

TRINITY CHURCH

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

February 25, 2024 Second Sunday in Lent

WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO FILLS US WITH HIS MERCY

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

Nursery Volunteers (worship service): Beth Williamson, Julie Hammond, Megan Hawley, Esther Hawley Liturgist: Matt Pannkuk Scripture Reader: Michael Jorgensen Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Bill Elzinga

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

"Jesus entered Jerusalem during Passover week, probably at the very time the thousands of Passover lambs were being brought into the city, later to be killed and eaten as part of the Passover observance." — James Montgomery Boice

"We're saved by Christ the Substitute, who gave His life in our stead on the cross at the same hour the Passover lambs were being slain at the Jewish temple in Jerusalem." — Warren W. Wiersbe

"For Jews, the Passover meal is the central thing that makes them who they are. For Christians, a revised Passover meal, the Lord's Supper, is the central act of Christian worship." — Timothy Keller

"This feast had two meanings, one agricultural and the other historical. Originally, it was the middle of the three annual Jewish harvest festivals, and was called either the Feast of Harvest, because it celebrated the completion of the grain harvest, or the Feast of Weeks or Pentecost, because it took place seven weeks or fifty days (pentēkostos means 'fiftieth') after the Passover, which was when the grain harvesting began." — John Stott

"A wedding feast lasted for a week." — R. C. Sproul

Devotional Preparation

The Feast of Booths from Ligonier.org

Few of the feasts that were a part of old covenant worship were as joyful as the Feast of Booths. Also known as the Feast of Tabernacles or by its Hebrew name, Sukkot, this celebration was the last of the fall festivals and was held at the end of the agricultural year when the grapes and olives were harvested in Israel. This was a time to thank God for all of the preceding year's provision and to pray for a good rainy season, which lasted from October through March.

Primarily, however, Sukkot was designed to remember the wilderness journey from Egypt to Canaan, when God made the people live in booths (Lev. 23:33–43). During the time of the feast, each Israelite family was supposed to construct a booth, or sukkah, and live in it for a week (vv. 42–43). These booths were small, temporary shelters with thatched roofs of palm fronds and other plants, and according to one interpretation of verse 41, they were decorated with different kinds of fruit that grew in Palestine. Later generations obeyed the command to rejoice with fruit and foliage (v. 40) by having men carry an etrog, or citron, and a lulav in joyful processions. A citron is a citrus fruit native to the Middle East that looks something like a large lemon, and a lulav is a branch of palm with two myrtle branches bound to one side of it and three willow branches to the other. Furthermore, in keeping with Sukkot's purpose to remember the wilderness journey, later Israelites added a waterpouring ceremony to recall those occasions when the Lord gave Israel water in the desert (Ex. 17:1–7; Num. 20: 1–13). The officiating priest would draw water from the pool of Siloam and pour it into the basin near the altar in the temple.

Moses often warned the Israelites not to forget the God who redeemed them from slavery once they were fat and happy in the Promised Land (Deut. 8). This reveals another purpose of Sukkot. It could be tempting for the Israelites to sit in their houses after a great harvest and say, "Look at what we did and how we have profited." Living in booths for a week reminded them that their success in Canaan was wholly on account of the Lord's grace. He had brought them to the good land and could just as easily take them out of it. A tangible reminder of His provision in the wilderness during Sukkot showed the Israelites they must always trust Him alone for their supply.

At each Feast of Booths, the Israelites gave up the comforts of their homes in order to commemorate God's salvation. This is a reminder that in order to be redeemed, the people of the Lord must surrender certain things. We must give up self-reliance and selfishness. We must turn from our idols and the "comforts of our sin." Unless we repent, turning from such things unto the Redeemer, we cannot be saved.

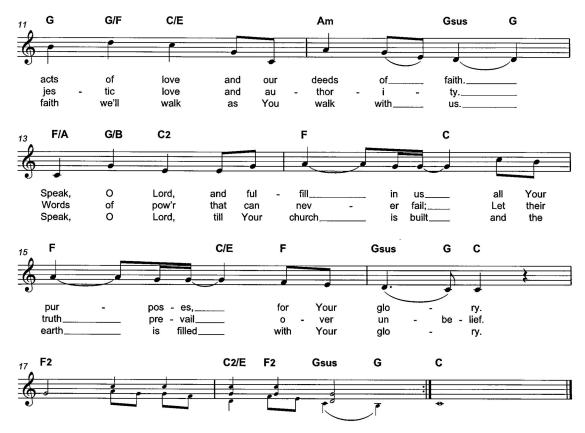
Song of Preparation

Speak O Lord

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend



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Call to Worship—Psalm 81 (selected)

- Leader: Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob!
- People: We will raise a song; sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.
- Leader: Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our feast day.
- People: In distress we called, and you delivered us;

All: I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

Leader: Now O Lord, we pray that you will come and fill our mouths with your praise, that you might be glorified in our worship and in our lives!

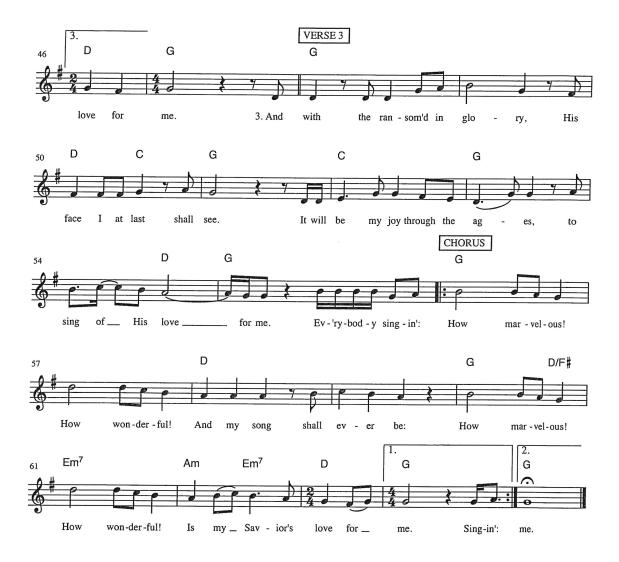
WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD *Songs of Adoration Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Trinity Hymnal #302

I Stand Amazed

Words and Music by Charles Hutchinson Gabriel. Arr. by Chris Tomlin





*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD New Testament Reading—Romans 4:13-25

The Promise Realized Through Faith

For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring-not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"-in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness." But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Reader: The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever!

People: Thanks be to God!

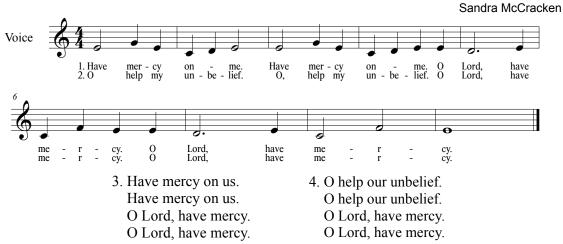
WE CONFESS OUR UTTER UNWORTHINESS BEFORE GOD

Call to Confession—Psalm 22:1-2

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.

Silent Confession and Lament

Song of Confession



WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Psalm 22:3-5

Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

Have Mercy

*Song of Rejoicing

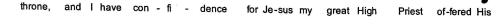
Jesus My Great High Priest

Words by Isaac Watts. Music by Kirk Ward















WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

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

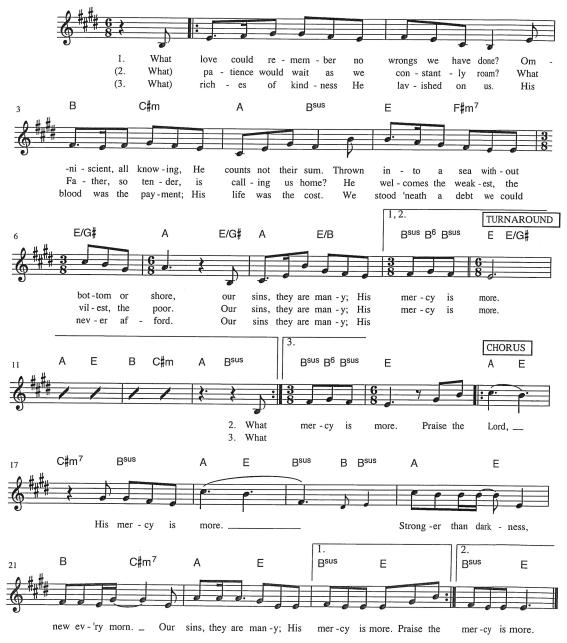
Sermon

"Feasting" Deuteronomy 16:1-17 Rev. Tim Jackson

His Mercy Is More

*Song of Response

Matt Boswell and Matt Papa. Arr. by Grant Wall



*Benediction

Nursery Volunteer (SS): Dave Nichols (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 Choir- Katie Polski (Fireplace Room)

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. 18th. 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.

Turning Points in Church History- Pastor Polski (Sanctuary)

This class will resume next week. Please join one of our other classes today.

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: Thomason, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: Williamson, Hammond, Hawleys. SS: Nichols. CC: Marcus, Rosales, Standerfer. Next Sunday: Ushers: Oehlerking, Moen, Broughton, Barker. Nursery: J. Petty, L. Nichols, Manwaring, Hendricks. SS: Harlow. CC: Doiron, Manwarings.

Young Adults Ministry-Please join us on the third Sunday of the month for lunch at 12:30 until we move to a more regular meeting time starting this June. See Mitchell Dixon if you are interested.

The Women's Tues. Bible study meets on the 2nd & 4th Tues. at 7pm at Melissa Jorgensen's (2/27). The Women's Wed. studies meet weekly at 9am or the 1st & 3rd Wed. at 6pm. The Men's study of Daniel will this Fri. at 6:30am and Wed. Mar. 6 at 6pm.

ACTION (All Church Things In One Night) meets the 1st & 3rd Wed. (3/6). If you would like to join us for a Chipotle taco dinner at 5:30pm, be sure to register on Church Center by Tues., Mar. 6 at 10am.

Youth Ministry: Jr. High meets Wed. at 6pm. Sr. High meets Sun. at 6pm.

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 Ladies Connect is THIS Wed. 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. Doors open at 6:15pm. Tickets are on sale now via Church Center.

Church Work Day-Sat., Mar. 23rd at 9am.

Following the 9:30 am Easter Worship Service, nursery children through 5th grade are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn. We are in need of donations of pre-filled eggs for the event. Eggs may be filled with individually packaged, nut-free candy, small toys, stickers, etc. The donation registration can be found on Church Center. Please contact Jacqueline Petty at jackiehrnz@aol.com with any questions.

Holy Week Services: Good Friday-7pm, Easter Sunrise-7am, Easter Morning Worship-9:30am.

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 following the link:



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 March 2024 Newsletter and Prayer Calendar:

- Be informed about Local and Global ministries and missionaries.
- Join with other Trinity members who pray daily for missionaries and ministries we partner ٠ with.

Goers:

Robinson Elementary Food Pantry – one of the places where you can be on mission is ٠ right down the road from our church home. This is a place where we are called to be a blessing to our neighbors. There is no pressure here to feel like every conversation you have must end with an entire gospel presentation. Instead, here you simply help meet the physical needs of our neighbors with the joy that is in you. Let your light shine here! But of course, be prepared to give a response if anyone asked for the hope that is in you.

Registration for March, April, and May, can be found here:

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.

Trivia Night to support our youth! This Friday, Mar. 1st from 6-9pm. This great night of fellowship and competition will help support our Student Ministry for their upcoming Summer Retreats & Puerto Rico Mission Trip.

Sign up here so you don't miss the fun!

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 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. Are you a mobilizer? Let's talk — pablo@trinitychurchkirkwood.org









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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