

# TRINITY CHURCH

#### 2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

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# WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO IS WORTHY OF OUR WORSHIP

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

Nursery Volunteers (worship service): Jessica Schaffer, Laurel Elzinga, Matt Hall, Chloe Inion Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

Scripture Reader: Ellie Perry

Prelude

#### Welcome and Announcements

# **Quotes and Reflection**

"For imitation is natural to man from his infancy. Man differs from other animals particularly in this, that he is imitative, and acquires his rudiments of knowledge in this way; besides, the delight in it is universal." — Aristotle

"The single most important thing to understand about worship is that the only worship that is acceptable to God is worship that proceeds from a heart that is trusting in God, and in God alone." — R. C. Sproul

"Because we were created to worship, worship is the normal employment of moral beings." — A. W. Tozer

"All places are places of worship to a Christian. Wherever he is, he ought to be in a worshipping frame of mind." — Charles Spurgeon

"There is only one kind of love, but there are a thousand imitations."

— Hugh Latimer

#### **Devotional Preparation**

#### What is Worship? tgc.com

D. A. Carson admits that his definition of worship is "too long and too complex," but in his defense he takes 36 pages to explain each element in his chapter "Worship under the Word," in Worship by the Book, ed. Carson (Zondervan, 2002), p. 26.

"Worship is the proper response of all moral, sentient beings to God, ascribing all honor and worth to their Creator-God precisely because he is worthy, delightfully so.

This side of the Fall, human worship of God properly responds to the redemptive provisions that God has graciously made.

While all true worship is God-centered, Christian worship is no less Christcentered. Empowered by the Spirit and in line with the stipulations of the new covenant, it manifests itself in all our living, finding its impulse in the gospel, which restores our relationship with our Redeemer-God and therefore also with our fellow image-bearers, our co-worshipers.

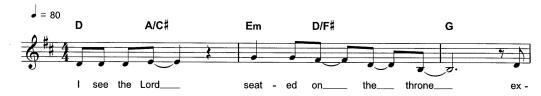
Such worship therefore manifests itself both in adoration and in action, both in the individual believer and in corporate worship, which worship offered up in the context of the body of believers, who strive to align all the forms of their devout ascription of all worth to God with the panoply of new covenant mandates and examples that bring to fulfillment the glories of antecedent revelation and anticipate the consummation." Song of Preparation

#### Call to Worship—Psalm 50:1-6

- Leader: The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- People: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.
- Leader: Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.
- People: He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:
- Leader: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"
- All: The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge! *Selah*
- Leader: Mighty God, meet us here and fill us with wonder of your majesty.

# WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD **\*Songs of Adoration** For the Beauty of the Earth Trinity Hymnal #116

I See the Lord Chris Falson

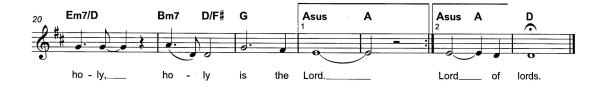












#### \*Prayer of Adoration

# WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD New Testament Reading—Mark 9:2-9

The Transfiguration

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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—2 Corinthians 4:3-5

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

# Silent Confession and Lament

### WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—2 Cor. 4:6

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God for shining his light in our hearts.

#### People: Thanks be to God!

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

#### People: And also with you!

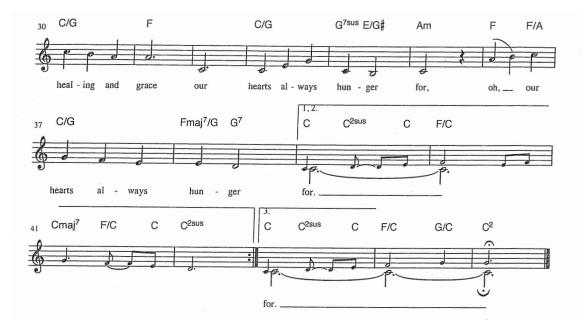
#### \*Song of Rejoicing

#### Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Words and Music by Dawn Rodgers and Eric Wyse



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# 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)

Send Out Your Light

Sandra McCracken

#### Sermon

"Bounds of Joy" Deuteronomy 12:1-32 Rev. Pablo Rosales

#### \*Song of Response

#### Is He Worthy

Words and Music by Andrew Peterson and Ben Shive

(Ensemble): Do you feel the world is broken? (Congregation): We do (Ensemble): Do you feel the shadows deepen? (Congregation): We do (Ensemble): But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? (Congregation): We do (Ensemble): Do you wish that you could see it all made new? (Congregation): We do

(Ensemble): Is all creation groaning? (Congregation): It is (Ensemble): Is a new creation coming? (Congregation): It is (Ensemble): Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? (Congregation): It is

(Ensemble): Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (Congregation): It is

(Chorus: All)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll? The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave Is He worthy, is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory? Is He worthy of this? He is.

(Ensemble): Does the Father truly love us? (Congregation): He does (Ensemble): Does the Spirit move among us? (Congregation): He does (Ensemble): And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves? (Congregation): He does (Ensemble): Does our God intend to dwell again with us? (Congregation): He does

(Chorus: All)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll? The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with His Son Is He worthy, is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory? Is He worthy of this? He is. Is He worthy? Is He worthy? He is. He is

\*Benediction

#### Nursery Volunteer (SS): Olga Martir

(please report to the toddler nursery directly following the service)

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### Survey of the Minor Prophets- Dr. Aaron Goldstein (Room 111)

Also known as the Book of the Twelve, in this class we will explore the twelve Minor Prophets in the Old Testament. We will look at each book, considering its main message and key passages, with a special interest in the way that the book is quoted in the New Testament and how it applies today.

#### The Book of Romans - Ruling Elders, Fielding Poe and Jim Talent (Room 110)

If the book of Romans had a title, it might well be "A Righteousness from God". It is the most systematic of all of Paul's epistles, explaining the related concepts of sin, salvation, sanctification, justification, and redemption. Along the way, Paul also explains the relationship between Jew and Gentile in the church and gives practical advice for handling relationships within the body of believers. Anyone who studies Romans will – with the aid of the Holy Spirit -- engage with the most foundational truths of our faith, and of the universe. You won't get that anywhere else!

#### Trinity Connect- Rev. Dr. Chris Polski & Rev. Pablo Rosales (Fireplace Room) Are you interested in learning more about Trinity Church and the PCA? Thinking of becoming a member? If so, join Pastor Polski and Pastor Rosales for this six week class. While attending this class does not commit you to membership, it is a prerequisite.

**Coming Feb. 18th:** Do you enjoy singing? Do you love worship? The **Trinity choir** might be just the place for you to serve! Join us beginning Sun., Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday school hour. We'll spend eight weeks together learning songs that we'll sing throughout the semester, including Good Friday and Easter Sunday. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Katie Polski.

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 the previous page for a list of classes.

Volunteers today: Ushers: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Alexander. Nursery: Schaffer, Elzinga, M. Hall, Inion. SS: Martir. CC: Mitchell, Polski, Wagberg. Next Sunday: Ushers: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: C. Waldron, Bava, Inion, M. Linenbroker. SS: Mitchell. CC: Oehlerking, E. Hawley, Inion.

The **Women's Tues. Bible study** meets on the 2nd & 4th Tues. at 7pm at Melissa Jorgensen's (2/13). The **Women's Wed. studies** meet weekly at 9am or the 1st & 3rd Wed. at 6pm. The **Men's study of Daniel** will meet this Wed. at 6pm or Fri. at 6:30am.

**ACTION** (All Church Things In One Night) meets the 1st & 3rd Wed. (2/21). If you would like to join us for a **Chipotle taco dinner at 5:30pm**, be sure to register on Church Center by Tues., Feb. 20 at 10am.

**Youth Ministry:** Jr. High meets Wed. at 6pm. Sr. High meets Sun. at 6pm. Super Bowl Party-TONIGHT, 5-9pm at the Schmidt's home.

Help needed: Sunday morning nursery volunteers, ACTION Kids lessons teacher. See Melissa Kocher.

**Prayer and Praise!** Mar. 2 at 6:30pm at the home of Kyle & Melissa Kocher. Come for a time of singing and prayer led by our ensemble with a focus on the Lenten season. Register on Church Center-space is limited.

The next **Men's Breakfast** is Sat., Feb. 17 from 8-9:30am. Register on Church Center.

**Do you enjoy singing and worship?** The Trinity choir might be just the place for you to serve! See the previous page for how you can join.

The **next Ladies Connect** is Wed., Feb. 28th at 7:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's home. Join us for a relaxing evening with friends!

Sandra McCracken in Concert: Fri., Apr. 26th at 7pm along with an all-star bluegrass band. Highlighting songs from Sandra's latest award-winning "Light In the Canyon" project, music from Paper Horses, and featuring traditional Nashville folk songs. Doors open at 6:15pm. Tickets are on sale now via Church Center.

**Church Work Day**-Sat., Mar. 23rd at 9am. We can use your help!

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), **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 <u>following the link</u>:



# TRIVIA NIGHT

Our Jr. and Sr. High students are hosting a **Trivia Night on Fri., Mar. 1st at 6pm**. This night will help support our Student Ministry for their upcoming summer retreats & Puerto Rico Mission Trip. There will be soft drinks, coffee, and desserts for purchase. Tables are welcome to bring dinner. *Register in the narthex* or on Church Center.

# MISSION UPDATE

**Prayers:** Here is a QR link to our NEW February 2024 Newsletter and Prayer Calendar:

Meghan Rintoul — Our newer ministry partner has asked for prayers as the new semester begins— for mercies as she continues to acclimate to England and the dreary winters, but mostly for the students as they return to campus and what a dark world offers. Lastly, Meghan shared a real need to raise \$2,000 in one-time gifts to support her move to England this past summer (link in Sender section below).

#### Goers:

- Fulfilling the mission of Trinity's Children's Ministry takes many hands! Please join us in prayerfully considering how you may join us in this important work.
  - Sunday morning nursery volunteers
  - ACTION Kids lessons teacher (Spring semester) Please contact Melissa Kocher for more information about how you can get plugged in!
- Promise Christian Academy Chapel February 21st 2024, 2:30-3. Help us serve a wonderful ministry by coming to worship with us. Please contact Pastor Pablo for more information.

Senders: The work of outreach and mission cannot happen without your generous and sacrificial giving. If you would like to participate in mission work by sending, scan here: Select "Missions" from the dropdown menu.

For Meghan Rintoul (please read Prayer section above), scan here: 🔳 •



Welcomers: Are you a person that loves the idea of hospitality? Consider volunteering on our Welcome Team. Contact newly ordain deacon, James Broughton, for more information.

Snack Table Ministry: Believe it or not, snacks are a vital part of our weekly ministry. A few ٠ calories, fat, carbs, protein, and natural sugar, are necessary fuel for the body. Sadly, around 10:45am every Sunday, those energy stores are depleted and need a quick replenishment (especially for those little ones). Help prevent "hanger" through hospitality by participating in this ministry. Link to snack list:



Mobilizers: Mobilizers are teachers, planners, encouragers, motivators, rally'ers, potstir'ers, makers, guides, and cultivators. They see the potential in someone and are willing to dedicate the time and energy, with the Holy Spirit, to help shape them into go'ers, senders, pray'ers, welcomers, man-fishers, and nation-blessers. Mobilizers see a mission field (in/out of the church walls) and work with others to make the best trained go'ers.

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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