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# TRINITY CHURCH

---- KIRKWOOD ----

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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.



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# WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO LIFTS US UP

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

Liturgist: Rev. Pablo Rosales

Scripture Reader: Sydney Segen

Pastoral Prayer: Aaron Goldstein, Ruling Elder

#### **Prelude**

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### **Quotes and Reflection**

For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. — Rom. 8:24-25

"God's judgments are always founded on His goodness." — John Calvin

"We cannot always trace God's hand but we can always trust God's heart."

— C.H. Spurgeon

## **Devotional Preparation**

From the ESV Gospel Transformation Study Bible

"In its immediate context, this psalm of David teaches that the Lord hears the cries of his children and responds, but they must wait patiently for him since their perception of timeliness is not always the same as his perfect providence. More distantly, this is a psalm that will be lived out by David's Greater Son. Throughout history, Christian have viewed the Psalter ultimately as a collection of Christ's prayers. The way this Psalm occurs in the New Testament reinforces that conviction. In fact Hebrews 10:5-7 quotes Psalm 40:6-7 and attributes the words to Christ. With this perspective, the psalm also provides insight into our Redeemer's earthly experience, which melts our hearts and shapes our service for him." (Psalm 40 notes).

## **Song of Preparation** (Ensemble)

## Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

## Call to Worship—Psalm 100:1-4

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

People: We will serve the Lord with gladness!

Leader: Come into his presence with singing!

People: We know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with

praise!

All: We will give thanks to him; (and) bless his name!

## WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

## \*Songs of Adoration

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#### Behold Our God

Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird, and Stephen Altrogge. Arr. by Joe Brownlee C VERSE С Em Em 1.Who has held the o-ceans in His hands? Who has num bered ev-erygrain of sand? 2.Who has giv - en coun-sel to the Lord? Who can ques-tion an - y of Hiswords? nails up - on His hands, quilt of sin-ful man? 3.Who has felt the bear - ing all the Em С Kings and tions trem - ble at his voice. ΑII na а Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fath om God hum-bled to the grave, ter nal, sus, Sav -Je ior, 8 CHORUS Em<sup>7</sup> G G/B Am ris-es to re - ioice. God. seat-ed on His throne. Come, let us a-Be-hold our all his won-drous deeds? ris-en now to reign! 1. 13 G G/B Am С noth-ing can com - pare, come, let us a - dore\_ dore Him. Be-hold our King, 19 Ēm С 2.F2 F2 3.C FINE Em Em G Him! Him! BRIDGE Am<sup>7</sup> Men: You will reign for - ev er.\_\_ You will reign for ev er.\_\_ You will reign for -Women: Let Your glo - ry fill the earth.\_\_\_ Let Your glo - ry fill the earth.\_\_\_ Let Your You will reign for ev - er. fill earth.\_ Let Your glo fill glo ry the ry the earth. Am<sup>7</sup>

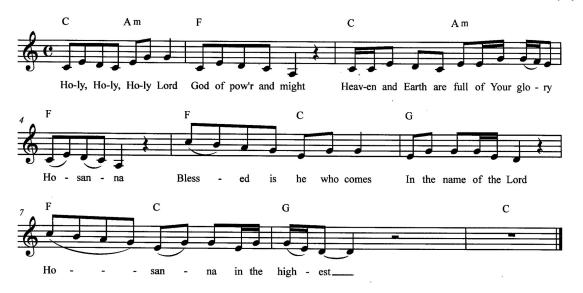
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Music: Brian T. Murphy



# \*Prayer of Adoration

## WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

# New Testament Reading—Matthew 15:21-28

The Faith of a Canaanite Woman

And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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—Proverbs 14:34, Psalm 106:6

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people... Both we and our fathers have sinned; we have committed iniquity; we have done wickedness.

#### Silent Confession and Lament

# WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Psalm 85:2

You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin.

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God for covering our sin!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

\*Song of Rejoicing

Amazing Grace! Trinity Hymnal #460

## The Reception of New Members

# 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)

Heal Us Emmanuel

Words: William Cowper (alt. Twit). Music: Kevin Twit and Lucas Morton

# Sermon

"Rescued from the Bog" Psalm 40:1-4 Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

Based on Psalm 40 I U2

I waited patiently for the Lord, He inclined and heard my cry He brought me up out of the pit; out of the miry clay

I will sing, sing a new song (Men)
I will sing, sing a new song (Women echo)
I will sing, sing a new song (Men)
I will sing, sing a new song (Women echo)

How long to sing this song? (Men)
How long to sing this song? (Women echo)
How long to sing this song? (Men)
How long to sing this song? (Women echo)

How long, how long, how long? (Together) How long, to sing this song? (Together)

> He set my feet upon the rock And made my footsteps firm Many will see Many will see and fear

I will sing, sing a new song (Men)
I will sing, sing a new song (Women echo)
I will sing, sing a new song (Men)
I will sing, sing a new song (Women echo)

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Summer Sunday school classes are on a break. New classes begin Aug. 27.

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

Volunteers today: Ushers: Oehlerking, Moen, Broughton, Smith, Barker. Nursery: Hendricks, C. Waldron, Martir, Manwaring. CC: K. Standerfer, Polski. Next Sunday: Ushers: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Alexander. Nursery: Garner, Keating, Inion, Petty, Williamson. SS: Mitchell, Broughton. CC: Oehlerking, Hawley.

**ACTION** (All Church Things In One Night) **kicks off this Wed.** An optional dinner is available if you register by Tues. at 9am using the QR code to the right. Diner is at 5:30pm, followed by nursery, children's ministry, jr. high, and men's and women's bible study from 6-7:15pm. **Going forward ACTION** will meet on the 1st & 3rd Wed. of the month.

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

Parents of children in nursery-5 gr. are highly encouraged to attend a **parent meeting TODAY** at 4 pm in the sanctuary. Alternatively, you may participate in the meeting on Zoom if you are unable to attend in person. More info can be found on Church Center or by using the QR code to the right.

Calling all singers! Join us for our Trinity adult choir which meets during Sunday school from Sept. 10-Oct. 29. We'll learn pieces that we'll sing in worship throughout the semester (including Christmas time). No musical experience necessary; just a heart for worship and a desire to SING. Sign up using the QR code to the right or on Church Center.

Men's Bible Study will meet Wed. during ACTION, OR the 2nd & 4th Fri. at 6:30am. Pastor Polski will be leading a study on Daniel. There is a Women's Bible Study on Proverbs that meets two Tues. a month at 7pm at Melissa Jorgensen's home (9/12). A study of Luke is held weekly at Trinity at 9am (starting this Wed.) or along side ACTION every-other week at 6pm. Sign up sheets and study guides are in the narthex.

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)

As we head into 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 Christmas Craft Party- Dec. 2

#### MISSION UPDATE

#### **Volunteer Opportunity!**

Forai needs volunteers to assist with sales at their booth this coming Saturday and Sunday 8/26-7 at Festival of Nations! If you are gifted in sales and connecting with people, this is a great opportunity to serve! Forai is a nonprofit based in South City focused on empowering refugee women through skills training and home-based employment. Learn more at their website, www.forai.org

Link to volunteer:



#### Cheryl Crocker - Missionary of the Month

Cheryl Crocker is doing so much in the coming months and knows that our prayers are essential in her ministry. Please read the following 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!"

