

TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

June 9, 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 KEEPS COVENANT WITH HIS CHILDREN

(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): Laurel Elzinga, Julie Hammond, Debbie Highmark, Maggie Linenbroker

Liturgist: Rev. Pablo Rosales

Scripture Reader: Glynn Schlitt

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, J Harrison

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."— Genesis 2:18

"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband. — Eph. 5:31-33

"How soon marriage counseling sessions would end if husbands and wives were competing in thoughtful self-denial." — Walter Chantry

"Marriage, and the process of coming to it, is not heaven! It is the bonding together of two needy sinners in order to make a partnership which is substantially greater than either of them alone." — Sinclair Ferguson

Devotional Preparation

An Excerpt from "On Marriage" by Tim and Kathy Keller

The theme of God as the bridegroom of his people runs all through the Bible. In the Old Testament, of course, God calls himself the husband of Israel. But Israel constantly turned to worship other gods and in so doing she is spoken of as being guilty of spiritual adultery. Jeremiah 2-3 and Ezekiel 16 are vivid depictions of this "bad marriage," but the most famous exposition of this theme is in the book of Hosea. There God tells his prophet to marry Gomer, a woman who will be unfaithful to Hosea, "for like an adulterous wife this land [Israel] is guilty of unfaithfulness to the LORD" (Hosea 1:2). And this is what happens. She goes after the other lovers.

The most famous and poignant part of the story comes in the third chapter. Gomer has not only been unfaithful, she seems to have fallen into prostitution, because the only way Hosea can get her back was to purchase her from a man who owned her. God tells Hosea to do just that. Hosea writes:

The LORD said to me, "Go, show love to your wife again, though she is loved by another man and is an adulteress. Love her as the LORD loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes." So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and about a homer and a lethek of barley. Then I told her, "You are to live with me many days; you must not be a prostitute or be intimate with any man, and I will behave the same way toward you." (Hosea 3:1-3)

This is more than just a moving story of indefatigable love. God is hinting that, just as it requires costly self-sacrifice to love a wayward spouse, so his love for us, if it is going to be maintained, will entail cost and sacrifice on his part as well. And in Jesus' life and death we see that taken to its logical conclusion.

What the book of Hosea was hinting at we see writ large in the New Testament. God is the lover and spouse of his people. But we have given him the marriage from hell. God is in the longest-lived, worst marriage in the history of the world. We have turned to idols in our hearts, we have turned away from him, we have been absolutely terrible spouses. But God did not abandon us.

In Jesus Christ, God entered the world and paid the price to buy us away from our sin and enslavements by dying on the Cross. In essence, God says to us in the Bible: "In Jesus Christ I laid down my life for you. I did cosmically and visibly the thing that you have to do every time you try to love somebody who is flawed and imperfect. It was a substitutionary sacrifice. Your sin, your evil, your problems came onto me so that my righteousness could be put on you. Do you understand that? Now you understand how much I love you. Now you understand my delight in you." That message is the most life-changing, potent power in the world.

Song of Preparation

O How I Love Jesus

Words by Frederick Whitfield. Traditional American Melody

VERSE

D D/F# A D Em/D



1. There is a name _ I love to hear, I love to sing _ its worth; _ It
2. It tells me of ___ a Sav-iour's love, who died to set _ me free; ___ It
3. It tells me what _ my Fa - ther hath in store for ev - 'ry day ___ and,
4. It tells of One ___ whose lov - ing heart can feel my deep - est woe, ___ who

CHORUS

6 D D/F# G D/A A7 D D



sounds like mu - sic in my ear, the sweet - est name on earth. _ O, how I love
tells me of ___ His pre - cious blood, the sin - ner's per - fect plea. ___
tho' I tread _ a dark - some path, yields sun - shine all the way. ___
in each sor - row bears a part that none _ can bear be - low. ___

11 D/F# A D Em/D D



Je - sus! O, how I love Je - sus! ___ O, how I love

15 D/F# G D/A A7 D



Je - sus, be - cause ___ He first loved me! _____

Call to Worship—Psalm 138 (selected)

Leader: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;

People: Before the gods I sing your praise;

Leader: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks
to your name for your steadfast love and your
faithfulness,

**People: For you have exalted above all things your name
and your word.**

**All: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for us; your steadfast
love, O Lord, endures forever.**

Leader: Now Lord come and fulfill your purpose in our hearts
as we come before you to worship!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

***Songs of Adoration**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Trinity Hymnal #295

Oh Give Thanks! (Psalm 107)

Wendell Kimbrough

D D D

1. We were wan - d'ring in the de - sert with our souls
2. We were locked out of the gar - den and our backs
3. We were fools in our re - bell - ion with our hun -
4. We were far out on the o - cean ma - king wealth

4 G G Bm7

so starved and weak; we were hun - gry for a home - land we did not
bend down with pain in the sha - dow of death's dark - ness we were slaves
- ger strike of pride; we were sick and grow - ing clos - er to the death
and cha - sing dreams but the waves of great de - struc - tion brought us trem -

8 A sus A D

know how to seek, but we lif - ted up our voi -
to sin and blame Then we cried out in our la -
we should have died Then he heard of our con - di -
- bling to our knees, and we cried like drun - ken sai -

11 D/F# G G

- ces to the on - ly One who hears and the God
- bor to the on - ly One who hears and the God
- tion and He called us by our names and the God
- lors to the on - ly One who hears and the God

14 D/A A Bm C A D

of mer - cy came and brought us near. Oh give thanks to the Lord
of mer - cy wiped a - way our tears.
of glo - ry took a - way our shame.
of com - fort took a - way our fears.

19 F# G D Bm D

for His love en - dures fo - re - ver! We were wan - der - ing and lost and our Fa -

24 E7 A D F#

- ther brought us home to a safe dwe - lling place, to a feast

28 G D F# Bm D7 G Gm6 D

of joy and laugh - ter. Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading—1 Samuel 8:4-18

The Dangers of Earthly Kings

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah and said to him, "Behold, you are old and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations." But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." And Samuel prayed to the Lord. And the Lord said to Samuel, "Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. According to all the deeds that they have done, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are also doing to you. Now then, obey their voice; only you shall solemnly warn them and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

So Samuel told all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking for a king from him. He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen and to run before his chariots. And he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his servants. He will take the tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and to his servants. He will take your male servants and female servants and the best of your young men and your donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take the tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the Lord will not answer you in that day.

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—Genesis 3:6-8

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

Silent Confession and Lament

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Genesis 3:21

And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God for covering our nakedness and sin.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

Thy Mercy My God is the Theme of My Song

Sandra McCracken

D G

1. Thy mer - cy my God is the theme of my song the
out thy sweet mer - cy I could not live here;
mer - cy is more than a match for my heart which
fath - er of mer - cies thy good - ness I own and the

3 B G A E D/F#

joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue thy free grace a - lone from the first
Sin would re - duce me to ut - ter des - pair; but through thy free good - ness my spir -
won - ders to feel its own hard - ness de - part; dis - solved by thy good - ness I fall
cov - e - nant love of thy cruc - i - fied son; all praise to the spi - rit whose whis

6 G E G A

— to the last hath won my af - fec - tions and bound my soul fast
its re - vive and he that first made me still keeps me a - live.
— to the ground and weep for the praise of the mer - cy I've found.
- per di - vine seals mer - cy and par - don and right - eous - ness

11 D E D/F# G G#

2. With mine. All praise to the spir - it whose whis - per di vine seals
3. Thy
4. Great

17 E G A

mer - cy and par don and right - eous - ness mine.

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

His Glory and My Good

Words and Music by Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, and Ben Fielding

VERSE 1/2

5 Asus2 E B C#m7
seen my Fa - ther's glo - ry re - vealed in Je - sus Christ... And the
hope in ev - 'ry tri - al for I can trust the Lord... He will

7 Asus2 E B C#m7
more that I be - hold Him, the more He sat - is - fies... When I
turn my heart to - wards Him and help me bare the thorn... So in

9 Asus2 E B C#m7
gaze u - pon His beau - ty, when I see Him as... I should then my
faith I fol - low Je - sus on the road not un - der - stood... For I

11 Asus2 E/G# B
eyes are lift - ed up - ward for His glo - ry and my
know that He is work - ing for His glo - ry and my

13 1. Asus2 E B C#m7
good. There is

15 2. E5 Esus
 good. To our

17 **CHORUS** E A E C#m7
 God be the glo - ry, to our God be praise. He a - lone, the name a - bove all

20 B E/G# A C#m7 **To Coda**
 names. I will boast ev - er on - ly in the Lord my God, for I

23 A B Asus2 E
 know His glo - ry is my good.

25 **VERSE 3** B C#m7 Asus2 E
 See the o - pen arms of Je - sus u -

27 B C#m7 Asus2 E
 pon the cross that day. What they un - der - stood as weak - ness de -

29 B C#m7 Asus2 E
 serves my ev - 'ry praise. For the charge that was a - gainst me, it was

31 B C#m7 Asus2 E/G#
 nailed in - to the wood. Yes, I know that He has saved me for His

33 B E **D.S. al Coda**
 glo - ry and my good. To our

⊕ CODA

35 A B A E/G#

INSTRUMENTAL

know His glo - ry is my good.
sing 1st time only

37 C#m7 B A E/G#

39 1. C#m7 B || 2. B

Would I

41 VERSE 4 Aadd2 E/G# Badd4/F# E/G#

glad - ly be made noth - ing that Christ would be made more. Would I

43 Aadd2 E/G# Badd4/F# E/G#

seek the on - ly king - dom that far out - weighs them all. I will

45 Aadd2 E Badd4 C#m7

stand be - fore my Fa - ther where the faith - ful saints have stood and with

47 Aadd2 E/G# Badd4 C#m7 Bsus

joy my heart shall praise Him for His glo - ry and my good. And with

49 Aadd2 E/G# Badd4

joy my heart shall praise Him for His glo - ry and my

51 E

good. To our

Sermon

"The Good and Important Gift of Marriage"

Sermon Series, Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5:31-32

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

1. What societal trends regarding marriage and divorce did the sermon highlight, and how do these trends impact individuals and families?
2. According to Matthew 5:31-32, what was the prevailing attitude towards divorce during Jesus' time, and how does his teaching challenge or contrast with it?
3. How does the concept of marriage as presented in Genesis 2:18-25 contrast with popular narratives about marriage in contemporary society, and what implications does this have for understanding the sanctity of marriage?
4. What insights does Jesus' teaching on divorce provide regarding the importance of fidelity and forgiveness within marriage, as outlined in Matthew 5:31-32 and Hosea's experience?
5. How do cultural and religious teachings about marriage, such as those found in the Mishnah and the New Testament, shape individuals' perceptions and behaviors regarding divorce and marital fidelity?

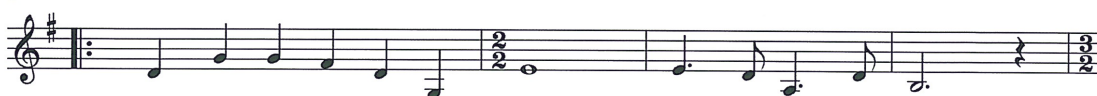
*Song of Response

He Will Hold Me Fast

Jean Sibelius, Ada Havershon, Matt Merker

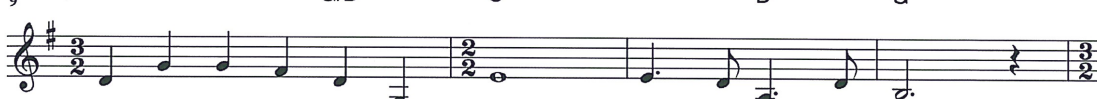
VERSE 1 & 2

5 G G/B C D G



1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;

9 G/B C D G



When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
Pre - cious in His ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.

13 Em D/F# G C B Em



I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;
He'll not let my soul be lost; His Prom - is - es shall last;

17 D/F# G/B C D G



For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast. _____
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. _____

CHORUS

22 C D Em D/F# G



He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

26 Am⁷ G/B C D Gmaj⁷ G/B

For my Sav - ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

30 C² Gmaj⁷ G/B C² **VERSE 3** Em⁹ C

3. For my life He bled and died,

35 C/E D/F# G Em⁹ C

Christ will hold me fast; Just - ice has been sat - is - fied;

39 D G Em D/F# G/B C

He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end - less life,

43 B Em D/F# G/B C

He will hold me fast till our faith is turned to sight,

47 **CHORUS** D G C D Em

when He comes at last! _____ He will hold me fast,

52 D/F# G Am⁷ G/B C

He will hold me fast; For my Sav - ior loves me so,

56 1. D G 2. D G **ENDING**

He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast.

61 Am⁹ G/B C G/B Am⁷ D^{7sus} G

*Benediction

*If you would like a time of prayer with one of our elders,
please come to the front of the sanctuary after the service.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday school is on a short hiatus. Summer classes will begin on June 23.

Visitors: If you are visiting with us today we would love to give you a small gift. Please stop by the Welcome Table so we can say "hello."

Volunteers today: Ushers: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: Elzinga, Hammond, Highmark, Linenbroker. CC: Mitchell, Rosales, Petty. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Thomason, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: Pannkuk, Hawley, Bava, Schmidt. CC: Oehlerking, Manwarings.

Youth Ministry: SH RYM Retreat: Jun. 10-15. JH Edge Retreat: Jun. 17-21.

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!

Join us for this **special evening of singing together!** The focus for the evenings is the *Psalms We Sing*. It will be an encouraging and uplifting evening lead by the ensemble. Sign up today as space is limited! Jun. 15 at the Schmidt's home.

Save the Date! **Trinity's Women's Ministry is hosting a special event** on Wed., Aug. 14th from 6:30-8pm-*Pass the Blessings*. A night of food, fellowship, and encouragement. Details can be found using the QR code to the right or on your Church Center app.

We are collecting recipes for a **Trinity Cookbook** to be passed out at our Women's Event on Aug. 14th. If you would like to contribute, please send your recipes to amy.mitchell@trinitychurchkirkwood.org as soon as possible.

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:](#)



SAVE THE DATE

- Jun. 19: Women's gathering at Botanical Gardens
- Jun. 23: Summer Sunday school session begins
- Jun. 23: Children's Ministry Bike Night
- Jun. 23: Jr./Sr. High Ministry Nights begin
- Jun. 29: JH/SH Pool Party
- Jul. 10: JH/SH at the Muni
- Jul. 13: Women's Flower Arranging
- Jul. 14: Summer Splash
- Jul. 31: Movie Night
- Aug. 1: Women's Painting Party
- Aug. 14: Women's Ministry Event
- Sept. 28: Party on the Lawn

MISSION UPDATE

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



- Please pray for the ministries and volunteers listed in the prayer calendar and below.
- **Upcoming Youth Mission Trip:** Three adult leaders, and 9 students will be traveling to Puerto Rico. In addition to a building project in a small town of Dorado, some will have the cross-cultural experience of attending a church in the area! Please pray that the participants will each be open to the Holy Spirit's leading and have a servant's heart as they go. Also pray that lives will be changed by the power of the gospel.

Goers:

- **Restore STL, Workday** – This local PCA ministry gathers volunteers from churches, colleges, small businesses and every place in between to provide basic home repairs and personal connections for the poor and vulnerable. Whether it's a skilled plumbing job or simply pulling weeds, they strive to provide servant hands and hearts for "the least of these".
 - **The next Saturday Serve is in July.** More information coming soon.

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.



- **Amazing generosity!** We sent out checks this week for donations from our Giving Tree during the advent season. In all we collected right around \$2000. When we made the ministries aware that they would be receiving a gift, they were all excited and thankful for our partnership in God's mission.

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

- **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.



Mobilizers: Where are you currently serving? Where would you like to serve? What needs do you see around you? Let's talk about it. Reach out to Pastor Pablo at 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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