



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

September 10, 2023

WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO IS WORTHY OF OUR WORSHIP

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

Liturgist: Rev. Pablo Rosales

Scripture Reader: Kyle Petty

Pastoral Prayer: Tom Schmidt, Ruling Elder

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory. All worshipers of images are put to shame, who make their boast in worthless idols; worship him, all you gods! — Psalm 97:6-8

"Every one of us, from his mother's womb, is an expert at inventing idols."
— John Calvin

"Idolatry is anything that cools our desires after Christ." — Oliver Cromwell

"What is an idol? It is anything more important to you than God, anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God, anything you seek to give you what only God can give." — Tim Keller

Devotional Preparation

This summer the church lost one of its great Pastors and thinker, Rev. Dr. Tim Keller. His loss has prompted a great outpouring of thankfulness for his wisdom and evangelistic zeal, especially in relation to how he framed up so many of the issues of our day in such a way that those who did not yet believe could finally see them clearly.

One of the best examples of how he did this was in his writing and for me, one of his very best books was entitled, "Counterfeit Gods: The empty promises of money, sex and power and the only Hope that matters."

There is so much to underline in this book that makes it so worth reading, but perhaps most poignantly is Keller's definition of idolatry which is "making a good thing, into a God thing." He goes on in *Counterfeit Gods* to lay out the dangers of investing our deepest hopes in anyone or anything but Jesus, writing:

"No person, not even the best one can give your soul all it needs...this cosmic disappointment and disillusionment is there in all of life, but we especially feel it in the things in which we set our hopes. When you finally realize this, there are four things you can do: You can blame the things that are disappointing you and try to move on to better ones (that's the way of continued idolatry and spiritual addiction), you can blame yourself and beat yourself (that's the way of self-loathing and shame), you can blame the world (that's how you get hard, cynical, and empty), or you can reorient the entire focus of your life on God."

This is the call that lays behind our text from Deuteronomy 5:8-10 this morning.

Song of Preparation (Children's Choir)

The Heavens are Telling (Psalm 19)

Sandra McCracken

Call to Worship—Psalm 103 (selected)

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

**People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his
benefits.**

Leader: Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his
dominion.

All: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

***Songs of Adoration**

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Chorus

**Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name**

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

(Chorus)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

(Chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

(Chorus)

Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

It Is Well with My Soul

Trinity Hymnal #691

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—1 Corinthians 1:18-24

Christ the Wisdom and Power of God

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

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—Matthew 18:21-22

Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Ps. 103:8, 11-12

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love...For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us."

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God for removing our transgressions from us!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

Keith Getty, Jordan Kauflinm, Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, and Matthew Merker. Arr. by Dan Galbraith

D D sus D D sus D Bm7

What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a-
 What truth can calm the trou- bled soul? God is good, God is
 Un - to the grave, what shall we sing? Christ, he lives! Christ, he

A D A/C# Bm G D/A A

5

lone. What is our on - ly con - fi - dence? That our souls to him be-
 good. Where is his grace and good - ness known? In our great Re - deem - er's
 lives! And what re - ward will heav - en bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with

D F#m Bm Em7 D/F#

9

long Who holds our days with - in his hand? What comes a - part from His com-
 blood. Who holds our faith when fears a - rise? Who stands a - bove the storm - y
 him. There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be de -

G D/A A(F#/A#) Bm G D/A A D

13

mand? And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand. ___
 trial? Who sends the waves that bring us nigh un - to the shore the rock of Christ? ___
 stroyed, and we will feast in end - less joy, When Christ is ours for - ev - er more. ___

Bm G D A/C# A Bm D/F# G

18

— O sing hal - le - lu - jah Our hope springs e - ter - nal; O — sing hal - le -
 — D/F# G D/F# A G Bm A D

24

lu - jah! Now and ev - er we con - fess Christ our hope in life and death.

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)

My Worth Is Not In What I Own

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Graham Kendrick

(Please join when directed)

4 C² F/C C² G/C C² F/C

1. My worth is not in what I own; not
(2. My) worth is not in skill or name; in
(3. As) sum - mer flow'rs we fade and die; fame,
(4. I) will not boast in wealth or might, or
(5. Two) won - ders here that I con - fess: my

7 C² F C² F/C C² G G#^o Am F Last time to Coda ⊕

in the strength of flesh and bone. But in the cost - ly wounds of love at the
win or lose, in pride or shame. But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the
youth and beau - ty hur - ry by. But life e - ter - nal calls to us at the
hu - man wis - dom's fleet - ing light. But I will boast in know - ing Christ at the
worth and my un - wor - thi - ness. My val - ue fixed, my ran - som paid at the

11 1, 3. C² F/C C² F/C 2, 4. C² F/C C²

cross.
cross.

2. My cross.
cross.
4. I

CHORUS

15 F² G Am F C/E G²

I re-joice in my Re - deem - er. Great - est treas - ure, well-spring of my soul.

19 F² G Am C/E F G

I will trust in Him, no oth - er; my soul is sat - is - fied in Him a -

22 C² F/C C² F/C D.S. al Coda

7
-lone.

3. As
5. Two

Sermon
"Idolatry"
Deuteronomy 5:8-10
Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

Song of Response

Agnus Dei

Michael W. Smith

A A^{2sus} A D/A A A^{2sus} A D/A E/A
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

4 D/A E/A D/A A D/A A A^{2sus} A A^{2sus} A D/A A
 -ia, for the Lord God Al - might - y reigns. Al - le - lu - ia,

8 A^{2sus} A D/A E/A D/A E/A D/A E/A D/A A D/A A A^{2sus} A
 al - le - lu - ia, for the Lord God Al - might - y reigns.

11 A^{2sus} A D/A E/A D/A E A A E/A A
 Al - le - lu - ia. Ho - ly, ho - ly are You,

15 D/A A F#m E Bm A/C# D Bm A/C#
 Lord God Al - might - y. Wor - thy is the Lamb; Wor - thy is the

18 D A E/A A D/A A F#m
 Lamb. You are ho - ly. Ho - ly are You, Lord God Al - might - y.

22 E Bm A/C# D Bm A/C#
 -y. Wor - thy is the Lamb; Wor - thy is the

24 1. D 2. D E A
 Lamb. You are ho - ly. Lamb. A - men.

*Benediction

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School

The Mission of God's People - Rev. Pablo Rosales (Room 111)

The Westminster Shorter Catechism rightly tells us that "Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever." But how do we do that? How do we live our lives in a manner that brings glory to God and enjoyment of who he is? To answer this, we must first answer "who are we and what are we here for?" In this Sunday School, we will seek to answer these questions by looking at scripture and selected chapters from Christopher Wright's book, *The Mission of God's People*.

Turning Points: A Survey of the Most Significant Moments in Church History and Why They Still Matter Part 2– Rev. Dr. Chris Polski (Sanctuary)

It's been over 2000 years since the earthly ministry of Christ concluded and during that time His followers have expanded from being a small sect in Jerusalem to a world-wide movement of billions who have altered the course of human history. What were the most significant events in that process? Who were the key players and what did they believe? How did the church become what it is today and what lessons can we learn as we seek to live out our calling where the Lord has planted us? Please join Pastor Polski during the SS hour as he continues his exploration of these and other fascinating questions by looking at key moments in the history of the Church beginning on Sunday, September 10.

Exodus - Ruling Elders, Fielding Poe and Jim Talent (Room 110)

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? We will be doing a verse-by-verse study of the book, *Exodus, a Flight from Slavery*.

Adult Choir - Katie Polski, Music Director (Fireplace Room)

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.

Jr. & Sr. High Students - Lower level

4th-5th Grade - Room 102

1st-3rd Grade - 106B

Preschool (3yrs by July 31) /Kindergarten - Room 105

Nursery - Room 104

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday school classes for all ages meet today. 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: Oehlerking, Moen, Broughton, Barker. Nursery: Reynolds, K. O'Neal, Polski, Linenbroker, Highmark. SS: Broughton, D. Nichols. CC: Standerfer, Linenbroker. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Alexander. Nursery: J. & S. Hendricks, M. Schmidt, S. O'Neal, D. Moen. SS: Harlow, Hammond. CC: Oehlerking, Inion.

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 (9/20).** 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.

Youth Ministry: Jr. High meets weekly on Wed. from 6-7:15 pm. Sr. High meets Sundays from 6-7:30pm. George Night: 9/23 at 7pm.

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!

Ladies Connect- Wed., Sept. 27 at 7:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's.

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 (9/26). A study of Luke is held weekly at Trinity at 9am or along side ACTION every-other week at 6pm.

Join us for our Fall children's event--**Flannelpalooza!** Wear your Fall flannel, participate in the chili contest and dinner, roast s'mores, pick a pumpkin, take a hayride, and bring a friend! All are welcome to join us and enter the chili contest! Please bring lawn chairs and picnic blankets. **Registration required by October 8** using the QR code to the right.

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

[\(jlbroughton12@gmail.com\)](mailto:jlbroughton12@gmail.com), **Nursery:** Alyssa Hall (alyssaruth120@gmail.com).

Children's Ministry: Melissa Kocher (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

Party on the Lawn- Sept. 23

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

Mission Conference- Oct. 1-8

Flannel Palooza- Oct. 14

Men's Breakfast- Oct. 21

Church Work Day- Oct. 21

Christmas Craft Party- Dec. 2

Christmas Concert- Dec. 17

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. Flyers with more info are on the welcome table.

Sign up here: 

THRIVE — 40th Anniversary 40,000 Lives Saved Celebration

Thrive (formerly Crisis Pregnancy Center) is a Christ-centered organization that empowers women and men to make life-affirming, and healthy decisions about sex, pregnancy, and relationships. They commit to sharing Jesus and walking with people during and post pregnancy, providing life coaching, parenting mentorship, even baby supplies. Since 1983, 40,000 lives have been saved through their pro-life initiative.

Your Mission Committee has sponsored a table for 10 people for this celebration being hosted on **September 30th, 5pm**, at the St. Charles Convention Center. Our sponsorship will provide multiple days of operation for their Medical Mobile Centers. Parked strategically by Planned Parenthoods throughout St. Louis, this has been one of the most effective ways of intervening in the lives of women looking to end the life of their child.

We want all of Trinity to be able to participate in this pro-life initiative and we want all to have a chance to experience premium seating, so **we are raffling all 10 seats!** It's one raffle ticket for a \$10 donation and each selected ticket is good for up to 2 seats. Yes 2 seats! So you and a plus one! All of your donations will be given to Thrive at the celebration event.

Tickets will be selected on the evening of September 17th. *If your ticket is not selected, you can still attend via RSVP with pablo@trinitychurchkirkwood.org by September 19th 11am.*

Our First Mission Conference! — October 1-8

Our missions week will kick off on October 1 during the worship service. This will be followed by a week-long emphasis on God's mission.

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

Dinner is limited to 100 persons. Please RSVP here:



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

We will need volunteers! Please email Tom Schmidt to do so (schmidt.thomasm@gmail.com)

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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