

# WITNESSES

## JUDEA



ACTS: 1:8

Trinity Church · September 29, 2024

# WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO CALLS US TO WITNESS

(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):** Linda Manwaring, Julie Hammond, Debbie Highmark, Josie Standerfer

**Liturgist:** Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

**Scripture Reader:** Lyn Moffitt

**Pastoral Prayer:** Ruling Elder, Jim Talent

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## Quotes and Reflection

"Acts is a book about mission. It is not unfair to take 1:8 as a summary of its contents: 'You shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.' The purpose of the Christian church was to bear witness to Jesus." — I. Howard Marshall

"Jesus introduces himself to the Laodicean Christians as 'the Amen, the faithful and true witness' because he wants them to stop compromising and emulate him so that they will also be zealous 'faithful and true witnesses.'" — G. K. Beale

"As witnesses, we must keep in constant fellowship with the Lord so that we have something fresh to share." — Warren W. Wiersbe

"The church of Christ witnesses to the end of all things. It lives from the end, it thinks from the end, it acts from the end, it proclaims its message from the end." — Dietrich Bonhoeffer

## Devotional Preparation—The Church and Missions by Allen Harman, *ligonier.org*

Two important ideas lie behind the New Testament's teaching on missions. The first can be seen in the songs recorded in Luke 1. Mary and Zechariah sing about the coming birth of Jesus, but they do so with reference to God's promises in the covenant with Abraham (Luke 1:54–55, 72–73). In addition to promising Abraham a large family and a land in which to live, God said He was going to bless the nations through him (Gen. 12:3). Salvation was God's intention—salvation not just of those in Israel who truly believed, but of the Gentile nations as well. Gradually, it became clear that this was going to take place through the Messiah, God's chosen redeemer.

The beginning of incorporating others outside Israel was seen when Gentiles such as Rahab, Naaman, and Ruth were brought to faith in the living God. These, though only isolated cases, doubtless helped to encourage the expectation of the worldwide proclamation of the good news. The promise to Abraham was also the framework that the prophets and psalmists used to speak of the inclusion of the Gentiles in God's kingdom. Repeatedly, psalmists sang of the coming day when the Gentile nations would praise the Lord (Ps. 67:3–5), while prophets such as Isaiah could call upon all ends of the earth to turn to the Lord and be saved (Isa. 45:22).

The second concept is linked with the first one, and it concerns the restriction that Jesus placed upon His own ministry and that of His disciples. He instructed His disciples not to go to the Gentiles and Samaritans but rather to go only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel (Matt. 10:5–6). A few examples are given in the Gospels of exceptions to this practice (for example, Matt. 15:21–28; John 4:4–30). However, Jesus made it clear to His disciples that He had other sheep who had to be brought into His fold (John 10:16), and that when He was lifted up on the cross He would draw all kinds of people to Himself (John 12:32).

Until the death and resurrection of Jesus, this restricted ministry prevailed. But then there was a shift. His saving work having been completed, He announced to the disciples that His ministry had become enlarged, and that they were to go and make disciples of all nations (Matt. 28:18–20). His instructions in Luke 24:47 make this same point. The preaching of the gospel of repentance and forgiveness was going to be "to all nations." Jesus' vision for future gospel ministry naturally merged with the concept that what was in the covenant with Abraham was going to be fulfilled through the church's ministry.

The book of Acts shows how this happened in the early years of the church. The church spread according to Jesus' instructions to His disciples—they were to be witnesses "in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Luke records the ever-widening scope of the mission, until at the end of the book Paul is preaching the kingdom of God at the heart of the Roman empire, "boldly and without hindrance" (Acts 28:31).

When Paul was teaching the infant churches in Galatia about the gospel, he did so in terms of the Abrahamic covenant. Christ redeemed us "in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit" (Gal. 3:14). As Christians, we have the Spirit because God fulfilled His word spoken long ago to our father Abraham.

Where does this leave us with mission today in the life of the church? We are in the wonderful position of knowing that the gathering in of Jews and Gentiles to the fold of the Lord Jesus is God's intention. This is what He planned from all eternity, and its fulfillment is sure. Matthew 28:18–20 is not just a commission; it's also a statement of divine purpose—the nations will be gathered in.

We should be encouraged by the example of the evangelistic ministry of the early church, but the visions in the book of Revelation are also there to instruct and to encourage us. They draw together the central themes of the promises to Abraham—family, land, blessing. The church of God will be from every tribe and language and people and nation (Rev. 5:9). His people will live in the New Jerusalem and be proof that the blessing of the gospel has triumphed over all its foes. Promise will have become reality, and the gathered community from around the globe will sing, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb" (Rev. 7:10).

## Song of Preparation (please join when directed)

## Sanctus

Music: Brian T. Murphy

C      A m      F      C      A m

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord    God of pow'r and might    Heav-en and Earth are full of Your glo - ry

4      F      F      C      G

Ho - san - na      Bless - ed is he who comes      In the name of the Lord

7      F      C      G      C

Ho - - - san - na in the high - est

## Call to Worship—Psalm 72 (selected)

Leader: If it had not been the LORD who was on our side —let Israel now say—

**People: Then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;**

Leader: Then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;

**People: Then over us would have gone the raging waters.**

Leader: Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth!

**All: Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: O Lord, give us now the peace of the Father, the power and confidence of the Holy Spirit, in order to be witnesses in Jerusalem, and Judea, and Samaria, and all the earth.

# WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

## \*Songs of Adoration

## Crown Him with Many Crowns

Trinity Hymnal #295

### Across the Lands

Stuart Townend and Keith Getty



1. You're the Word of God the Fa - ther, \_\_\_ from be - fore the world be -  
(2. Yet You) left the gaze of an - gels, \_\_\_ came to seek and save the  
(3. With a) shout You rose vic - to - rious, \_\_\_ wrest - ing vic - t'ry from the



-gan; \_\_\_ Ev - 'ry star and ev - 'ry pla - net \_\_\_ has been fash - ioned by Your hand. All cre -  
lost, \_\_\_ and ex - changed the joy of heav - en \_\_\_ for the an - guish of a cross. With a  
grave, \_\_\_ and as - cend - ed in - to heav - en \_\_\_ lead - ing cap - tives in Your wake. Now You



-a - tion holds to - geth - er \_\_\_ by the pow - er of Your voice: \_\_\_ Let the  
prayer You fed the hung - ry, \_\_\_ with a word You stilled the sea. \_\_\_ Yet how  
stand be - fore the Fa - ther \_\_\_ in - ter - ced - ing for Your own. \_\_\_ From each



skies de - clare Your glo - ry, \_\_\_ let the land and seas re - joice! \_\_\_ You're the au - thor of cre -  
si - lent - ly You suf - fered \_ that the guilt - y may go free. \_\_\_  
tribe and tongue and na - tion \_\_\_ You are lead - ing sin - ners home. \_



-a - tion, \_\_\_ You're the Lord of ev - 'ry man; \_\_\_ And Your cry of love rings



out a - cross the lands. \_\_\_            2. Yet You out a - cross the lands. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. With a

## \*Prayer of Adoration

### WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

#### Old Testament Reading—Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22

So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. And on the second day, as they were drinking wine after the feast, the king again said to Esther, "What is your wish, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have found favor in your sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be granted me for my wish, and my people for my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have been silent, for our affliction is not to be compared with the loss to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has dared to do this?" And Esther said, "A foe and enemy! This wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Moreover, the gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, is standing at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the wrath of the king abated.

And Mordecai recorded these things and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, obliging them to keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same, year by year, as the days on which the Jews got relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and gifts to the poor.

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—James 5:13-16**

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

## **Silent Confession and Lament**

### **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—**

#### **James 5:17-18**

Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

Leader: Children of God, give thanks to God for hearing our prayers!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

**People: And also with you!**

# \*Song of Rejoicing

# O Great God

Bob Kauflin

$\text{♩} = 72$

**INTRO**

B $\flat$  F Gm<sup>7</sup> F/E $\flat$  B $\flat$ /D B $\flat$  E $\flat$  F<sup>sus</sup> F



1. O great

**VERSE 1 & 2**

6 B $\flat$  E $\flat$ /F B $\flat$  Cm B $\flat$ /D E $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$ /F



God of high - est heav'n, oc - cu - py my low - ly heart. Own it all and reign su -  
 (2.) blind - ed by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice, did not know Your love with -

11 B $\flat$  Cm F<sup>sus</sup> F B $\flat$  F Gm F/E $\flat$  B $\flat$  F



-preme, con - quer ev - 'ry re - bel pow'r. Let no vice or sin re - main that re -  
 -in, had no taste for heav - en's joys. Then Your Spir - it gave me life, o - pened

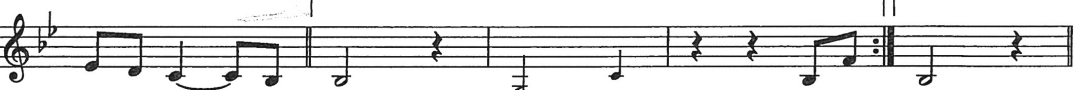
16 Gm<sup>7</sup> E $\flat$  F<sup>sus</sup> F E $\flat$ <sup>2</sup>/G F/A B $\flat$  B $\flat$ /D



-sists Your ho - ly war. You have loved and pur - chased me, make me  
 up Your word to me through the gos - pel of Your Son, gave me

**1. INSTRUMENTAL 1**

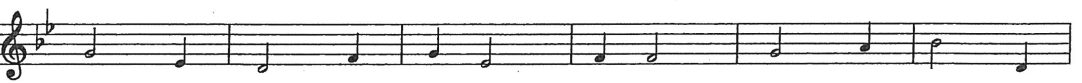
20 E $\flat$  F<sup>sus</sup> F B $\flat$  F Gm<sup>7</sup> Cm F<sup>sus</sup> F E $\flat$ /F B $\flat$  F



Yours for - ev - er more. 2. I was peace.  
 end - less hope — and

**INSTRUMENTAL 2**

25 Gm<sup>7</sup> F/E $\flat$  B $\flat$ /D F Gm<sup>7</sup> E $\flat$  F<sup>sus</sup> F E $\flat$ <sup>2</sup>/G F/A B $\flat$  B $\flat$ /D





VERSE 3

31 Eb F<sup>sus</sup> F G<sup>sus</sup> G G<sup>sus</sup> C F<sup>6</sup> C Dm C/E



3. Help me now to live a life that's de - pen - dent on Your

36 F C/G F<sup>6</sup> C/E Dm G<sup>sus</sup> G C G



grace. Keep my heart and guard my soul from the e - vils that — I face. You are

41 Am G/F C G Am<sup>7</sup> F G<sup>sus</sup> G F<sup>2</sup>/A G/B



wor - thy to be praised with my ev - 'ry thought and deed. O great God of high - est

46 C C/E F G<sup>sus</sup> G

1.	2.
C	G
C	G



heav'n, glo - ri - fy Your Name — through me. You are me.

ENDING

50 Am<sup>7</sup> G/F C/E Dm<sup>7</sup> C/E G<sup>sus</sup> G C



# WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

**Pastoral Prayer**



**Tithes and Offerings**

(no Children's Church on the 5th Sunday)

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



## **Sermon**

"Witnesses in Judea"

Sermon Series, Witnesses

Acts 1:8

Rev. Tim Price

RUF Campus Minister at Washington University

# \*Song of Response

# Facing a Task Unfinished

Original Words and Music: Frank Houghton and Samuel Wesley. New Words and Music: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Ed Cash, and Fionan de Barra

C  $\text{\textcircled{S}}$ C G<sup>sus</sup> G F G C C/E

1. Fac - ing a task un - fin - ished, that drives us to our knees. A need that, un - di -  
 2. Where oth - er lords be - side Thee hold their un - hin - dered sway; where for - ces that de -  
 3. We bear the torch that, flam - ing, fell from the hands of those who gave their lives pro -  
 4. O Fa - ther who sus - tained them, O Spi - rit who in - spired, Sav - iour, whose love con -

6 F Dm<sup>7</sup> G/B C F C/E

min - ished, re - bukes our sloth - ful ease. We, who re - joice to know Thee, re -  
 fied Thee, de - fy Thee still to - day. With none to heed their cry - ing for  
 claim - ing That Je - sus died and rose. Ours is the same com - mis - sion, the  
 strained them to toil with zeal un - tired. From cow - ar - dice de - fend us, from

11 Am Dm<sup>7</sup> C/G C/F F Dm<sup>7</sup> G<sup>sus</sup> G

new be - fore Thy throne the so - lemn pledge we owe Thee - to go and make Thee  
 life, and love, and light, un - num - bered souls are dy - ing and pass in - to the  
 same glad mess - age ours; fired by the same am - bi - tion, to Thee we yield our  
 leth - ar - gy a - wake! Forth on Thine er - rands send us to la - bour for Thy

1. C F/A F C

known. night.  
 2. Where powers, } We  
 sake. }

2.3.4. Refrain C

21 G G/F C G G/F C F G

go to all the world, with king - dom hope un - furled. No oth - er name has

3rd time to CODA ◊

26 Em<sup>7</sup> Am Dm<sup>7</sup> G<sup>7sus</sup> C

power to save but Je - sus Christ The Lord.

**\*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):** Laurel Elzinga (please report to the toddler nursery directly following the service)

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## **Trinity Choir- Katie Polski (Fireplace Room)**

Calling All Singers! We'd like to invite you to join our Trinity choir. We'll learn pieces that we'll sing in worship throughout the semester. No musical experience necessary; the only thing needed is a heart for worship and a desire to SING.

## **The Book of Ephesians- Ruling Elders, Fielding Poe and Jim Talent (Room 110)**

We are going to take a deep dive into Ephesians, the book where Paul reveals the "mystery" behind His plan for His church. Along the way he touches on virtually every truth about God's relationship with us as individuals. If you want to know God better, and have the peace and blessedness that goes with it, come and study Ephesians with us. We're going to take it slow so that we can all learn together.

## **All of Christ in All of Life- Rev. Tim Jackson (Room 111)**

The Bible can seem like a collection of documents that don't appear to have much connection to one another – history, laws, letters, and prophecy all combined into one big book. Yet, Jesus tells us in the gospels that all of Scripture testifies to him (Luke 24:27; John 5:39). What does that mean? What difference does it make? How do we read Scripture in a way that keeps Christ at the center? What impact does this understanding of Scripture have for how we live? Join us for a five-week class where we will practice bringing all of Christ into all of life.

## **Trinity Connect (New Member's Class)- Pastor Chris and Pastor Pablo-Sanctuary**

If you would like to learn more about Trinity and are considering becoming a member, then join us! While this class is a prerequisite to membership, it does not commit you.

**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.

**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: Manwaring, Hammond, Highmark, Standerfer. SS: Elzinga. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Thomason, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: Ridenhour, Martir, Pannkuk, Polski. SS: Bava. CC: Mitchell, Caldwell, Goldstein.

**Youth Ministry:** Sunday evening from 4:30-6:30 (dinner included). Parents, we are still in need of a few more dinners. Sign up using the QR code to the right.

**Next Ladies Connect:** Wed., Oct 9th (please note the change of date) at 7:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's home.

**Men's Night this Wed.** at 7:30pm at Chris Freeman's.

**Church Work Day:** Sat., Oct. 5 at 9am.

**Wednesday Women's Bible studies** meet weekly at 9am or 6:15pm. We are studying the Books of Jonah & Habakkuk. Childcare available for the morning study. The **Tues. evening group** (The Prodigal God) on the 2nd & 4th Tues. at 7pm at Melissa Jorgensen's home.

The **Men's study** meets the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Wed. at 6:15pm OR Fri. at 6:30am. Pastor Polski will lead a study of 1 & 2 Timothy.

**Flannelpalooza:** Sun., Oct. 13th at 4:30pm. Details can be found on Church Center, or by scanning the QR code to the right.

**Men's Breakfasts** are back! Sat., Oct. 19th from 8-9:30am. Sing up using the QR code to the right.

Sign up for a **small group** today in the narthex.

**Save the Date:** Oct. 26: Prayer & Praise, Nov. 17: Vox Una Concert, Thanksgiving Service: Nov. 27. Christmas Decorating: Nov. 30. Dec. 7: Christmas Craft Party, Dec. 15: Christmas Concert.

If you do not receive our **weekly email updates** on Tuesday mornings, please send your email address to [amy.mitchell@trinitychurchkirkwood.org](mailto: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](mailto:Paul.Schaffer@trinitychurchkirkwood.org),  
**Greeters:** James Broughton (James. Broughton@trinitychurchkirkwood.org),  
**Children's Ministry:** Melissa Kocher ([Melissa.Kocher@trinitychurchkirkwood.org](mailto: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](#):



### MISSIONS FAIR & DINNER

Join us for our annual Missions Fair and Dinner. Fair starts at 4:00pm. This will be followed by dinner at 5:15 (Dalies BBQ) and program at 5:45. Several of our ministry partners/missionaries will share briefly and be available for questions. See how you can be part of it as a sender, doer, prayer, welcomer, or goer.

Fair is open to all and does not require registration. RSVP for the dinner is requested (Dinner is limited to 100 persons). Suggested donation of \$10/person or \$40/family at event.

# MISSION UPDATE

ALL the links mentioned below can be found using this QR code:



**Prayers:** New OCTOBER 2024 Newsletter and Prayer Calendar (use the QR code above)

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

**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 is now open and we are in need of people to witness to the love of Jesus. See the dates and opportunities in the QR code above.

**Senders:**

- One way to support our mission is to purchase the Trinity swag available in the Narthex. Your donation directly provides economic opportunities for individuals in White Swan, WA, as well as our own missional efforts at Trinity. For more on information on the ministry, check out [www.swangraphics.org](http://www.swangraphics.org).

**Welcomers:**

- **Our Missions Fair and Dinner is October 12<sup>th</sup>**. Registration for the dinner is open. We are in need of volunteers to help with setup and breakdown. Please consider volunteering using the QR code above.
- **FORAI** – Looking for an ESL tutor-friend for a new artisan from Afghanistan. She is able to read and write in her first language (Pashto) but does not even know the alphabet in English. Please reach out to Pastor Pablo for more information.

**Mobilizers:**

- **Missions Conference Fair and Dinner Registration is now open!** Fair starts at 4:00pm. This will be followed by dinner\* at 5:15 (Dalies BBQ) and program at 5:45. Several of our ministry partners/missionaries will share briefly and be available for questions. See how you can be part of it as a sender, doer, prayer, welcomer, or goer.

Fair is open to all. **RSVP for the dinner is requested** (Dinner is limited to 100 persons). **Suggested donation of \$10/person or \$40/family at event.** (use the QR code above for registration)

# 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.



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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