

# WITNESSES ENDS OF THE EARTH WITNESSES



ACTS: 1:8

Trinity Church · October 13, 2024

# WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO CALLS US TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

(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):** Emily Ridenhour, Dave Nichols, Steve O'Neal, Maggie Linenbroker

**Liturgist:** Rev. Pablo Rosales

**Scripture Reader:** Glynn Schlitt

**Pastoral Prayer:** Ruling Elder, Tom Schmidt

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## Quotes and Reflection

"I think the 'ends of the earth' imply those who have gone the farthest away from Christ." — Charles Spurgeon

"We are sent to the ends of the earth, and we keep going till the end of the world."  
— Christopher J. H. Wright

"Whether or not we believe it, someday the gospel of the Kingdom will be heard to the ends of the earth, Matthew 24:14. The God of the universe will not be defeated in His purpose." — David Platt

"Ordinary men—people like you and me—became the instruments by which Christ's message was carried to the ends of the earth." — John F. MacArthur

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.  
— Acts 1:8

## Devotional Preparation

In his commentary on Acts 1, RC Sproul wrote these words before passing into glory:

“I believe that within thirty years the largest and strongest branch of Christendom will be in Africa and that it is absolutely critical that the church in the United States right now pour as many resources as possible into the emerging churches of the Third World, particularly in Africa. We have the materials; we have things that these people need, to be grounded and strengthened for future generations. They cannot provide it, but we can. As we continue studying the book of Acts, we are going to see the first-century church in action, crawling over glass and pouring out blood— giving their lives—to obey Jesus' last command to be His witnesses to the uttermost parts of the earth.”

Take a moment to consider that while we think often of Africa as the “ends of the earth,” it is one of the first places that the Gospel spread. Christianity is indebted to African theologians, like Tertullian and Augustine. Had they known about the Americas, we would have been to them the “ends of the earth.” Now, they need us, not to be saviors, but to come alongside them with resources to strengthen the work that is already happening.

Today, as we listen to our former missionary to Ethiopia and consider participating in our annual Mission's Project, remember our other missionaries on the continent of Africa: The Church's in Uganda, and the McGinty's in South Africa. Pray for them and their families. Pray for their labor and pray for the Holy Spirit to show you how you can join in His mission.

# Song of Preparation

# I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Words by Horatius Bonar. Music by Kevin Twit. alt. by Kevin Twit

1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say,  
 2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say,  
 3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say,

3 "Come un - to me free and ly rest  
 "Be - hold I this dark - and ly give,  
 "I am this dark world's light

5 Lay down O wear - y, one lay down,  
 The liv - ing wa - ter, thirs - ty one,  
 Look un - to me thy rise,

7 Your head up - on my breast."  
 Stoop down and drink live!"  
 And all thy days be bright."

9 I came to Je - sus, as I was,  
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank,  
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found,

11 So wear - y, worn, and sad  
 From that life - giv - ing stream  
 In Him my star, my sun

13 I found in Him my, rest - ing place, And He has made me glad  
 My thirst was quenched my, soul re - vived, And now I live in Him.  
 And in that light of, life I'll walk, 'Til pil - grim days are done.

## Call to Worship—Psalm 90 (selected)

Leader: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

**People: Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.**

Leader: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us;

**All: Yes, establish the work of our hands!**

Leader: Now O Lord, come and receive our praises as you prepare us to establish your name to the ends of the earth.

## WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

**\*Songs of Adoration**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
Trinity Hymnal #53



# WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

## Old Testament Reading—Isaiah 56:1-8

### *Salvation for Others*

Thus says the Lord:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness,  
for soon my salvation will come,  
and my righteousness be revealed.

Blessed is the man who does this,  
and the son of man who holds it fast,  
who keeps the Sabbath, not profaning it,  
and keeps his hand from doing any evil.”

Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the Lord say,  
“The Lord will surely separate me from his people”;

and let not the eunuch say,  
“Behold, I am a dry tree.”

For thus says the Lord:

“To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths,  
who choose the things that please me  
and hold fast my covenant,

I will give in my house and within my walls  
a monument and a name  
better than sons and daughters;

I will give them an everlasting name  
that shall not be cut off.

“And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,  
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,  
and to be his servants,

everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,  
and holds fast my covenant—

these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;  
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar;

for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.”

The Lord God,  
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,

“I will gather yet others to him  
besides those already gathered.”

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—Hebrews 4:12-13**

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

## **Silent Confession and Lament**

## **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Heb. 4:14-16**

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God for our great High Priest,  
Jesus.

**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

Orig. words and music (vs. 1) by Helen Howarth Lemmel. Add't. words and chorus by George Romance, Nic Trout, Kevin Winebarger, and Nathan Stiff.

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

raised.  
veins.

Je - sus, to You we lift our eyes.\_\_\_\_

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** C

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

C G/C F/C 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

68 C<sup>sus</sup>/G C F **CHORUS** C

Je - sus a - lone"! Je - sus, to You we lift our eyes.\_\_\_\_

# WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

## Pastoral Prayer



## Tithes and Offerings

Children ages 3 (by July 31) through 1st grade are dismissed for Children's Church to Room 106B

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



## Offertory Song (Ensemble)

## *Establish the Work of Our Hands*

Aaron Keyes, Sandra McCracken, Orlando Palmer, Madison Cunningham, Elizabeth Vice, Paul Zach, and Isaac Wardell

## Sermon

"To the End of the Earth:  
Gospel Mission from Everywhere to Everywhere"

Sermon Series, Witnesses

Acts 1:8; 13:47; Isaiah 49:1-7

Rev. Jason Polk

# \*Song of Response

# Let the Nations Be Glad

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, and Aaron Boswell



1. Let the glo - ry of the Lord for - ev - er be our  
 (2. Through the) ag - es gone be - fore, through the tri - al and the



joy. May re - demp - tion be the theme of our song. For by  
 sword, man - y saints and mar - tyrs con - quered, though they died. Still we,



grace we have been saved, and by grace we shall pro - claim to the corn - ers of the  
 hold - ing out the cross, cross - ing o - ceans, suf - fring loss, shall en - dure all things to

**CHORUS**



earth that Christ is come. Let the na - tions be glad, let the peo - ple re -  
 win the crown of life.



-joi - ce, for sal - va - tion be - longs to our God. Let the



whole earth be filled with the prais - es of the Lord, for sal - va - tion be -



-longs to our God. Let the na - tions be glad.

40 Eb<sup>2</sup> | 2. | **TURNAROUND 2**  
 Eb F Gm<sup>7</sup>

2. Through the na - tions be \_\_\_\_\_ glad. \_\_\_\_\_

44 Bb/D Eb<sup>2</sup> | 1. | 2.

3. As Your

**VERSE 3**

48 Bb<sup>5</sup>

ho - ly church goes forth in the Ho - ly Spir - it's pow'r with the glo - ries of the

53 F<sup>sus</sup> Eb<sup>2</sup> Gm<sup>7</sup>

gos - pel \_\_\_\_\_ to ex - claim, now we pray Your king - dom come, and we

58 F/A F Bb Ebmaj<sup>7</sup> F<sup>sus</sup> Gm<sup>7</sup>

pray Your will be done for the hon - or and the glo - ry of Your name.

**\*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):** Amy Mitchell (please report to the toddler nursery directly following the service)

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## **Special Joint Youth (SH & JH) & Adult Sunday School — Sanctuary**

Join Erin Taylor as she talks about the joys and challenges of church planting in Scotland. She will share a bit about cultural differences, the challenges of moving overseas, and the progress thus far, as well as how you may specifically support them in the near and long term.

## **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.

**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: Oehlerking, Moen, Broughton, Barker. Nursery: Nichols, O'Neal, Linenbroker. SS: Mitchell. CC: Doiron, Standerfer, Younger. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Alexander. Nursery: Poe, Petty, Schlitt, Hendricks. SS: Marcus. CC: Oehlerking, Polski, Wagberg

**Youth Ministry:** Flannelpalooza tonight 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.

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

**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.

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

**Trinity Young Adults** meets at 7 pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday's of the month at Trinity to go through a study on Spiritual Formation. See Mitchell Dixon for more info.

Our next **evening of Prayer and Praise** will be Sat., Oct. 26th at the Hendrick's home. See QR code for details.

It is almost that time of year! We will open **volunteer sign ups for our annual Christmas Craft Party** on Sun., Oct. 20th. This event takes MANY hands!

Absentee ballots are available in the narthex for the election in Nov. Questions-see Barb Petty.

**In need of** an appetizer OR a dessert host for the evening of Sat., Nov. 9 for our Sr. High Progressive Dinner, close to Ballwin, Des Peres, or the Town & Country area. If you would be willing to open up your home to approximately 18-23 guests (HS students plus leaders) for one of these areas, please reach out to Katherine Hickman.

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](mailto: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](#):



### SAVE THE DATES

Please note these dates in your calendar:

- Oct. 20: Volunteer sign up begins for Christmas Craft Party
- Oct. 26: Prayer & Praise
- Nov. 3: Day Light Saving ends
- Nov. 3: Registration for Christmas Craft
- Nov. 16: Men's Breakfast
- Nov. 17: Vox Una Concert-3pm
- Nov. 27: Thanksgiving Service
- Nov. 30: Christmas Decorating
- Dec. 7: Christmas Craft Party
- Dec. 8: Congregational Meeting (SS)
- Dec. 14: Men's Breakfast
- Dec. 15: Christmas Concert

# 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:**

- **Promise Christian Academy** – We’ve setup chapel services on 10/23/24 and 04/23/25 from 2:30-2:55pm at this wonderful school. We will sing and listen to a children’s sermon. Would you be willing to attend and praise the Lord together?
- Several volunteer spots available in Jerusalem at **Robinson Elementary Food Pantry** — This is once a month throughout the school year. Registration is open and we are in need of people to witness to the love of Jesus here. Wear your Trinity Swag! See the dates and opportunities in the QR code above.

**Senders:**

- If you can’t make the dates for the **Robinson Food Pantry** (above), here is a way to send our Goers with the needed supplies. *Robinson currently needs the following: Feminine products, Deodorant for men and women, Toilet paper, Paper towels, Liquid Body wash, Liquid Hand Soap, Disinfectant Wipes, Dish Soap, Toothbrushes, Laundry detergent.* If you go shopping, consider buying one of these items and dropping it off in the church kitchen.

If you’re able to purchase any of the supplies, please drop off at the church by **Wednesday, October 16, 2024.**

**Welcomers:**

- Work in Samaria — **Oasis International** has several volunteer openings available:
  - Nursery Workers: Help care for children on T/Th from 10:30 AM-12:15 PM. You don’t have to commit every week or even both days—any help is appreciated!
  - Diaper Delivery Teams: Each month, we deliver 5,000 diapers to refugee moms in our area. This is a great opportunity to meet the same families regularly. Diapers can be picked up at Oasis and delivered to the homes within a 10-day window.
  - Furniture Delivery Teams: We need men, women, and even children for these teams! Each team should have at least 4 able-bodied people who can lift 50 lbs. (8-12 people is ideal). Deliveries typically happen on Saturdays from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM.
  - Service Groups: Help with various tasks around the Oasis building, from cleaning to small repairs.
  - Individual Volunteers: There are many positions available for individual volunteers, including organizing donations and answering phones.

**Mobilizers:**

- So many ministries with various needs. Are there any you’d be willing to coordinate? Reach out to Pastor Pablo to discuss.

# 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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