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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 GIVES US REST

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

Liturgist: Tim Jackson

Scripture Reader: Fielding Poe

Pastoral Prayer: Michael Jorgensen, Ruling Elder

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

"If you turn back your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly; ¹⁴ then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth;" — Isa. 58:13-14

And he (Jesus) said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. 28 So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath." — Mark 2:27-28

"If you want to kill Christianity, you must abolish Sunday." — Voltaire

[&]quot;Sunday is the summer of the week." — Anon.

Devotional Preparation: by Dr. Sean Lucas (excerpted from Ligonier.org)

Have you ever slept for several hours, woke up, but remained unrefreshed? Perhaps you remember Washington Irving's story "Rip Van Winkle." Rip is a henpecked husband who wanders to the mountains to escape, meets a strange crew, falls asleep, and snoozes for twenty years. He wakes up to find the world completely changed, his wife dead, and his neighbors envious that he had outslept his nagging wife's natural life.

What's striking about Irving's story is that Van Winkle's sleep wasn't restful. It was sleep without refreshment. This was a kind of resting that did no real good. And sometimes, we know what that's like because our hearts and minds are too full and anxious to rest well. We sometimes wake up or come back from vacations unrefreshed despite having rested.

The grace of the fourth commandment is that God promises to give us real rest and real refreshment when we find our rest in Him. As we remember the Sabbath day, as we keep it holy to the Lord, we find that we begin to enter into the rest that God offers and gain a foretaste of the heavenly rest to come, the rest of the new heavens and new earth.

God's Good Command

In Exodus 20:8–10, it is clear that God gives Sabbath rest as a command. However, we often miss that as we "remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy," God intends for us to use that day for Him: "The seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God." What does this mean? It means that one day in seven—not a day of our choosing, but a day of God's own choosing and a day unlike other days—is to be set apart for the Lord's service.

And this command is rooted in both creation and redemption. In Deuteronomy 5, this command finds its basis in redemption: "You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm" (v. 15). Because God redeemed His people out of captivity with the blood of firstborn lambs, their lives and their time belonged to Him. He gave it back to them in redemption and required the Sabbath day as a witness, a "first fruits" of the week, a testimony to His redemptive work.

Christ's Gracious Gift

This Sabbath expectation and command find their fulfillment and continuing validity in Christ. That is because Jesus Himself pointed to the release that the day represented. Far from doing away with the Sabbath, Jesus filled it with meaning for His people.

We who trust in Jesus not only find rest for our souls Sunday by Sunday, but we also have the promise of entering into the final Sabbath rest (Heb. 4:9–10). We testify each week that we have rested from our works—from our attempts to placate God or earn His favor, even in how we "remember the Sabbath." Instead, we "rest in and receive" Jesus. In Him, we find rest for our souls (Matt. 11:28–30).

That's why the Sabbath day brings real rest and refreshment. We aren't in a frenzy trying to earn God's favor. Rather, the Lord of the Sabbath Himself has raised us and will raise us from the dead (Eph. 2:4–6).

Song of Preparation (Children's Choir) How Great Is Our God

Call to Worship—Psalm 106

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his

steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from

everlasting to everlasting!

People: And let all the people say, "Amen!"

All: Praise the Lord!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

The Lord Is My Salvation

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Nathan Nockles, and Jonas Myrin. Arr. by Dustin Loehrs





Goodness of God

Jenn Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Ben Fielding, and Brian Johnson





*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Philippians 4:4-9

Exhortation, Encouragement, and Prayer

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

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—Exodus 32:1

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered themselves together to Aaron and said to him, "Up, make us gods who shall go before us. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him."

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Exodus 34:6-7

The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin.

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God for hearing our pleas for

mercy!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!



Sacrament of Covenant Baptism

Laurel Reese Moen

Baptismal Hymn

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know Trinity Hymnal #189

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)

Slow Me Down

Leslie Jordan, Sandra McCracken, Matthew Kaemingk, Wendell Kimbrough, Kate Bluett

Sermon

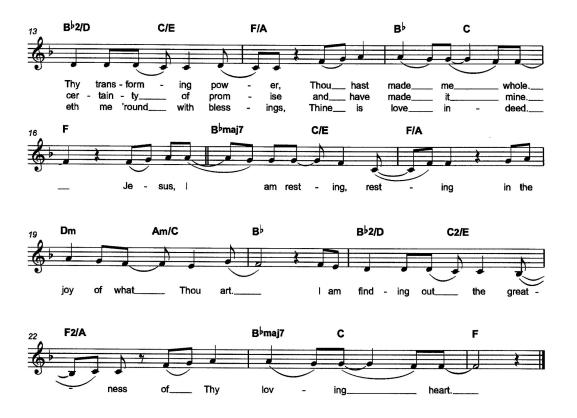
"The Delight of Sabbath Rest" Deuteronomy 5:12-15 Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

*Song of Response

Jesus I am Resting, Resting

Words by Jean Sophia Pigott. Music by David Hampton





*Benediction

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School (new adult SS classes will start on Oct. 29)

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.

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

Moses, the Law, the Egyptian Plagues, the flight from Egypt: these 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 Trinity's adult choir which meets during Sunday school from Sept. 10-Oct. 29. We'll learn pieces that we will 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. A list of classes and locations can be found on the previous page.

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

Volunteers today: Ushers: Oehlerking, Moen, Broughton, Barker. Nursery: Schaffer, S. Garner, J. Standerfer, Williamson. SS: Broughton, Kocher. CC: K. Standerfer, Marcus. Next Sunday: Ushers: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Alexander. Nursery: Linenbrokers, Schlitt, J. Petty, Moen. SS: D. Nichols, Elzinga. CC: Oehlerking, L. Polski.

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 (10/18)**. An optional dinner is available if you register by Tues. at 9am using the QR code to the right. Dinner 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. **SH Bonfire & Movie Night:** Oct. 28.

Men's Breakfast on Sat., Oct. 21 from 8-9:30am.

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 (10/24). A study of Luke is held weekly at Trinity at 9am or along side ACTION every-other week at 6pm.

Our fall **all church Work Day** will take place on Sat., Oct 21 at 9am. Please plan to join us as we care for the grounds and church building. There will be things to do indoors and out.

Christmas Craft Volunteer Info & Sign Up: Never attended our annual Christmas Craft Party? This is a favorite ministry to our Trinity kids and a wonderful outreach to our community. But it takes LOTS of volunteers. On Oct. 29 we will have a table set up in the narthex for volunteer/donation sign ups and to explain more about what is involved.

Make plans to join us for our family friendly **Thanksgiving service on Nov. 22 at 5:30pm**.

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 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:

Men's Breakfast- Oct. 21

Church Work Day- Oct. 21

Christmas Craft Volunteer Sign Up-

Oct. 29

Daylight Saving-Nov. 5

Thanksgiving Service- Nov. 22

Christmas Craft Party- Dec. 2

Christmas Concert- Dec. 17

Christmas Eve-5pm (regular 9:30am worship that morning)

MISSION UPDATE

Missions Project for Christ our Refuge Church in Kampala, Uganda

Since its beginning, Christ Our Refuge (COR) has been renting the location they use for worship and ministry in their community. They have a lease agreement with the owner which lasts through October 2024. Their desire is to buy land and build a building which will serve as a permanent home and ministry center for the church. The purchase of land will enable COR to deepen and expand its ministry impact in its community by giving the congregation permanent and conducive space to do ministry. It will better position the church to be a credible witness to Christ in the community because of the cultural respect that is given to churches which own property. Purchasing land will also help COR to reach self-supporting status by clearing one of the most difficult hurdles for young churches.

Purchasing land is a challenge for a young and growing church. This challenge is compounded in the current Ugandan environment by the weak condition of the economy combined with the continual rise in land prices. COR's goal for this project is to raise \$135,000. As a congregation within the struggling economy, COR has so far managed to save and raise \$5,000. Additionally, partners from the U.S. have contributed \$45,000. This leaves us with \$85,000 remaining to meet our goal.

Would you pray for the Lord to provide this funding for COR so that it can better fulfill its mission to proclaim the gospel and disciple the nations? As you pray, would you consider giving?

To participate in God's mission by giving, please scan this QR code and select "Mission Project" from the dropdown menu:

Baby Shower and Baby Bottles!

THRIVE St. Louis provides low cost/no cost medical services to women facing an unexpected pregnancy. They offer pregnancy testing, STD testing and treatment, ultrasound services, pregnancy options and parenting & life skills classes.

To support this ministry, we are hosting a Bottle Drive and Baby Shower. On **Oct. 22**nd, a Thrive Ambassador will give a brief presentation the worship service. Empty bottles will be distributed that morning. Fill your baby bottle with loose change, cash, or a check. Return your bottles on Oct. 29 thru Nov. 12. There will be a display in the narthex.

If you prefer to **purchase** items, a shopping list will be included in the weekly bulletin on Oct. 22nd. Return your **unwrapped** items to church on Oct. 29 thru Nov.12th and place in the designated area.

**There are some urgent needs. Thrive is currently out of Infant car seats, next step up car seats, Pack N' Plays with/out bassinets. They have a lot of moms getting ready to deliver. Please contact Jane Caldwell (jecmd25@gmail.com) for immediate donations.

Please pray for the women, men, and children served by this ministry. Your generous support is greatly appreciated!

