

TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

August 27, 2023

WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO SENDS US ON MISSION

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

Liturgist: Rev. Pablo Rosales

Scripture Reader: Chuck Barker

Pastoral Prayer: Chris Freeman, Ruling Elder

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." — Matt. 28:18-20

And when they (Paul and Barnabas) arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. And they remained no little time with the disciples. — Acts 14:27-28

"It is not so much the case that God has a mission for his church in the world, as that God has a church for his mission in the world. Mission was not made for the church; the church was made for mission – God's mission."

— Christopher J.H. Wright

Devotional Preparation On Being Missional

Today's focus is on the mission of the church. Some of you may be aware that there has been a recent debate within evangelicalism concerning this idea and especially the use of the term "missional." The critique of the term/idea has essentially been that it turns the church into an activist society and unburdens it from its higher calling to worship God and aid people in seeing the glory and wonder of God.

In a recent series of articles on The Gospel Coalition website Trevin Wax pushed back on this critique and I'd like to quote some of his thoughts here.

First, he addresses what he sees as a false dichotomy between worship and mission:

"Missions is a means for increasing worship. All our good deeds in the world should be ultimately directed toward the glory of Christ, both in how we display his glory in our actions and also in how we invite more people to bow the knee to his lordship. Our purpose is the Great Commission remix of the cultural commission given in Genesis. We are to be fruitful and multiply in faith so that more and more people bear the image of God our Creator and Christ our Redeemer. Worship fuels mission; mission increases worship."

Second, he warns against the tendency of becoming an inward facing community if we do not rightly emphasize mission:

"Yes, there is the temptation that we become so busy for God that we neglect our relationship with God. The church has many a Martha who is busy serving while forgetting "the better thing" that Mary treasured. Due to the natural drift of the self-centered human heart, this is a perennial temptation for the church. But lest we forget, there's also the temptation to turn inward so that we focus only on our own relationship with God and with each other, until an inward-focused apathy sets in, and we no longer know the power or promise of our identity as Great Commission believers."

Finally, he underlines what a proper understanding of being missional should do:

"Properly understood, the missional understanding of the church is a beautiful expression of the nature of a self-giving God who brings glory to himself by means of spreading his Trinitarian joy to people from every tribe, tongue, and nation. To lose this theology, to decry it, to compare it to a watered-down "social gospel," and attribute evangelicalism's malaise to its prevalence, is a radically wrong diagnosis."

Song of Preparation

Jesus! What a Friend of Sinners!

Trinity Hymnal #498

Call to Worship—Psalm 22 (selected)

Leader: You are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

People: Our vows we will perform before those who fear him.

Leader: The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord!

People: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,

All: And all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

***Songs of Adoration**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Trinity Hymnal #295

Lord Most High

Words and Music by Don Harris and Gary Sadler

$\text{♩} = 145$

E Esus E

Women

Men

From the ends of the earth, _____

From the ends of the earth, _____ from the

B2sus B C#m

3

from the depths of the sea, _____ from the

depths of the sea, _____ from the heights of the heav - ens

A E/A A E Esus

6

heights of the heav - ens Your name be praised; From the

Your name be praised; From the hearts of the weak, _____

E B2sus B

10

hearts of the weak, _____ from the shouts of the strong, _____

from the shouts of the strong, _____ from the

13 **C#m** **A E/A A B**

from the lips of all peo - ple this song we raise, Lord.
lips of all peo - ple this song we raise, Lord.

17 **E E/G# A E/BB7sus E E/G# A E/B B7sus**

All Through - out the end - less ag - es You will be crowned with prais - es,

21 **C#m A Bsus B E E/G# A E/BB7sus E E/G#**

Lord Most High; Ex - alt - ed in ev - 'ry na - tion, Sov - 'reign of

26 **A E/B B7sus C#m A Bsus B E/G#** **A E/A**

all cre - a - tion, Lord Most High, be mag - ni - fied.

30 **A** **A E/A A Bsus B E**

fied.

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Matthew 28:16-20

The Great Commission

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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—Acts 1:6-11

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Gal. 1:3-4

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God for delivering us from 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

The Love of the Father

Words and Music by James Ferguson and Rich Thompson


Verse 1 + 2:

C




Lift up your voices and lift up your praise Join with the heavens de-
Sing of the victory, the hope of the world The Sav-our has ris-en, the

C G F



clar-ing the won-ders of His faith-ful-ness for-ev-er
spir-it has come to bring us in-to love for-ev-er

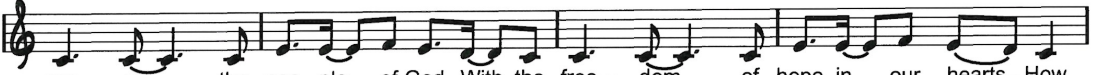
1. C 2. C



Oh

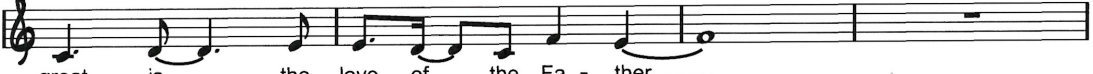
Chorus:

C F



we are the peo-ple of God With the free-dom of hope in our hearts How

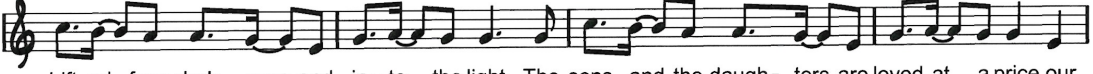
Am F C



great is the love of the Fa-ther

Verse 3:

C



Lift ed from dark-ness and in-to the light The sons and the daugh-ters are loved at a price our

G F C



God has made us His for ev-er

Oh

Chorus:

C F



we are the peo-ple of God With the free-dom of hope in our hearts How

Am F C



great is the love of the Fa-ther

1. C

Bridge:

The musical score for the bridge consists of five staves of music in treble clef, 2/4 time. The lyrics are: "This is the song of the re - deemed The ran-somed and the_ free Giv-en life at such a_ price_ This is love,_ this is love And when the Fath - er calls us_ home_ And we see Him on the_ throne Hear the voi - ces sing as_ one_ This is love,, this is love_ Oh". The chords are: C, C/E, F, Am, G, C/E, F, Am, G, C/E, F, Am, G.

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)

Once Upon

Words and Music by Nathan Stiff and Lacy Hudson

Sermon

"The Mission of the Church"

Acts 4:8-12


Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

Song of Response

Hear the Call of the Kingdom

Words and Music by Keith & Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend

F B \flat /F F F B \flat /F



1. Hear the call of the king-dom, lift your
 (2. Hear the) call of the king-dom, to be
 (3. Hear the) call of the king-dom to reach

4 F A 7 Dm 7 B \flat /C




eyes to the King; Let His song rise with-in you as a fra-grant of - fer - ing of how
 chil - dren of light with the mer - cy of heav-en the hu - mil - i - ty of Christ; Walk-ing
 out to the lost with the Fa - ther's com-pas-sion in the won-der of the cross, bring-ing

7 F A 7 Dm 7 Gm 7 F/C Gm/C



God, rich in mer - cy, came in Christ to re-deem all who trust in His un - fail - ing
 just - ly be - fore Him, lov - ing all that is right, that the life of Christ may shine through
 peace and for-give-ness, and a hope yet to come: Let the na-tions put their trust in

10 1. F B \flat /F F 2. F CHORUS F



grace. 2. Hear the us. King of heav-en, we will
 Him.

14 B \flat F C Gm 7 C




an - swer the call. We will fol - low, bring-ing hope to the world, filled with

17 F B \flat F



pas - sion, filled with pow - er to pro - claim sal -

19 Gm 7 F/A B \flat F/C Gm/C F B \flat /F 1. F D.S. 2. F



-va - tion in Je - sus' name. 3. Hear the

*Benediction

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday school classes for the kids kick off today. A list of classrooms is listed on the next page. The adults and youth will meet for a joint SS in the sanctuary.

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

Volunteers today: Ushers: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Alexander. Nursery: Garner, Keating, Inion, Petty, Williamson. SS: Mitchell, Broughton. CC: Oehlerking, Hawley. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: L. Nichols, McCall, M. Linenbroker, P. Waldron, Hall. CC: Doiron, Sweet.

Sign up for a Small Group today in the Narthex.

ACTION (All Church Things In One Night) **meets the 1st & 3rd Wed. of each month.** 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.

Men's Breakfast, Sat., Sept. 16th at Trinity from 8-9:30am. Use the QR code to the right or see Kyle Roberts to let him know you are coming.

Youth Ministry: Jr. High meets weekly on Wed. from 6-7:15 pm. Sr. High meets Sundays from 6-7:30pm.

Party on the Lawn: Sat., Sept. 23 from 4:30-7pm. Bring your friends and join us for free food, games, petting zoo, bounce house, and live music. We will provide the roast pig. Bring a potluck side. The youth will be hosting a bake sale. Sign up today using the QR code to the right where you will also find a few ways you can help us make the event a success!

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 or along side ACTION every-other week at 6pm. Sign up sheets and study guides are in hallway near the back entrance.

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 (alysasaruth120@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 - 1st & 3rd Wednesdays
Tues. Evening Wom. Bible Study-
Sept. 12

Men's Breakfast - Sept. 16

Party on the Lawn- Sept. 23

Jr./Sr. High George Night - Sept. 23

Flannel Palooza- Oct. 14

Christmas Craft Party- Dec. 2

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ROOMS

2023-24

Nursery (Sunday morning worship)

- Infants (6 weeks - 18 months) - Room 103
- Toddlers (18 months - 3 years) - Room 104

Nursery (Sunday School hour)

- Combined - Room 104

Nursery (ACTION)

- Combined - Room 104

Children's Church

- Room 106B

Sunday School

- Preschool - Kindergarten - Room 105
- 1st - 3rd - Room 106B
- 4th - 5th - Room 102

MISSION UPDATE

Party on the Lawn, September 23rd, 4:30pm

We will be gathering in the evening of Sept. 23rd for some fun on our beautiful property. This is an opportunity to reach out to any neighbors in your communities. **Let us know you are coming and/or can help at the event** by using the QR code:



Here are some things that are happening that you will not want to miss:

- Bouncy House
- Dunk Tank (Dunk a Pastor(s) / Yankees Fan)
- Petting Zoo (Donkey, Goats, Sheep, Rabbits, Piggy)
- Pony Rides (I know what you're thinking...No, grown-ups...not for you!)
- Face painting
- Pig Roast (Chicken will also be available)

Robinson Elementary Food Pantry – September 31st

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. During COVID, when public schools were forced to close, Trinity Church hosted the pantry at our location. Since returning to the school, 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. Registration for upcoming dates are open on our Events page in Church Center.



Our VERY First EVER Mission Conference! — October 1-8

Several members have been working behind the scenes to host our first ever Mission Conference. We will kick off a week of missional emphasis during our Sunday Service (Oct. 1). This will be followed by an emphasis on our mission as God's people throughout the week.

On Saturday, October 7th, beginning at 5:30pm, we will host a mission fair, followed by dinner (Dalies BBQ), where several of our ministry partners/missionaries will share and be available for questions.

Lastly, on Sunday, October 8th, we will culminate with a Sermon and Sunday School from one of our missionaries currently serving in Ethiopia, Jason and Liz Polk.

We will need volunteers! Sign-ups and RSVP's will open next week.

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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