

# TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD -

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# WORSHIPING THE GOD OF HOPE

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

Liturgist: Rev. Pablo Rosales Scripture Reader: David Hammond Pastoral Prayer: Fielding Poe, Ruling Elder

### Prelude Welcome and Announcements

### **Quotes and Reflection**

Better is a handful of quietness than two hands full of toil and a striving after wind. — Ecc. 4:6

"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."

— Martyn Lloyd Jones

"Humility is not simply feeling small and useless—like an inferiority complex. It is sensing how great and glorious God is, and seeing myself in that light."

— Sinclair Ferguson

Bulletin cover by Steve O'Neal

The flowers today are from the wedding of Abby Johler and Logan Mann

### **Devotional Preparation**

Today we will be looking at Psalm 131, one of my favorites. As we prepare to worship, consider these introductory words from Charles Spurgeon:

"Comparing all the psalms to a gem, we should liken this one to a pearl. How beautifully it will adorn the neck of patience. It is one of the shortest Psalms to read, but one of the longest to learn. It speaks of a young child, but it contains the experience of a grown man or woman in Christ. Lowliness and humility are here seen in the connection with a sanctified heart, a will subdued to the mind of God, and a hope looking to the Lord alone. Happy is the man who can without falsehood use these words as his own, for he wears about the likeness of his Lord who said, "I am meek and lowly in heart."

- Charles Spurgeon, The Treasury of David

Song of Preparation

### Call to Worship—Psalm 145 (selected)

- Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- People: The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.
- Leader: The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.
- People: The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.
- All: The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

### WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

#### \*Songs of Adoration

#### In Christ Alone

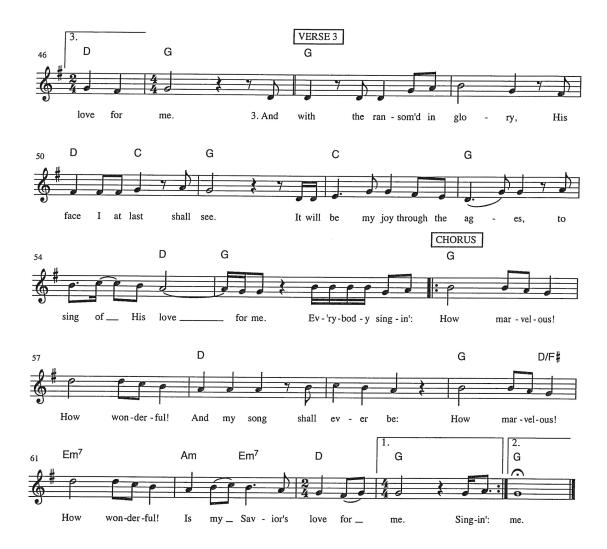
Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend



### I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)

Words and Music by Charles Hutchinson Gabriel





<sup>\*</sup>Prayer of Adoration

### WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD New Testament Reading—Matthew 14:13-21

#### Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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—1 John 1:5-6

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

### Silent Confession and Lament

### WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for forgiving our sins and cleansing us from unrighteousness.

### People: Thanks be to God!

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

#### People: And also with you!

### \*Song of Rejoicing

Build Your Kingdom Here

**Rend Collective Experiment** 





## WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

### **Pastoral Prayer**

### **Tithes and Offerings**

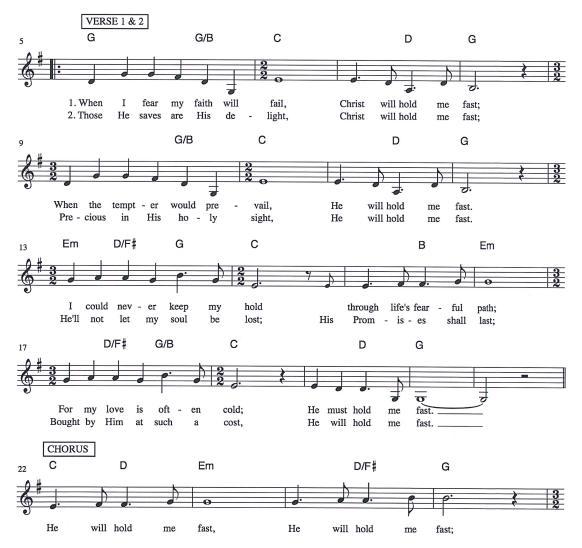
(Children's Church meets for 4yr to 2nd grade in room 106)

**Sermon** "The Stilled and Quieted Soul" Psalm 131 Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

### Song of Response

#### He Will Hold Me Fast

Words and Music by Ada Habershon and Matthew Merker



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# THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### \*Sursum Corda

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

### People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

### People: We lift them up unto the LORD.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

People: It is good and right so to do.

### \*Confession of Faith

Leader: Christian, in whom do you believe?

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

### Words of Institution–Matthew 26:26–29

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

### **Prayer of Consecration**

### The Giving of the Bread and Cup

Upon direction from the ushers, please come forward down the center aisle. After you receive the elements, please return to your seats via the side aisles. Please hold the elements until we are all able to partake together. After the service, please dispose of your used communion cup.

(Grape juice is in the purple cups and wine in the clear. The bread is gluten and nut free)

Communion Song (Ensemble)

Be Still My Soul (Psalm 131) Sandra McCracken

Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Sending Song

Doxology Trinity Hymnal #731

\*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: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: Reynolds, Halls, Hawley, Polski. CC: Doiron, Rosales. Next Sunday: Ushers: S. Thomason, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: Schmidts, O'Neals, M. Goldstein. CC: Jackson, Marcus.

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

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.

**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!** 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 code and then following the link:



## SAVE THE DATE(S)

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

JH Urban Air Night- Aug. 9
Women's Retreat- Aug 11-12
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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