

TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

July 7, 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 WALKS CLOSELY WITH THE LOWLY AND HUMBLE

(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): Mindy Wilhoit, Mickie Schmidt, Tara Thomason, Stella Hendricks

Liturgist: Mitchell Dixon

Scripture Reader: Jerome Merritt

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Jim Talent

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

— Micah 6:8

“God has made us with proper desires, but if there is not a proper contentment on my part, to this extent I am in revolt against God, and of course revolt is the whole central problem of sin. When I lack proper contentment, either I have forgotten that God is God, or I have ceased to be submissive to him.”

— Francis Schaeffer, *True Spirituality*

“There is nothing more irreligious than self-absorbed religion.”

— J.I. Packer, *Knowing God*

Devotional Preparation

Don't Confuse Spirituality with Righteousness by R.C. Sproul (Ligonier.org)

When I first became a Christian I was introduced to the priorities of the Christian community. I learned quickly that it was expected of me that I have a daily devotion time, a time reserved for Bible reading and prayer. I was expected to go to church. I was expected to have a kind of piety that was evident by not cursing, not drinking, not smoking, and the like. I had no idea that biblical righteousness went far beyond these things. However, like most new Christians, I learned to emphasize such things. My personal letters took on a new pattern of language. They began to sound like pages from New Testament epistles. I soon learned to use Christian jargon in my everyday speech. I didn't "tell" anybody anything, I "shared" it with them. Every good fortune was a "blessing," and I found I could hardly speak without sprinkling my sentences with spiritual platitudes.

Soon, however, I found that there was more to the Christian life than daily devotions and sanctified words. I realized that God wanted more. He wanted me to grow in my faith and obedience, to go beyond milk to the meat. I also discovered that Christian jargon was an almost meaningless form of communication, both to non-Christians and Christians alike. I found myself more interested in echoing a subculture's lingo than in finding true godliness.

My error was this: I was confusing spirituality with righteousness. I also discovered that I was not alone in this. I was caught up with a crowd who confused the means with the end. Spirituality can be a cheap substitute for righteousness.

Over the years I've had many young Christians ask me how to be more spiritual or more pious. Rare has been the earnest student who said, "Teach me how to be righteous." Why, I wondered, does anybody want to be spiritual? What is the purpose of spirituality? What use is there in piety?

Spirituality and piety are not ends in themselves. In fact they are worthless unless they are means to a higher goal. The goal must go beyond spirituality to righteousness.

Spiritual disciplines are vitally necessary to achieve righteousness. Bible study, prayer, church attendance, evangelism, are necessary for Christian growth, but they cannot be the final goal. I cannot achieve righteousness without spirituality. But it is possible to be "spiritual," at least on the surface, without attaining righteousness.

Jesus was a man of prayer. His prayer life was intense and powerful. He was a man of vast knowledge of the Scriptures. He obviously mastered the Word of God. He was spiritual. But His spirituality was not merely a surface thing. His inner life displayed itself in outward obedience, obedience even unto death.

Song of Preparation

Jesus, I Come

(Vs. 1, 3) Words by William Sleeper. Music by Greg Thompson

C G Fmaj7

1. Out of my bon - dage, sor - row and night,
 2. Out of my shame - ful fail - ure and loss,
 3. Out of un - rest and ar - ro - gant pride,
 4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,

5 Am G Fmaj7

Je - sus I come; Je - sus, I come
 Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I come
 Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I come
 Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I come.

9 C G Fmaj7

In - to Thy free - dom, glad - ness, and light
 In - to the glo - rious gain of Thy cross,
 In - to Thy bless - ed will to a - bide,
 In - to the joy and light of Thy home,

13 Am G/B Fmaj7 F G

Je - sus, I come to Thee,
 Je - sus, I come to Thee.
 Je - sus, I come to Thee.
 Je - sus, I come to Thee.

17 Am G Fmaj7

Out of my sick - ness in - to Thy health,
 Out of earth's sor - rows in - to Thy balm,
 Out of my self to dwell in Thy love,
 Out of the depths of Thy ru - in un - told,

21 Am G Fmaj7

Out of my want - ing and in - to Thy wealth,
 Out of life's storms and in - to Thy calm,
 Out of de - spair in - to rap - tures a - bove,
 In - to the peace of Thy shel - ter - ing fold,

25 Am G Fmaj7

Out of my sin and in - to Thy self,
 Out of dis - tress and in - to jub - i - lant psalm,
 Up - ward for ev - er on wings like dove,
 Ev - er Thy glo - rious face to be - hold,

29 Am G Fmaj7

Je - sus, I come to Thee
 Je - sus, I come to Thee.
 Je - sus, I come to Thee.
 Je - sus, I come to Thee.

Call to Worship—Psalm 48 (selected)

Leader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!

People: His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth,

Leader: We have thought on your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.

People: As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.

All: Your right hand is filled with righteousness. Let Mount Zion be glad!

Leader: Now O Lord, make us glad this morning as you welcome us into your house.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Come, Thou Almighty King

Trinity Hymnal #101

(Chorus)

16ths...

60 All glo-ry be to the Fa - ther. All glo-ry be to the Son. All

65 glo-ry be to the Spir - it, the bless - ed three in One. All glo-ry be to the

I Stand Amazed

Charles Hutchison Gabriel

VERSE



1. I stand a - mazed in the pres - ence of Je - sus, the Naz - a - rene, and
2. For me it was in the gar - den He prayed, "Not My will, but Thine." He
3. In pit - y an - gels be - held Him and came from the world of light to
4. He took my sins and my sor - rows; He made them His ver - y own. He
5. When with the ran - somed in glo - ry His face I at last shall see, 'twill



won - der how He could love me, a sin - ner, con - demned, un - clean.
had no tears for His own griefs, but sweat drops of blood for mine.
com - fort Him in the sor - rows He bore for my soul that night.
bore the bur - den to Cal - v'ry, and suf - fered and died a - lone.
be my joy thro' the a - ges to sing of His love for me.

CHORUS



How mar - vel - ous, how won - der - ful! And my song shall ev - er be: How mar - vel - ous,



how won - der - ful is my Sav - iour's love for me!

*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading—Ezekiel 2:1-7

My People Have Become a Rebellious House

And he said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. And he said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.' And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them. And you, son of man, be not afraid of them, nor be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns are with you and you sit on scorpions. Be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house. And you shall speak my words to them, whether they hear or refuse to hear, for they are a rebellious house.

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 Corinthians 12:7-8

So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me.

Silent Confession and Lament

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—2 Cor. 12:9

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God for His all-sufficient grace!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

Turn Your Eyes

Helen Howarth Lemmel (vs. 1). George Romanace, Nic Trout, Kevin Winebarger, and Nathan Stiff (vs. 2-4, and chorus)

9 C Em Am C/G vs 3 F G G

1. Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus, look full in His won-der-ful face. And the
 2. Turn your eyes to the hill - side where jus - tice and mer-cy em-brace. There the
 3. Turn your eyes to the morn - ing and see Christ the li - on a - wake. What a

17 C C/E F (Am vs 3) Dm (F vs 3) C/G G7 C

things of earth will grow strange - ly dim, in the light of His glo - ry and grace.
 Son of God gave His life for us, and our mea-sure-less debt was e -
 glo - rious dawn, fear of death is gone, for we car - ry His life in our

24 Em Am F C **CHORUS** F C

Je - sus, to You we lift our eyes. —
 rased.
 veins.

32 F Am C/G F G

— Je - sus, our glo - ry and our prize. — We a - dore You, be - hold — You, our

39 Am C/E F G C **2nd time to CODA**

Sav - ior ev - er true. Oh — Je - sus, we turn our eyes to You.

44 **TURN** Em Am F C C/G F **D.S.**

51 **CODA** C G/C F/C **VERSE** C G/C F/C C F/C

You. 4. Turn your eyes to the hea - vens, our King will re -

60 G/C C Dm7 C/E Am G F C/G

turn for His own. Ev - ery knee will bow, ev - ery tongue will shout "All — glo - ry to

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 My Hope

David Crowder and Ed Cash. Arr. by Dan Galbraith

Sermon

"True Spirituality"

Sermon Series, Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 6:1-4

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

Sermon Discussion Questions:

1. What are some signs or behaviors that indicate someone might be practicing their spirituality for public recognition rather than out of genuine devotion to God? How can we recognize these in ourselves?
2. Jesus emphasizes doing acts of righteousness in secret. Why is the motivation behind our actions so crucial in determining the authenticity of our spirituality? How does our culture's emphasis on visibility and recognition affect our spiritual practices?
3. Jesus warns about seeking rewards from others versus receiving rewards from our Father in heaven. How does our desire for recognition impact our spiritual life? How can we shift our focus from earthly rewards to heavenly ones?
4. Discuss the contrast between external expressions of faith (like public giving) and internal motivations (doing things in secret for God). How can we cultivate a spirituality that is genuine and not merely performative?
5. Reflecting on your own spiritual life, in what ways have you struggled with the temptation to seek recognition or reward for your acts of righteousness? How can you cultivate a deeper, more authentic spirituality that is rooted in a genuine desire to please God rather than others?

*Song of Response

Humble King

Brenton Brown

VERSE

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E F#m E/G# A B E2

Oh, kneel me down a - gain, here at Your feet;

5 F#m E/G# A B E2

Show me how much You love hu - mil - i - ty. Oh Spir - it,

10 F#m7 E/G# A B C#m9 B A E/G# F#m7 B7sus B7

be the star that leads me to the hum - ble heart of love I see in You.

CHORUS

E2 A2 E/G# F#m7

16 (%)

(^Cause) You are the God of the bro - ken, the Friend of the weak;

21 B A2 E/G# F#m7

You wash the feet of the wear - y, em - brace the ones in need.

25 B A2 E/G# F#m7

I want to be like You, Je - sus, to have this heart in me.

B F#m7 E/G# A B7 E2

29 3rd time to Coda

You are the God of the hum - ble, You are the hum - ble King.

THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

***Sursum Corda**

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the LORD.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

People: It is good and right so to do.

***Confession of Faith**

Leader: Christian, in whom do you believe?

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**The third day He arose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right
hand of God the Father Almighty, whence He
shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen**

Words of Institution—Matthew 26:26—29

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

Prayer of Consecration

The Giving of the Bread and Cup

Upon direction from the ushers, please come forward down the center aisle. After you receive the elements, please return to your seats via the side aisles. Please hold the elements until we are all able to partake together. After the service, please dispose of your used communion cup.

(Grape juice is in the purple cups and wine in the clear. The bread is gluten and nut free)

Communion Song (Ensemble)

O Lord My Rock and My Redeemer

Nathan Stiff

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Sending Song

Doxology
Trinity Hymnal #731

*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): Ruth Harlow (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.

Evangelism Explosion- 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 for a while.

Jr. & Sr. High Students - Lower level

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.

Please contact Melissa Kocher, Children's Ministry Coordinator with any questions at melissa.kocher@trinitychurchkirkwood.org.

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: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: Wilhoit, Schmidt, Thomason, Hendricks. SS: Harlow. CC: Doiron, Wagberg, Polski.

Next Sunday: Ushers: Thomason, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: C. Waldron, Schmidts, Goldstein. SS: Moen. CC: Jackson, Hawley, Inion.

Youth Ministry: Youth Ministry Nights: Sundays from 4:30-6:30pm. **SH & JH Night at the Munny** for The Little Mermaid this Wed. See Katherine or Mitchell for details.

Ladies, Hannah Wong is hosting a **Flower Arranging Workshop on July 13th** from 1-3:30am. More details and sign up can be found on Church Center or use the QR code to the right.

Children's Ministry families and friends, join us on Sunday, **July 14th from 4:30 to 6:30 pm for Summer Splash!** Kids, wear your swimsuits, bring a beach towel, and join us for water games and fun! Caregivers, don't forget your lawn chairs. You are welcome to bring a picnic dinner. Frozen treats will be provided.

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!

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.

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 **ASAP**. Anyone can submit a recipe (of any category).

Please be sure to **sign The Trinity Hymnal** in the narthex for Drew and Brittnay Lattner and to thank them for their time and service at Trinity.

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. 10: JH/SH at the Munny
- 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. 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 *NEW* 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:** 
- **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.
- **Several young missionaries heading out of country!** Along with our youth mentioned above, pray for Shane Roberts's trip to Japan and Lily Polski's trip to Senegal. Pray that the Lord would keep them and bless the work of their hands. Pray that the gospel would be proclaimed in word and deed.

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 with Restore – July 13

- **Anand Masagalla** – Many of you have met Anand. He is an international student at SLU. He was volunteering with Restore this summer until he received news of his father's death back home in India. He has travelled home for a short time. Please pray for Anand, his family, and his July return to continue his studies.

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?

- **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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