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WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO SECURED THE TREASURE OF SALVATION FOR HIS PEOPLE

(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): Chrissy Inion, Kim McCall, Michelle

Goldstein, Chloe Inion

Liturgist: Dr. Aaron Goldstein **Scripture Reader:** Mary Berardi

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. — I Timothy 6:6-10

"The key to liberation from the power of materialism is not an exodus from culture – abandoning Wall Street or leaving the wealth of the nation to others – but the grace of giving... Givers for God disarm the power of money. They invite God's grace to flow through them." — R. Kent Hughes

"You may have wealth. It cannot profit long. You may have health. Decay will cause its flower to fade. You may have strength. It soon will totter to the grave. You may have honors. A breath will blast them. You may have flattering friends. They are but as a summer brook. These boasted joys often now cover an aching heart, but they never gave a grain of solid peace; they never healed a wounded conscience; they never won approving looks from God; they never crushed the sting of sin." — Henry Law

Devotional Preparation

Your Money Will Trick You (Abridged)- Trevin Wax, The Gospel Coalition

Everywhere we turn in the Scriptures, we see big flashing lights saying, "Money can be hazardous to your health!" Which means that every time we see an unexpected source of income or a burgeoning bank account, or receive that hoped-for raise, we should acknowledge the increase of wealth as simultaneously helpful and harmful.

The ease with which we spend money can warp our priorities and reshape our hearts until we begin looking at everything and (worse) everyone in the world in terms of value and worth to us. One way that money changes us, writes Andy Crouch, is that "it allows us to get things done, often by means of other people, without the entanglements of friendship." Mammon does its work by isolating us from others or by putting us in community with others who size us up based on what we can offer, or by mastering our hearts and deceiving our minds. Crouch writes,

"God wishes to put all things into the service of people and ultimately to bring forth the flourishing of creation through the flourishing of people. Mammon wants to put all people into the service of things and ultimately to bring about the exploitation of all of creation."

Our money lies to us, constantly. Whenever we see our accumulation of assets or the increasing dollars in our account, Mammon whispers: I am your security. I am your hope. I make the good life possible.

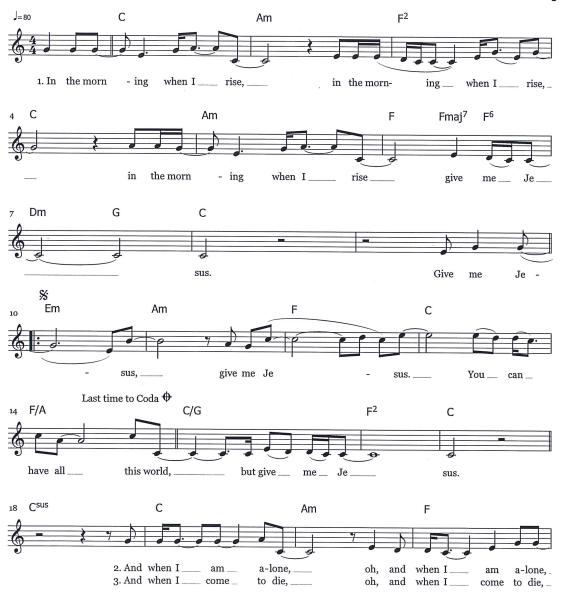
Meanwhile, Jesus is shouting, "It's a lie! One's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions" (Luke 12:15). And the apostle Paul echoes the Savior: "It's a trap! If you want to be rich, you fall into temptation . . . and many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction" (1 Tim. 6:9).

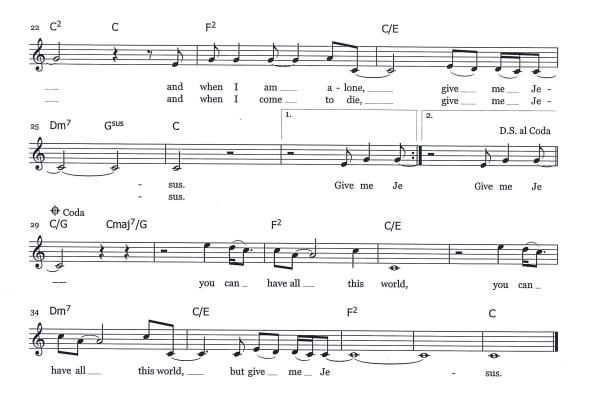
So, next time you read one of these warnings, or hear a sermon on wealth, or find yourself thinking about money, wishing for a salary increase, or trying to make ends meet, pause. Don't rush. Listen carefully, so that the warnings of Jesus and the apostles speak louder than the deafening roar of the Mammon monster that grips the society we inhabit.

Song of Preparation

Give Me Jesus

Fernando Ortega





Call to Worship—Psalm 145 (selected)

Leader: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your

saints shall bless you! They shall speak of the glory of your

kingdom and tell of your power,

People: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your

dominion endures throughout all generations.

Leader: The Lord is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.

People: You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every

living thing.

All: The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on

him in truth.

Leader: Now O Lord, come and draw us near to you as we call on

your name in truth!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Song of Adoration

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Henry F. Lyte



*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Ephesians 3:14-21

A Prayer for Spiritual Strength

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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—2 Samuel 11:1-4

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel. And they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. It happened, late one afternoon, when David arose from his couch and was walking on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful. And David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, "Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" So David sent messengers and took her, and she came to him, and he lay with her.

Silent Confession and Lament

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Psalm 32:1-2

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God for covering our sins in Christ!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

His Glory and My Good

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











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)

All I Have

Rebecca Elliot and Bobby Gilles

Sermon

"The True Wealth of Heavenly Treasures"
Sermon Series, Sermon on the Mount
Matthew 6:19-24
Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

*Song of Response My Worth Is Not In What I Own Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Graham Kendrick C۷ F/C C^2 F/C G/C 1. My worth is not what own; not in (2. My)worth is not in skill or name; in (3. As)die; sum - mer flow'rs we fade and fame, (4. I) will not in wealth or might, or boast (5. Two) won - ders here that I con fess: my Last time to Coda • C^2 C^2 C^2 F G#° F/C G in the strength of flesh and bone. But in the cost - ly wounds of love at the pride or win or lose, in shame. But the blood of Christ that flowed the at youth and beau - ty hur - ry by. But life e - ter - nal calls us at the hu - man wis-dom's fleet-ing But will boast in know-ing light. I Christ at the worth and un - wor - thi Mγ val - ue fixed, my ran - som the my ness. paid 1, 3. 2,4. C^2 F/C C^2 F/C C^2 F/C C^2 11 2. My cross. cross. cross. cross. 4. I G Am G^2 15 C/E re-joice in Re - deem - er. my Great - est treas well-spring of my soul. F^2 G Am C/E F G 19





*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.

Nursery Volunteer (SS): Sarah Oehlerking (please report to the toddler nursery directly following the service)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

From Cradle to the Grave - Pastor Polski (Room 111)

Please consider joining Pastor Polski for this six week summer Sunday School class that will be taking up important issues from both ends of our lives using the scripture first and then two important contemporary resources. The first part of the class will address important issues in Christian parenting with a special focus on debriefing the book "The Anxious Generation" by Jonathan Haidt with its focus on how social media has reshaped childhood and what we can do about it. In the second part of the class we will be looking at end of life issues and what it means to age with grace. In this part of the class a special focus will be placed on Atul Gawande's book, "Being Mortal," and the suggestions he makes for adult children and their aging parents to engage healthily on how they would like the last phase of their lives to go. My prayer is that this whole class will be a true intergenerational experience as we love and support one another within the context of the church and our families.

Christianity Explored- Rev. Pablo Rosales and Rev. Tim Jackson (Room 110) What's the best news you've ever heard? In Christianity Explored we will explore how Mark's gospel answers this question. It's a journey to discover who Jesus is, what he achieved, and how he calls all people to respond. The purpose of this Sunday School class is to strengthen your knowledge of Jesus and prepare you to share your own answer to the question: What's the best news you've ever heard? This 6-week video-based course is for seekers, new believers, and those who have been running the race

Jr. & Sr. High Students - Lower level

for a while.

Children aged 4 (by July 31, 2024) through incoming 5th grade - Room 106

Babies and toddlers - Room 104

In a one room schoolhouse format, students will have Bible lessons, music, activities, and outside play based on our summer theme–God's truth never changes!

Caregivers, please sign your child into the Summer Sundays classroom after you have enjoyed fellowship/snack. Older children will be dismissed to an adult caregiver from the playground. Please send your child with a water bottle, labeled with their name.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday for all ages meet today. A list of classes and locations can be found on the previous page.

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: Oehlerking, Moen, Broughton, Barker. Nursery: B. Williamson, J. Hendricks, P. Waldron, J. Standerfer. SS: Broughton. CC: Standerfer, Rosales, Petty. **Next Sunday**: Ushers: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Alexander. Nursery: Inions, McCall, M. Goldstein. SS: Oehlerking. CC: Mitchell, Manwaring, S. Goldstein.

Youth Ministry: No evening youth ministry tonight.

Ladies, join us on **Aug. 1st for a Painting Party** at Mickie Schmidt's home. Julie Hammond will give us a stress free lesson on painting a water/wine glass. More details and sign up can be found on Church Center.

We are looking for **Transportation Volunteers** to help drive those in our church that cannot drive themselves to Sunday worship or other church events. Please contact Norm Steele.

Sign up TODAY: **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.

Children's Ministry families and friends, come join us for a **family movie night** on Wed., July 31 from 6 - 7:30 pm. Bring your pillow and blanket, and meet us in the youth room. Lemonade and popcorn will be provided. Extra treats are welcome, but please help us stay nut free.

Ariel Concert Series is coming to Trinity! Sept. 14th at 7:30pm. Invite your friends and neighbors for this FREE concert which promises to be an incredible evening of classical music. More info can be found by using the QR code to the right.

Please be sure to **sign The Trinity Hymnal** in the narthex for Drew and Brittany Lattner.

Registration is open for **Party on the Lawn**, Sat., Sept. 28 at 4:30pm.

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 (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

Jul. 31: Movie Night

Aug. 1: Women's Painting Party

Aug. 14: Women's Ministry Event

Sept. 14: Ariel Concert

Sept. 28: Party on the Lawn

Oct. 6-13: Missions Conference

Nov. 2: Prayer & Praise Nov. 17: Vox Una Concert

Dec. 7: Christmas Craft Party

Dec. 15: Christmas Concert

MISSION UPDATE

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



- Please pray for the ministries and volunteers listed in the prayer calendar and below.
- Public Prayer requests can be found here:



• Our youth are in Puerto Rico! Three adult leaders, and 9 students have traveled 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 St Louis: One of the local ministries that we support is Restore
 St. Louis. They are a non-profit organization out of New City Fellowship,
 PCA. Through them, many of the marginalized in our city are served. They
 care for several people from children to elderly through tutoring, prison
 ministry, building projects, and more.
 - They are always in need of volunteers for their various ministries.
 It's never too late or too early to give of ourselves in service of the gospel. 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.



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

- Trinity Church Fellowship Meals Welcoming believers and unbelievers is part of the very fabric of Trinity Church. Jesus not only welcomed people but ate meals with them as well. Our own Jane Caldwell and Terry Louys have been hosting meals to welcome visitors and members into closer fellowship. It is a wonderful ministry and a great opportunity for those who have a heart to reach out to new people and pursue those who are unfamiliar and needing fellowship and connection.
- Please pray for this ministry! If you are interested in participating and possibly hosting a meal, please visit the Welcome Desk in the Narthex after the service to speak with Jane or Terry.

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.

