



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

October 20, 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 GIVES US A BETTER SENSE OF MEANING

(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): Cheryl Poe, Jackie Petty, Barb Schlitt, Stella Hendricks

Liturgist: Matt Pannkuk

Scripture Reader: Megan Hawley

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" — John 11:25-26

"I looked for something to love, lover of living that I was."

— St. Augustine, Confessions.

"We need a better story about stories. Why do humans of all cultures in all times insist on telling stories? Why do otherworldly tales continue to capture our imagination, even in a disenchanted age? Why do themes of guilt, sacrifice, redemption, and resurrection remain palpable in even the most secular corners of our contemporary world?" — Josh Chatraw

Devotional Preparation

An Excerpt from "Telling a Better Story" by Joshua Chatraw

"The secular narratives that now loom large in our leading centers of culture no longer assume we live in a divinely ordered world filled with transcendent and eternal significance. As a result, instead of looking to God for significance or meaning in life, many 'have constructed webs of meaning that provide almost all the significance they need.'

But despite such meanings that late moderns create for themselves they still have their moments. unable to shake the feeling that, as Ferry puts it, they're not 'on earth only to purchase automobiles or ever better stereo systems,' they can experience a sense of loss despite it all. The longing for something beyond the payoffs of consumerism and self-actualizing relationships has long been expressed in the midst of this-worldly achievement and abundance.

Yet when people living within this story begin to wonder if they are missing something and even come to realize that there is in fact a 'hole' in their lives, they often won't assume it's 'God shaped.' Instead...they'll likely suspect, at first, that they must be missing something in this world, like wealth, achievement, sex, or friends. They assume they simply haven't reached all their goals yet, and so they put their heads down and recommit to frantically trying to achieve more.

The tendency among many late moderns, then, is to short-circuit deeper questions of life by assuming they can secure what's lacking through obtaining more or better things from this world while not taking seriously the possibility they might be missing something that can't be found in this world. (Telling a Better Story, 75-76).

Song of Preparation

All Things New

Words: Horatius Bonar. Music: Clint Wells

C G C G

Come, Lord, and tar - ry not; Bring the long looked for day;
Come, for cre - a - tion groans, Im - pa - tient of Thy stay,

5 C Em D

O why these years of wait - ing here, These a - ges of de - cay?
Worn out with these long years of ill, These a - ges of de - lay.

9 C G C G

Come, for Thy saints still wait; Dai - ly a - scends their sigh;
Come, for love wax - es cold, Its steps are faint and slow;

13 C Em D

The Spir - it and the Bride say, "Come;" Does Thou not hear the cry? O come and
Faith now is lost in un - be - lief, Hope's lamp burns dim and low.

17 Em C G Em C D

make all things new Come and make all things new O come and

21 Em C G C D Em C D

make all things new Build up this ruin - ed Earth, Come and make all things

26 G C G

new All things new

The song of preparation is designed to create space between our announcements and the formal beginning of worship. It's a moment for settling our hearts and preparing them to engage with God.

Call to Worship—Psalm 104:34-38

Leader: May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

People: May the Lord rejoice in his works,

Leader: It is He who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke!

People: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

All: May our meditation be pleasing to him, for we rejoice in the Lord.

Leader: Come now, Lord of Majesty, and fill this room with worship, thanksgiving and joy so that you might be highly magnified!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD


*Songs of Adoration


Lord Most High

Don Harris and Gary Sadler

♩ = 145

E Esus E

Women  *From the ends of the earth,___*

Men  *From the ends of the earth,___ from the*

3 B2sus B C#m

from the depths of the sea,___ from the

depths of the sea,___ from the heights of the heav - ens

6 A E/A A E Esus

heights of the heav - ens Your name be praised; From the

Your name be praised; From the hearts of the weak,___

10 E B2sus B

hearts of the weak,___ from the shouts of the strong,___

from the shouts of the strong,___ from the

13 **C#m** **A E/A A B**

from the lips of all peo - ple this song we raise, Lord.
lips of all peo - ple this song we raise, Lord.

17 **E E/G# A E/BB7sus E E/G# A E/B B7sus**

All Through - out the end - less ag - es You will be crowned with prais - es,

21 **C#m A Bsus B E E/G# A E/BB7sus E E/G#**

Lord Most High; Ex - alt - ed in ev - 'ry na - tion, Sov - 'reign of

26 **A E/B B7sus C#m A Bsus B E/G# A E/A**

all cre - a - tion, Lord Most High, be mag - ni - fied.

30 **A A E/A A Bsus B E**

fied.

For the Beauty of the Earth

Folliott S. Pierpoint and Conrad Kocher

Real Key



1. For the beau - ty of the earth, For the glor - y of the skies
2. For the won - der of each hour, Of the day and of the night
3. For the joy of hu - man love, Bro - ther, sis - ter, par - ent, child



For the love which from our birth, O - ver and a - round us lies
Hill and vale and tree and flower, Sun and moon and stars of light
Friends on earth and friends a - bove For all gen - tle thoughts and mild



Chorus: Lord of all to Thee we raise, This our hymn of grate - ful praise

4. For the Church that evermore,
Lifteth holy hands above
Offering up on every shore,
Her pure sacrifice of love

5. For Thyself best gift divine,
To our race so freely given
For that great, great love of Thine
Peace on earth and joy in Heaven

*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading—Job 38:1-11

Job may have been written before the days of Moses and recounts the odyssey of one man's quest to come to grips with the mystery, power, and love of God in face of great suffering.

The Lord Challenges Job

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:

"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?
Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone,

when the morning stars sang together

and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

"Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb,

when I made clouds its garment

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

and prescribed limits for it

and set bars and doors,

and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stayed?'"

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—Mark 10:35-38

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking."

Silent Confession and Lament

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Isaiah 53:5

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God for giving us peace with Him!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Words by Charles Wesley. alt. by Kevin Twit. Music by Kevin Twit

G C Am D

A - rise my soul, a - rise shake off your guilt - y fears;
 He ev - er lives a - bove for me to in - ter-cede,
 Five bleed - ing wounds he bears, re - ceived on Cal - va - ry,
 My God is re - con - ciled his pard - ning voice I hear;

5 G C Am D

the bleed - ing sac - ri - fice on my be - half ap - pears
 his all - re - deem - ing love his prec - ious blood to plead
 they pour ef - fec - tual prayers they strong - ly plead for me
 he owns me for his child I can no long - er fear;

9 C G D/F# Em D C

be - fore the throne my sure - ty stands, be - fore the throne my sure - ty stands
 his blood a - toned for ev - ry race his blood a - toned for ev - ry race
 for - give him, o for - give they cry for - give him, o for - give they cry,
 with con - fi - dence I now draw nigh with con - fi - dence I now draw nigh

13 C D G C D

my name is writ - ten on his hands
 and sprin - kles now the throne of grace.
 don't let that ran - somed sin - ner die!
 and "Fa - ther, Ab - ba, Fa - ther!" cry.

17 G C D C

Men: A - rise A - rise, A - rise, a - rise, *Unison:* A - rise my soul a - rise
Women: A - rise A - rise, a - rise a - rise, A - rise my soul a - rise

21 G C D C Am

A - rise A - rise a - rise a - rise A - rise my soul a - rise

25 Am C D G C D

shake off your guilt - y fears and rise

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:



Sermon

"Telling a Better Story about Meaning"

Sermon Series, Telling a Better Story

Ecclesiastes 3:9-15

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

*Song of Response

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Stead, Kirkpatrick. Arr. Paige CXVI

A (2x add toms)
C/G C/F C



11/39
(1x solo) **p** 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to take him at ___ his ___ word;
(2x + 1 voice) **mp** O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to trust his cleans - ing ___ blood;



15/43
just to rest up - on his prom - ise; just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."
just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'neath the heal - ing, cleans-ing flood!



19/47
(2x sing notes) (Oh, _____ Oh) _____

B C/A C/G C/F



23/51
p Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
mf



27/55
Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust him more!



31/59
(1x no lead) **mp** And more, _____ and more _____
(2x add cues) **mf**



35/63
And more, _____ and more _____

C (building)
C/G



(add a voice) I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, pre-cious Je - sus, Sav - ior, Friend.
(prime unison)



And I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me 'till the end.



(guys on bottom)

'Till the



end

The benediction is God's good word to His people, spoken through the minister as His representative. Biblically, it was often pronounced with the minister's hands held high and the people's hands stretched out to receive.

*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): Kenna Marcus (please report to the toddler nursery directly following the service)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

Join us today for SS as we roll out our “Bright Hope for Tomorrow” capital campaign. Trinity has been blessed since its establishment in 2006 and we are excited to lay out our plans for the next phase of our church’s life. Kids SS and nursery will meet as normal.

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: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Alexander. Nursery: Poe, Petty, Schlitt, Hendricks. SS: Marcus. CC: Oehlerking, Polski, Wagberg. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: Harlow, Manwaring, Goldsteins. SS: Broughton. CC: Waldron, Hawley, Inion.

Youth Ministry: Sunday evenings 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.

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.

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 annual Christmas Craft Party is favorite of our Trinity kids and a wonderful outreach. **It takes a LOT of volunteers and donations** to make it a success. Volunteer information and sign ups are in the narthex today. Registration for the kids (4yrs -5th gr.) will open Nov. 3.

Join us for an evening of **prayer and praise** with the theme, "Songs of Gratitude." Sat., Oct. 26 at the Hendrick's home. We'll sing and pray together, and give testimony to the great things God has done. Space is limited-sign up using the QR code to the right or on Church center.

Join us on **Sunday, November 17th** at 3:00pm for a **concert by the Elite Youth Chorale, Vox Una**. Under the direction of Addie Akin, these students perform collegiate-level mixed repertoire with excellence, integrity, and the highest level of musicianship.

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 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:

- **Ethiopia Missions Project through October 31st** — The Polks and Grace of the Messiah Presbyterian Church in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia are seeking help in enabling this young denomination to purchase and complete a half-finished building for a local church plant worship space and denominational training center. Our goal this year is to raise \$10,000, which will be matched for a total of \$20,000 for the Ethiopian denomination. Give through the QR code above or see the Mission Wall for more information.

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.

We want to connect with you!

Whether this is your first time visiting Trinity, or you have been around for a while, we are glad you are here! Please take a moment to fill out the contact form below. If you are new to Trinity, our intent is not to bother you. One of our pastors would love to reach out and say "hello" and answer any questions you may have about our church.

If you have been worshipping with us for a while, but have not filled out a contact form, we would love for you to do so! We want to be able to greet you by your name and make sure you receive our weekly email with important information about upcoming dates and events in our church.

This is my _____ first visit _____return visit

Name(s): _____

Children (names and ages): _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

How did you hear about Trinity:

You can tear off this page and place it in the offering baskets or hand to one of the pastors or ushers.

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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