

TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

April 21, 2024

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.



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WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO IS GREAT AND TRUE

(Children of all ages are welcome in our worship service, but if your family needs a break from the sanctuary or wants to move around, our family overflow room with toys is available in room 111.)

Nursery Volunteers (worship service): Steve & Kathy O'Neal, Barb Schlitt, Emmy Schmidt

Liturgist: Mitchell Dixon

Scripture Reader: Carrie Johler

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Ron Ridderbos

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

Oh sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples! — Ps. 96:1-3

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them... — Acts 16:25

"Sometimes, if you begin to sing in a halfhearted mood, you can sing yourself up the ladder. Singing will often make the heart rise." — Charles Spurgeon

"The reason my voice is sounding more passionate is because I'm singing directly from the heart." — Sammy Hagar

Devotional Preparation: Why Do We Sing- Mike Cospers, The Gospel Coalition

It was a warm summer evening, and the crowd was ready to sing. The sun was setting over the Iroquois Amphitheater, and a man in a white suit was working his way through the rows of seats, one hand in the air, his shoulders stooped and his voice graveled by age. He sang and beckoned us to sing along, directing haphazardly with the movements of his hands, the crowd breathing in unison as we sang along.

It wasn't a church gathering, and it wasn't a revival. It wasn't even gospel music; it was A Prairie Home Companion, National Public Radio's old-timey radio variety show.

Garrison Keillor, the show's host and star, had taken a long break from the show's sketches and musical performances to meander through the crowd and invite them to sing. He sang a hodgepodge of songs. A verse of Paul McCartney might segue into "It Is Well" or "Home on the Range," hoping that the audience might know one well enough to jump in and sing along.

Keillor had tapped into the creational power of singing. We're embodied creatures, and there are deep connections between our bodies and souls. Practices like singing stir our hearts to joy and affection, and Keillor was basking in it...In this way, music primarily expresses culture, driven by attitudes and ideas about beauty, creativity, and context.

There's much debate about this approach of course, with some crying for more concern for content and others claiming that the stylistic choices have either gone too far or not far enough. I can't help but wonder, though, if we haven't—at least partially—missed the point. While style and content both matter, I wonder if we shouldn't devote a little more time to something even more fundamental—the creational power of singing.

When we talk "worship" we are almost always talking about redemption and its effects, and that's for good reasons. But when we talk about singing, we're also in the territory of creation, of being "fearfully and wonderfully made." Singing itself is creational gift with formational effects.

As embodied creatures, congregational singing takes advantage of our bodies—our breathing and singing and the effects of music upon the body—to unite us and take us on a journey together. One might object, "Isn't that manipulative? Worship leaders shouldn't use music to manipulate emotions!"

Ah, but here's the problem: try to use music in a way that doesn't affect us emotionally. Music comes to us through our bodies, and our bodies and souls can't be disconnected from one another. The Bible calls us to sing and make music together!

In singing, the whole person is engaged. In congregational singing, the whole person is engaged and united with the community around us. This practice takes on its greatest meaning in the church, where that unity shapes and reorients a covenant community to the story of the gospel. When the church sings a lament together, the words and music share the sense of sorrow and anguish of those who are suffering. When they sing a celebratory anthem, the music helps them emotionally taste hope and victory.

It is dangerous to pursue the emotional effect of music without rooting it in the content of God's Word. But it's also dangerous to pretend that music's emotional effects are unimportant or dangerous in themselves. To be stirred by singing is to be human, and it's a means of grace to God's church that such a gift is so easily accessible.

Song of Preparation

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Trinity Hymnal #184 (vv. 1, 2, 4, 6)

Call to Worship—Psalm 23 (selected)

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd;

People: We shall not want.

Leader: The Lord makes us lie down in green pastures and leads us beside still waters.

People: He restores our soul.

Leader: The Lord leads us in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

All: Praise the Lord!

Leader: Now O Lord, lead us into your presence to worship you in spirit and truth!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

It Is Well with My Soul

Trinity Hymnal #691

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

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Acts 4:1-13

Peter and John Before the Council

And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Call to Confession—1 John 3:16-18

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

Silent Confession and Lament

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—1 John 3:19-20

By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God for forgiving our sins!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

Come Ye Sinners

Joseph Hart. Norton Hall Band

[Intro] $\text{♩} = 82$
B m B m

[Verse 1]
7 B m

1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, Weak and wound - ed, sick and sore;

11

Je - sus read - y stands to save you, Full of pit - y, love and pow'r.

[Verse 2, 3, 4]
15 B m7 D maj9

2. Come, ye thirst - y, come, and wel - come, God's free boun - ty glo - ri - fy;
3. Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y la - den, Lost and ru - ined by the fall;
4. Let not con - science make you lin - ger, Nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream;

19 E7sus E7 G maj9

True be - lief and true re - pen - tance, Ev - 'ry grace that brings you nigh.
If you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, You will nev - er come at all.
All the fit - ness He re - quir - eth Is to feel your need of Him

[Chorus 1]
23 Em7 D maj7 A B m7

I will a - rise and go to Je - sus He will em - brace me in his arms

27 Em7 D F# G maj7

In the arms of my dear Sav - ior O there are ten thou - sand charms

Turn

31 Bm7 Dmaj9

e. guitar

35 E7sus E7 Gmaj9

39 2. Gmaj7 Gmaj7

O there are ten thou - sand charms *piano*

43 3. Gmaj7 Chorus 2 Em7 Dmaj7

O there are ten thou - sand charms I will a - rise and go to Je - sus

47 A Bm C#7 Bm D Em7 D F#

He will em-brace me in his arms In the arms of my dear Sav - ior

51 Gmaj7 Tag E7sus

O there are ten thou - sand charms In the arms of

54 E7 Gmaj13

my dear Sav - ior O there are ten thou - sand charms

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

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

If you would like to give your tithe online, scan your camera phone here:



Offertory Song (Ensemble)

Great Are You Lord

Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan, and David Leonard

Sermon

"The Song of Moses"

Deuteronomy 31:9-32:43

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

*Song of Response

How Great Is Our God

Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, and Ed Cash

G **Em7**

1. The splen - dor of the King, 7 clothed in maj - es - ty;
 (2. And) age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;

C2

4 Let all the earth re - jice, all the earth re - jice. He wraps
 Be - gin - ning and the End, Be - gin - ning and the End. The God -

G **Em7**

7 Him - self in light, and dark - ness tries to hide,
 head, three in one, 7 Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,

C2

10 and trem - bles at His voice, and trem - bles at His voice. How great
 the Li - on and the Lamb, the Li - on and the Lamb. How great

G **Em7**

13 is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!

Last time to Coda

Cmaj7 **D** **G2**

16 And all will see how great, how great is our God! 2. And

*Benediction

Nursery Volunteer (SS): Amy Mitchell (please report to the toddler nursery directly following the service)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Book of 1 Timothy - Ruling Elders, Fielding Poe and Jim Talent (Room 110)

If you've ever wanted to know why our church operates as it does, join us for a study of 1 Timothy, the first of Paul's pastoral letters. It's a blueprint for how churches should be organized, how they can best serve God, and how they should choose their leaders. It also has a lot to say about the way God wants us to serve each other!

Trinity Choir- Katie Polski (Fireplace Room)

All are welcome to join the Trinity choir for a time of singing and worship! We will continue meeting through the end of May, before breaking for the summer, and will be singing in a few of the worship services during that time. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Katie Polski.

Turning Points in Church History- Pastor Polski (Room 111)

Join Pastor Polski for this third and final survey of some of the most significant moments in the history of the church. Having already covered Ancient and Middle Ages Church History, we turn our attention in this class to Post-Reformation Church history all the way up to the current day. Among the topics we will cover are: The development of the Westminster Confession, the Enlightenment, Christianity in the New World, The Great Awakening, the great Missionary movement, the advent of Pentecostalism, Liberalism and the enduring legacy of Christianity in the post-Christian west.

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 and locations.

Volunteers today: Ushers: S. Thomason, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: O'Neals, Schlitt, E. Schmidt. SS: Mitchell. CC: Oehlerking, Rosales, Petty. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Oehlerking, Moen, Broughton, Barker. Nursery: Schaffer, Marcus, M. Goldstein, Polski. SS: Harlow. CC: Marcus, Manwarings.

The **next Ladies Connect** is THIS WED., Apr. 24 at 7:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's.

The **Women's Tues. Bible study** meets on the 2nd & 4th Tues. at 7pm at Melissa Jorgensen's (4/23). The **Wed. Women's study** meets at 9am.

The **Men's Bible Study** of Daniel will meet Wed., May 1st at 6pm OR Fri., May 3rd at 6:30am.

ACTION (All Church Things In One Night) meets the 1st & 3rd Wed. (5/1). If you would like to order the Chipotle taco dinner (5:30pm) you must do so by Tues., Apr. 30th at 10am. Then stay for ministries for all ages from 6-7:15pm.

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

Young Adults Ministry-Please join for lunch TODAY at 12:30 at Mission Taco in Kirkwood. See Mitchell Dixon if you are interested for more info.

The **Grounds Crew could use your help!** We need help with mowing, trimming, etc. If you are willing to lend a hand, please see Glynn Schlitt, James Broughton, or Fielding Poe. We can work with your schedule!

Upcoming Concerts: Sandra McCracken in Concert: Fri., Apr. 26th at 7pm (sold out). **W. Mark Akin, classical guitarist in Concert:** Sat., May 11th at 7:30pm. Tickets are on sale now via Church Center.

Mark your calendar for our next Prayer and Praise evening on Sat., Jun. 15th-*The Psalms We Sing*.

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 (James.

Broughton@trinitychurchkirkwood.org),

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:](#)



MARK AKIN CONCERT

Sat., May 11 at 7:30pm. Award-winning classical guitarist, W. Mark Akin has engaged audiences across the country with his dynamic on-stage presence and musicality. He is on faculty at Washington University, the music director of the St. Louis Classical Guitar orchestra, and the host of the radio program "Inside Classical Guitar." His engaging concert performance will take you on a cultural adventure through music. **Get your ticket today** on Church Center or at the concert.

MISSION UPDATE



Prayers: Here is a QR link to our April 2024 Newsletter and Prayer Calendar:

- Please pray for the ministries and volunteers listed in the prayer calendar and below.

Goers:

- **Volunteer Opportunity -FORAI** – A local ministry that helps immigrant and refugee woman create their own business by working with their own hands is looking for volunteers to assist with the sales team at events.

See the below dates and contact Brittany Lattner (bjoys14@gmail.com) for more information.


- Tower Grove Farmers Market: Saturday mornings—May 11
- Bookish Market: Sunday afternoon—April 21 at City Foundry
- WorldFest: Saturday, April 28 in Maryland Heights

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.



- **MAY 9th is GIVE STL DAY** – several of our ministry partners are participating in this event. Depending on when money is given, donations can be amplified through matching. Either way, this is a great opportunity to support kingdom work. Giving opens up this Wednesday, April 24th. Please prayerfully consider giving. Even as little as \$5 is a great help!
 - **To give:** go to givelstlday.org and search in the top-right corner for Forai, Thrive St. Louis, Oasis International, or Mission Gate.

Welcomers: Are you a person that loves the idea of hospitality?

- **May 18th - BBQ with Oasis International – This is our event with Oasis! Don’t miss it. It is for the whole family!**
 - This BBQ serves to strengthen the relationship that Oasis has with this community. At the same time, it is a unique opportunity for us to create and develop relationships with people who are very different from us, all while enjoying Arts and Crafts, a bounce house, a performance from Kinetic Tapestry (A Performing Arts Studio in St. Louis), Grilled Burgers and Hot Dogs.
 - We need at least 30 volunteers: Sign up to volunteer here: 
- **Starting Next Sunday:** “House Warming” for refugee families in the St. Louis area. We’ll be collecting donations of household goods, which will be presented to Oasis International at the Community Barbecue in May. A collection table will be set up in the narthex from April 28th-May 12th. Please see Bulletin Insert for details.

Mobilizers: We are currently looking for future members of our Local/National and Global Subcommittees. If you would like to hear more, please email Pastor Pablo.

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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