



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

October 27, 2024
Reformation Sunday

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 IDENTITY

(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): Ruth Harlow, Linda Manwaring, Michelle Goldstein, Shirah Goldstein

Liturgist: Rev. Pablo Rosales

Scripture Reader: Mary Berardi

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Fielding Poe

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

"If anything becomes more fundamental than God to your happiness, meaning of life, and identity then it is an idol." — Tim Keller

"We should understand that, fundamentally, our faith is not about what we do (as important as that is), nor is it about what we think (as important as that is). Our faith is fundamentally strengthened by understanding who we are through the indwelling Christ." — Bryan Chapell

"Your true identity is who God says you are. You will never discover who you are by looking inside yourself or listening to what others say. The Lord gets the first word because He made you. He gets the daily word because you live before His face. He gets the last word because He will administer your final 'comprehensive life review.'" — David Powlison

Devotional Preparation

Today we will explore the modern notion of identity which the psychologist Robert Bellah labels as "expressive individualism," or, the belief that "each person has a unique core of feeling and intuition that should unfold or be expressed if individuality is to be realized."

In his book *Telling a Better Story*, Chatraw shares an anecdote about how this gets worked out in our culture.

"An example of our culture's shift from looking outward to looking to ourselves is found in a recent Jeep Renegade commercial. The advertisement focuses on a group of young female music stars posed by the titular car, firing off the short axioms they live by: 'I have chosen to be...unapologetically me. A renegade is someone who doesn't seek the approval of other people. A renegade sets their own standard.' Meanwhile a line of text appears at the bottom of the screen, reading, 'Be unique. Be authentic.'

Upon the slightest reflection, one should wonder how purchasing a mass-marketed Jeep (and being persuaded by a commercial to do so) could ever constitute being unique or 'unapologetically me.' In this way, in one beautifully produced and self-contradicting minute, the commercial presents the defining moral ethos of our time." (Chatraw, 87)

The bible has a better story to tell about identity.

Song of Preparation

How Great Is Our God

Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, and Ed Cash

G **Em7**



1. The splen - dor of the King, 7 clothed in maj - es - ty;
(2. And) age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;

4 **C2**



— Let all the earth re - joi - ce, all the earth re - joi - ce. He wraps —
— Be - gin - ning and the End, Be - gin - ning and the End. The God -

7 **G** **Em7**



— Him - self in light, and dark - ness tries to hide,
head, three in one, 7 Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,

10 **C2**



— and trem - bles at His voice, and trem - bles at His voice. How great —
— the Li - on and the Lamb, the Li - on and the Lamb. How great —

13 **G** **Em7**



— is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!

Last time to Coda

16 **Cmaj7** **D** **G2**



— And all will see how great, how great is our God! 2. And

Call to Worship—Psalm 34:1-3

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times;

People: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Leader: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

People: Let the humble hear and be glad.

All: Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

Leader: Now Oh Lord, come and fill our hearts with joy as we lift our praises to You!

What is a call to worship? A call to worship is a reminder that we do not come at our own invitation or strength but are guests of the Almighty God who are privileged to worship Him!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

***Songs of Adoration**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Trinity Hymnal #92

Is He Worthy

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? Is He worthy?
He is. He is*

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading—Job 42:10-17

The Lord Restores Job's Fortunes

And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job, when he had prayed for his friends. And the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and ate bread with him in his house. And they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him. And each of them gave him a piece of money and a ring of gold.

And the Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning. And he had 14,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, 1,000 yoke of oxen, and 1,000 female donkeys. He had also seven sons and three daughters. And he called the name of the first daughter Jemimah, and the name of the second Keziah, and the name of the third Keren-happuch. And in all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters. And their father gave them an inheritance among their brothers. And after this Job lived 140 years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, four generations. And Job died, an old man, and full of 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—Mark 10:46-52

And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart. Get up; he is calling you." And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabbi, let me recover my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

Why do we confess our sins weekly? We confess our sins weekly because it helps us to keep our sense of right and wrong calibrated to God's perfect standard and reminds us that without His saving mercies, we are without hope.

Silent Confession and Lament

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Eph. 2:4-5

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

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

It Is Well with My Soul

Trinity Hymnal #691

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 (Adult Choir)

A Mighty Fortress

Christy and Nathan Nickels. arr. by Cliff Duren

Sermon

"Telling a Better Story about Identity"

Sermon Series, Telling a Better Story

Galatians 3:26-28

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

*Song of Response

Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, and Rich Thompson. Arr. by Dan Galbraith



What gift of grace is Je sus my Re - deem - er There is no
The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en. for by my
No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en, the fu - ture
With ev - 'ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for he has



more for heav - en now to give. He is my joy. my right - eous - ness and
side the Sav - ior, he will stay. I la - bor on in weak - ness and re -
sure, the price, it has been paid. For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my
said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know he will re -



free - dom, my stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less peace. To this I
joic - ing, for in my need, His pow - er is dis - played. To this I
par - don, and he was raised to o - ver - throw the grave. To this I
new me un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne. To this I



hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. For my life is whol - ly bound to
hold: my Shep - herd will de - fe - nd me, Through the deep - est val - ly he will
hold: my sin has been de - feat - ted. Je - sus now, and ev - er, is my
hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. All the glo - ry ev - er - more to



his. Oh how strange and di - vine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not
lead. Oh the night has been won and I shall o - ver - come! Yet not
plea. Oh the chains are re - leased, I can sing: I am free! Yet not
him. When the race is com - plete, still my lips shall re - peat: Yet not



I, but through Christ in me.
I, but through Christ in me.
I, but through Christ in me.
I, but through Christ in me.

*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): Karen Broughton (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.

Sermon Discussion- Rev. Dr. Chris Polski (Room 111)

Beginning this Sunday, join Pastor Polski for a sermon discussion Sunday School on the current preaching series Telling a Better Story. We will debrief the sermon and then talk about different ways that we can engage our unbelieving or doubting family members, friends or neighbors with the better biblical stories we will be telling.

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: Harlow, Manwaring, Goldsteins. SS: Broughton. CC: Waldron, Hawley, Inion. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Thomason, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: Moen, Williamson, Younger. SS: Oehlerking. CC: Doiron, Rosales, Petty.

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. We **need a LOT of volunteers and donations** to make it a success. Information and sign ups are on the table in the main hallway. You can also sign up online using the QR code to the right.

The **Christmas Craft Party for kids ages 4yrs thru 5th grade** is on Sat., Dec. 7th from 9am to 12:15pm. Registration will open next Sun. along with more info!

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.

The next **Men's Breakfast** is Sat., Nov. 16th. Let us know you are coming by using the QR code to the right.

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 add these dates to your calendar:

- Nov. 3: Day Light Saving ends
- Nov. 3: Registration for Christmas Craft
- Nov. 16: Men's Breakfast
- Nov. 17: Vox Una Concert-3pm
- Nov. 24: Volunteer Meeting (Christmas Craft)
- 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: 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:

- 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.

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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