy us and to make us abandon the faith (see, for example, Rev. 12:17). God, certainly, will preserve to the end all those whom He has saved, and we persevere through confidence that Jesus will return and finish what He started by renewing us and all creation. The evidence of God's preserving work is that we continue holding on to Jesus even under pressure, knowing that if there is no glory waiting for us at the end of our earthly service, this service is futile (see 1 Cor. 15:17–19).

Knowing that resurrection glory and reward await us, we are encouraged to do even more good in service of Christ. Commenting on 1 Corinthians 15:58, John Calvin writes that Paul "says that their labor is not in vain, for this reason, that there is a reward laid up for them with God. This is that exclusive hope which, in the first instance, encourages believers, and afterwards sustains them, so that they do not stop short in the race."

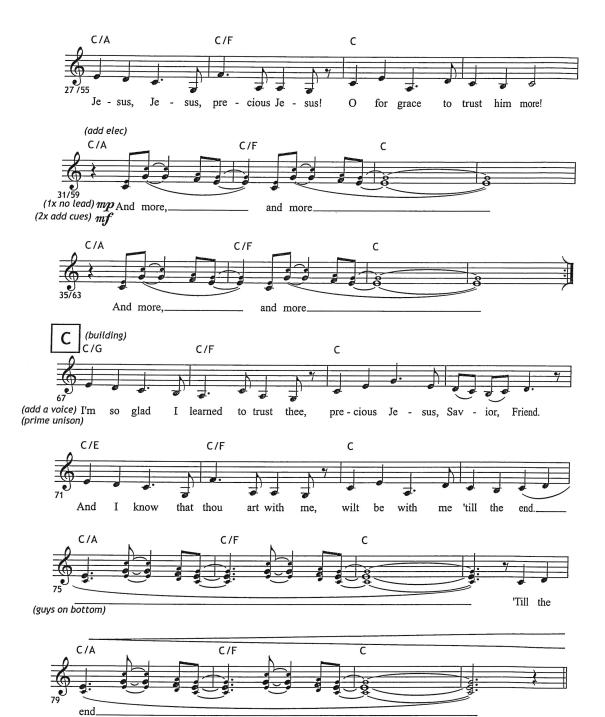
In our day, there is a great need for men and women of courage who serve with integrity and stand for God's truth no matter the consequence. To become like that, we must be convinced of the resurrection to come and also set our minds on the sure appearing of Christ to consummate His kingdom. When we are confident in these things, we will know that nothing can ultimately harm us, and so we can stand fast against all opposition.

#### Song of Preparation

#### 'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

Stead, Kirkpatrick. Arr. by Page CXVI





# Call to Worship—Psalm 105 (selected)

Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

# People: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

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

- Leader: Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
- All: O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones! Praise the Lord!

# WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

#### \*Songs of Adoration

O Great God

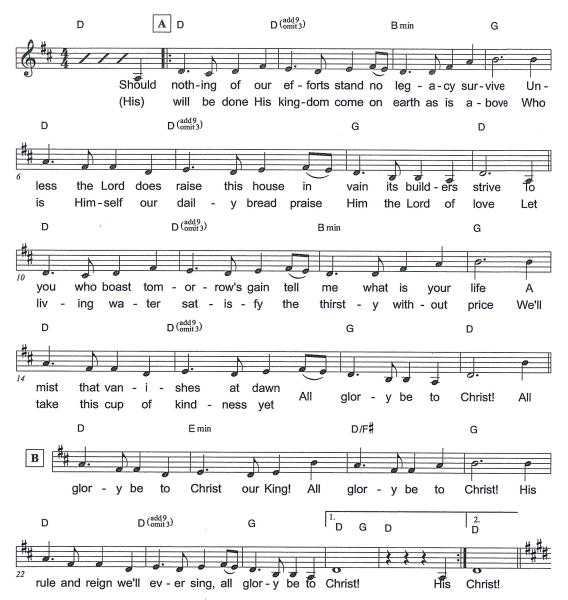
Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend





# All Glory Be To Christ

Words and Arrangement by Dustin Kensrue. Traditional Scottish Folk Tune





\*Prayer of Adoration

# WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD New Testament Reading—Matthew 14:22-33

#### Jesus Walks on Water

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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 10:13-15

For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

# Silent Confession and Lament

# WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Daniel 12:3

And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

Leader: Family of God, give thanks to God for delivering us through Jesus Christ our Lord!

#### People: Thanks be to God!

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

#### People: And also with you!

#### \*Song of Rejoicing

#### There Is A Fountain

Words by William Cowper. Music: Early American Melody. Norton Hall Band



#### **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 62

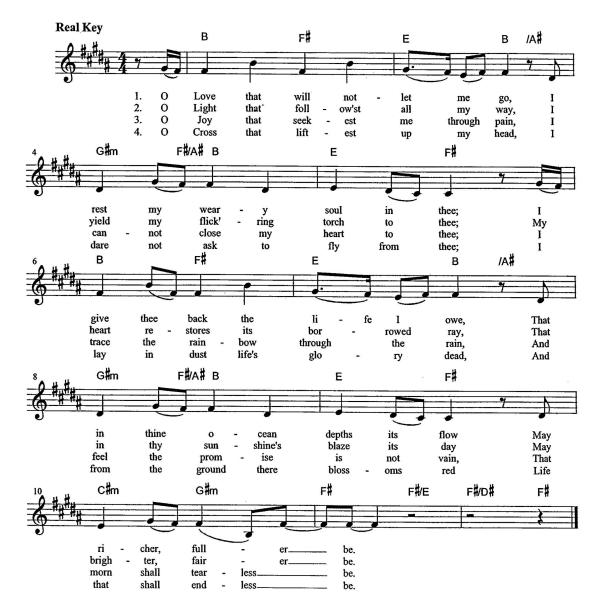
Stuart Townend and Aaron Keys

**Sermon** "Confidence for Life" Psalm 62 Rev. Pablo Rosales

#### Song of Response

#### O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Words George Matheson. Music by Christopher Miner



\*Benediction

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Summer Sunday school classes are on a break for the next few weeks. New classes begin on Aug. 27.

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

Volunteers today: Ushers: S. Thomason, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: Schmidts, O'Neals, M. Goldstein. CC: Jackson, Marcus. Next Sunday: Ushers: Oehlerking, Moen, Broughton, Smith, Barker. Nursery: Hendricks, C. Waldron, Martir, Manwaring. CC: K. Standerfer, Polski.

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

Please see today's insert about ACTION kids. Today is the deadline to register.

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

Parents of children in nursery through fifth grade are highly encouraged to attend a parent meeting on Sunday, August 20 at 4 pm in the sanctuary. Alternatively, you may participate in the meeting on Zoom if you are unable to attend in person. Childcare is available, but registration for childcare is required no later than August 13. More info can be found on Church Center or by using the QR code to the right.

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

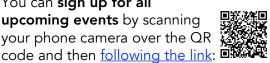
Calling all singers! You are invited to join our Trinity adult choir which meets during Sunday school from Aug. 27-Oct. 29. We'll learn pieces that we'll sing in worship throughout the semester (including Christmas time). No musical experience necessary; the only thing needed is a heart for worship and 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



# SAVE THE DATE(S)

As we look ahead to the fall, please add these dates to your calendar:

ACTION Resumes- Aug. 23 Men's/Women's Wed. Bible Studies -Aug. 23 Tues. Evening Wom. Bible Study-

Sept. 12

Party on the Lawn- Sept. 23

Flannel Palooza- Oct. 14

# MISSION UPDATE

#### Cheryl Crocker – Missionary of the Month

In your bulletin you will find an insert to take home and place somewhere you will see (such as the refrigerator, front door, etc). Whenever you pass by, pray for Cheryl and her work for our Lord. She is doing so much in the coming months and knows that our support in prayer primarily is what will make it possible. From her July Newsletter:

"I covet your prayers as I prepare to go to the Philippines (September 9 through 26) to facilitate a Staff Retreat and training in "Informed Trauma Care" for the staff of our MTWP Children's Homes there. My "sister/friend" (I think that is a new term for me), Jennifer Dollar, is going with me. She is a counselor with a private practice and also a professor. She co-directs the post grad course on Informed Trauma care at the Columbia College there in Columbia, SC. She has traveled extensively with us to Kenya being a big part of our Women's Health Symposiums there, I am excited she is going to be able to come to the Philippines with me this time! We will also be facilitating the training for another ministry there that has a big medical presence in a very poor area north of Manila.

I will be returning to the Philippines on **Jan 27-Feb 11th** with a medical team to work with Pastor Marlon Lorenzana and his church Lighthouse Reformed Christian Church in Tanuan. We have worked with pastor Marlon and the church for the last 15 years with a medical team going to work alongside them in their church planting ministry. They have planted around 10 churches during this time - all with trained leadership leading each plant, It has been such a JOY and ENCOURAGEMENT to me to have the privilege to walk alongside them in this work. Please pray as we recruit doctors, NP's, PA's and PT's, for this trip.

In **April (2024)** I will also be leading a Women's Leadership Conference in Kenya in two different areas there. We are always looking for medical people also for this team and also those to tech the Word and just love on women. Because of our ministry to the women there this always a women's only team. We will also be going back in **August of '24** for another WHS in another area working with a new tribe of women there - we covet your prayers for that trip also as it will be totally new territory for us and we need much prayer!!

There are definitely no "rocks and islands" in ministry, we are a super dependent on one another - for prayers, for encouragement and for support. You, precious group, are all of that to me and more! I am so very thankful for you all and your part in this ministry the Father has given to us!"

#### Robinson Elementary Food Pantry - 2023-2024

Robinson Elementary hosts a food pantry every month during the school year. They collect and distribute food and supplies to families in need. Trinity Church has partnered with them and assists in greeting, meeting, and providing necessary items to families. We have the privilege and opportunity to come alongside Robinson Elementary and serve our community.

This service opportunity is limited to 2 volunteers per month. Dates and Registration coming soon.

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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