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# WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO JUDGES RIGHTLY

(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): Jessica Pannkuk, Dave Nichols, Lori

Nichols, Lily Polski

Liturgist: Rev. Tim Jackson

Scripture Reader: Megan Hawley

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Michael Jorgensen

#### **Prelude**

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### **Quotes and Reflection**

"Woe to him who wants to judge hearts." -Søren Kierkegaard (Danish Philosopher)

"For that judging or condemning of others with which they are so provoked, there is but one way whereby it may be done so as to give no just offense, and this is in our lives. The practice of holiness judges all unholy persons in their own breasts." -John Owen

"Criticizing anther's garden doesn't keep the weeds out of your own." -Unknown

"What is forbidden is hypocritical judging and judging others' thoughts and motives. But other forms of judgment are explicitly commanded. Throughout Scripture the people of God are urged to judge between truth and error, right and wrong, good and evil."

-John F. MacArthur

"But when a brother in a meek and self-judging spirit removes the log in his own eye, he still has the responsibility of helping his brother remove his speck." -D. A. Carson

Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. -Paul, Romans 2:1

# Devotional Preparation: "Judging with right judgment" - ligonier.org

Six months or so before the brothers of Jesus implored Him to go up to the Feast of Booths and do signs, He escaped a crowd that attempted to force Him into leading a revolution against Rome (John 6:15). That is likely one of the reasons why our Lord did not initially follow His brothers' wishes but told them that His time to go up for the feast had not yet arrived (7:8). Due to the speculation about His ministry (vv. 10–13), it seems He did not want to cause a stir among those who had false expectations about the Messiah. He would enter the public eye on His terms, not theirs.

That could not have been the only reason Jesus did not go to the feast at first, for Jesus eventually traveled to Jerusalem and taught publicly in the temple (v. 14). Surely, He would not have done this if His concern was solely to avoid encouraging false messianic expectations. The only explanation is that Jesus went up for the Feast of Booths when He did because of His commitment to doing His Father's will (6:38), and God directed Him when to go up to Jerusalem.

Jesus astonished the audience in the temple with His learning and authority that could not have come from any formal theological training (7:15). In response, Jesus stressed again that His teaching belonged not to Him alone but to the Father and that those who want to do the will of God will recognize the truth of His teaching, stressing also His commitment to the glory of God (vv. 16–18). But the crowd did not want to do God's will, for they did not want to keep God's law, and the proof of that was that people wanted to kill Jesus (v. 19).

This surprised the crowd, for they said they were not trying to kill Him. In the main that was likely correct, at least at that time. But a temple crowd would have included Jewish authorities who sought His life (see 5:18). Christ knew that the leaders were angry with Him for healing the paralyzed man on the Sabbath (7:21, 23), and that anger would ultimately crucify Him.

The irony, of course, was that they justified their hatred of Christ by appealing to His supposed breaking of the law when, in fact, they "broke" the law because they performed the work of circumcision on the eighth day even when that day fell on the Sabbath (vv. 22–23). Neither Jesus nor His opponents were actually breaking the law, of course. His point was that if they were willing to do good on the Sabbath, they were rendering false judgment on Him by getting angry when He did good on the Sabbath (v. 24).

#### Coram Deo

Matthew 7:24 tells us that Jesus' words, "Judge not, that you be not judged," cannot mean that all of our judgments are wrong. Instead, Jesus wants us not to make wrong judgments. Let us not apply standards to others that we do not apply to ourselves. The religious authorities were guilty of using such inconsistent standards. By seeking to apply God's law justly and holding others to the same standard to which we hold ourselves, we can judge with right judgment.

# **Song of Preparation**

#### Come Ye Sinners



### Call to Worship—Psalm 111 (selected)

Leader: Praise the LORD!

People: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Leader: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who

delight in them.

People: Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

Leader: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his

covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!

All: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

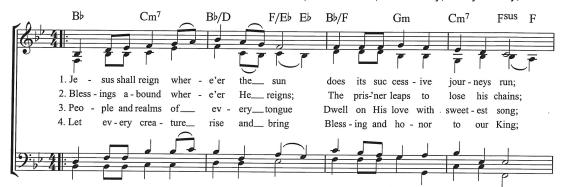
Leader: As we worship you, O Lord, remind us of your great works, your righteousness, redemption, and covenant. Receive the praise that you alone deserve as you sit on the seat of judgement.

# WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

# \*Song of Adoration

# Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Isaac Watts, John Hatton, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Ed Cash









Words and Music by Andrew Peterson and Ben Shive

(Ensemble): Do you feel the world is broken? (Congregation): We do (Ensemble): Do you feel the shadows deepen? (Congregation): We do (Ensemble): But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? (Congregation): We do (Ensemble): Do you wish that you could see it all made new? (Congregation): We do

(Ensemble): Is all creation groaning? (Congregation): It is (Ensemble): Is a new creation coming? (Congregation): It is (Ensemble): Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? (Congregation): It is (Ensemble): Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (Congregation): It is

(Chorus: All)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
Is He worthy, is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this? He is.

(Ensemble): Does the Father truly love us? (Congregation): He does (Ensemble): Does the Spirit move among us? (Congregation): He does (Ensemble): And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves? (Congregation): He does (Ensemble): Does our God intend to dwell again with us? (Congregation): He does

(Chorus: All)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with His Son
Is He worthy, is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this? He is.
Is He worthy?

He is. He is

# WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

# Old Testament Reading—1 Kings 3:3-14

Solomon's Prayer for Wisdom

Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of David his father, only he sacrificed and made offerings at the high places. And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

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—Ephesians 5:15-20

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

#### Silent Confession and Lament

# Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—1 John 6, 7, 9

If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Leader: Children of God, give thanks to God for cleansing us from

all unrighteousness!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

# \*Song of Rejoicing

#### Great Are You Lord

Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan, David Leonard



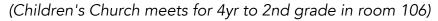


# WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

# Pastoral Prayer

# **Tithes and Offerings**

3) See Others





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

#### Sermon

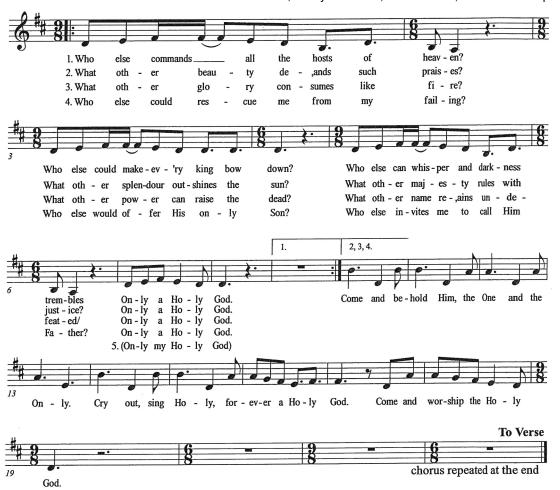
"Judging"
Sermon Series, Sermon on the Mount
Matthew 7:1-6
Rev. Pablo Rosales

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How Must We Judge?	
1) See God	
2) See Ourself	

# \*Song of Response

## Only A Holy God

Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, Dustin Smith, and Rich Thompson



#### \*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 classes are on break until Aug. 25th.

**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: Thomason, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: Pannkuk, D & L Nichols, Polski. SS: Oehlerking. CC: Sweet, Kwong, Goldstein. Next Sunday: Ushers: Oehlerking, Moen, Broughton, Barker. Nursery: Poe, Mitchell, S. O'Neal, Linenbroker. CC: Oehlerking, Standerfer, Brumley.

**Youth Ministry:** Sundays from 4:30-6:30pm (dinner included). **Parent Meeting**: Aug. 25 after SS.

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*. Ladies, please join us for food, fellowship, and encouragement. More details and register using the QR code to the right or go to Church Center.

**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.

Party on the Lawn, Sat., Sept. 28 at 4:30pm. Games, bounce house, sumo bumper balls, pickle ball tournament, and more. We will provide the pig roast, you bring a side to share. Be sure to use the QR code to the right or Church Center to find more details and to sign up.

Parents and caregivers of children from nursery through 5th grade are encouraged to attend our Fall **Children's Ministry Parent Meeting** on Sunday, August 18 at 4 pm.

We have a high need for 3 more nursery substitutes and additional volunteers on the nursery rotation. Please email nursery@trinitychurchkirkwood if you are able to help.

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 <u>following the link</u>:



#### KINGDOM KIDS

Children ages 3 (by July 31 of the current school year and potty trained) through 5th gr. are given the opportunity to grow friendships and community while further being equipped and discipled in their faith through sharing a meal, lessons from Character By God's Design, games, and children's choir. Rooted in Scripture, Character By God's Design engages kids to grow to be like Jesus. Children's Choir seeks to teach our children about the importance of worship, give them excitement to participate in it, and grow their relationship both with the Lord and with other children. Beginning Aug. 25 we will meet the 2nd & 4th Sun.of the month from 4:30 - 6:30 pm.

#### MISSION UPDATE

**Prayers:** Here is a QR link to our NEW AUGUST 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:



#### Goers:

- Robinson Elementary Food Pantry One of the ways we serve our community is through this local food pantry. We are in the process of finalizing dates.
   Registration for the school year will open mid-August.
- <u>Missions Trips Update -</u> Our youth are back from Puerto Rico, Lilly Polski is back from Senegal, and Shane Roberts is back from Japan!

We are blessed at Trinity to have young Goers. We will be getting updates from them at the <u>Missions Conference Dinner and Fair</u> on Friday, October 11. In the meantime, there are some photos in the <u>narthex</u>.

**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?

- Say hello and thank our Welcome Team. We are so thankful for the Trinity members who have been faithfully serving on Sunday mornings. They gather before the service to pray for everyone and then stand at the doors to usher us into a joyous celebration of the Lord's goodness. Thank them today for their welcoming hands, words, and smiles.
- The Welcome Team: James Broughton (chair), James Asbury, Sue Freeman, Andrew Marcus, Allen Mathieu, Rebecca Iglesias, and Sue Freeman

#### Mobilizers: Help Wanted and Needed!

We are looking for *members* to join our Local/National and Global Missions
 Subcommittees. If you are passionate about the gospel going forth in our
 community, St. Louis, the nation, and the world, and want to learn more about this
 opportunity, reach out to Pastor Pablo at pablo@trinitychurchkirkwood.org

