

# TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

January 26, 2025

# 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 GUIDES US THROUGH SUFFERING

(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):** Laurel Elzinga, Emily Ridenhour, Chenoa Pysar, Stella Hendricks

**Liturgist:** Rev. Tim Jackson

**Scripture Reader:** Lori Nichols

**Pastoral Prayer:** Ruling Elder, Ron Ridderbos

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Quotes and Reflection**

"Light and darkness cannot dwell together in peaceful coexistence. Therefore, a witnessing church will be a persecuted church." — G.K. Beale

"Suffering as a Christian is a sign that God is powerfully at work in our lives. Longing for our final redemption, suffering for doing right, and being persecuted for our faith are all evidence that God has begun the good work of making us like Christ. Our suffering consequently becomes a great encouragement to our faith, since those who share in Christ's sufferings know that they will also share in his resurrection (Matt. 5:11-12; Rom. 8:17; Phil. 3:10)." — Scott Hafemann

"Christ's followers cannot expect better treatment in the world than their Master had." — Matthew Henry

## Devotional Preparation

The Crown of Life (Ligonier.org)

We are told that those who remain steadfast under trial will be blessed to receive the crown of life promised to those who love God (James 1:12). This wording closely matches Jesus' statement in Matthew 24:13 where we are told that only those who endure to the end will be saved. Only those who pass through trials with steadfastness will inherit eternal life. Only those who stand firm through these things will be saved.

This is not to say that in the final analysis salvation rests on our ability. The Bible clearly shows that we cannot save ourselves and that only the sovereign electing and preserving grace of God will bring us into His presence (Ps. 69:13–15; Rom. 8:29–30; Phil. 1:6). Nevertheless, the presence of God's electing grace in our lives is demonstrated by the fact that we cling to Him in our trials. We know that we have true faith only as we work out our salvation in fear and trembling, resting our hope of salvation on Christ alone (Phil. 2:12–13).

Those who face trials and in the end fall away demonstrate that they never had true faith from the beginning. On the other hand, those with true faith heed this teaching. They will be able to count it joy when their faith is tested because they know such tests will produce steadfastness (James 1:2–4). They will ask God for wisdom without doubting (vv. 5–8) so that they will be able to pass through the trials brought by poverty or by riches.

# Song of Preparation

# How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Stuart Townend

D Em D/F# G D/F# D/A A

1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all meas - ure That  
2. Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders. A -  
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing: no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But

3 D Em D/F# G D/F# A D

He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His treas - ure. How  
shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers. It  
I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why

5 Em D/F# G D/F# Bm A

great the pain of sear - ing loss. The Fa - ther turns His face a - way As  
was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished; His  
should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer. But

7 D Em D/F# G D/F# A

wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo -  
dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin -  
this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran -

9 D G/B D/A D G2 D

ry.  
ished.

2. Be - som.  
3. I

## Call to Worship—Psalm 19 (selected)

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

**People: Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.**

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

**People: The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;**

Leader: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

**People: Sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.**

Leader: Now O Lord, let the words of our mouth and the meditation of our heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.

# WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

## \*Songs of Adoration

## All Creatures of Our God and King

St. Francis of Assisi, Tr. by William Henry Draper. Adapted and add. words by Jonathan Baird and Ryan Baird

**VERSE**

♩ = 76

C Am

1. All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us  
 2. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless and wor - ship Him in hum - ble -

4

F

sing, O\_\_ praise Him! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ness. O\_\_ praise Him! Al - le - lu - ia!

7

C Am

Thou, burn - ing sun with gold - en beam, thou, sil - ver moon with sof - ter  
 Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spir - it, Three in

10

F C/E F

gleam, O\_\_ praise Him! O\_\_ praise Him! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 One!

14

Am G F D **VERSE** G F#m

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! 3. All the re - deemed washed by His blood,  
 4. He shall re - turn in pow'r to reign,

20

Bm Em D G D

come and re - joice in His great love. O\_\_ praise Him! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ has de - feat - ed ev - ery  
 heav - en and earth will join to say, O\_\_ praise Him! Al - le - lu - ia! Then who shall fall on bend - ed

25

G F#m Bm Em D G

sin, cast all your bur - dens now on Him. O\_\_ praise Him! O\_\_  
 knee? All crea - tures of our God and King.

29

D/F# G Bm A G A/C#

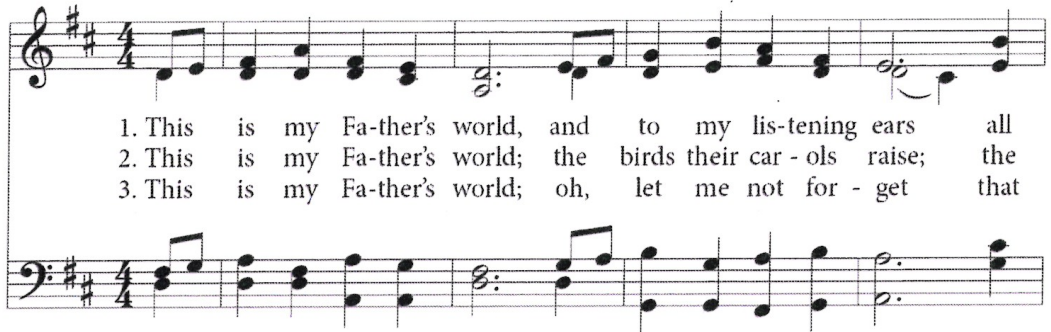
praise Him! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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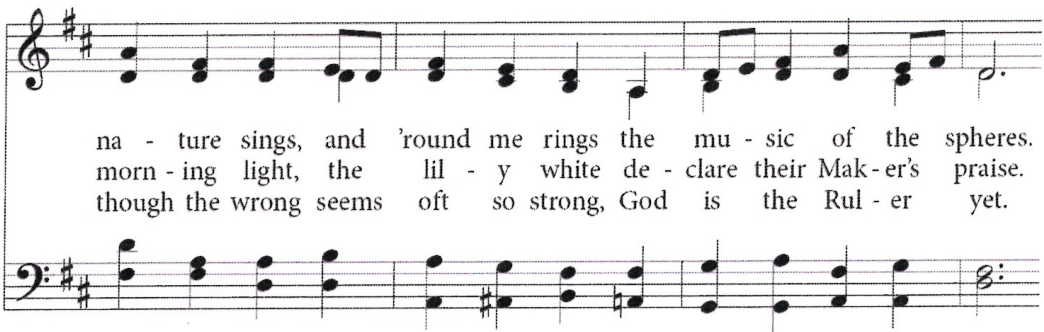
D Em D G

# This Is My Father's World

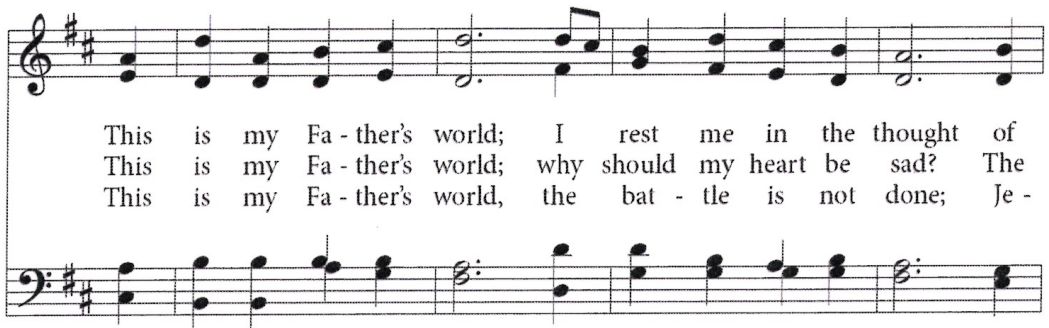
Words by Maltbie D. Babcock. Music by Franklin L. Sheppard



1. This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-tening ears all  
2. This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car - ols raise; the  
3. This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for - get that



na - ture sings, and 'round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.  
morn - ing light, the lil - y white de - clare their Mak - er's praise.  
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet.



This is my Fa - ther's world; I rest me in the thought of  
This is my Fa - ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The  
This is my Fa - ther's world, the bat - tle is not done; Je -



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the won - ders wrought.  
Lord is King, let the heav - ens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!  
sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heav'n be one.



## **\*Prayer of Adoration**

### WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

#### **Old Testament Reading—Nehemiah 8:1-6**

The Book of the Law is Read by Ezra

And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the Lord had commanded Israel. So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. And Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that they had made for the purpose... And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

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—1 Cor. 12:14, 20, 24-26**

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many... As it is, there are many parts, yet one body...But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

## **Silent Confession and Lament**

## **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—1 Cor. 15:1-2**

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

Leader: Christians, give thanks to God for the Gospel that enables us to stand!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

**People: And also with you!**

# \*Song of Rejoicing

# His Glory and My Good

Words and Music by Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, and Ben Fielding

VERSE 1/2

5 Asus2 E B C#m7

seen my Fa - ther's glo - ry re - vealed in Je - sus Christ... And the  
hope in ev - 'ry tri - al for I can trust the Lord... He will

7 Asus2 E B C#m7

more that I be - hold Him, the more He sat - is - fies... When I  
turn my heart to - wards Him and help me bare the thorn... So in

9 Asus2 E B C#m7

gaze u - pon His beau - ty, when I see Him as I should then my  
faith I fol - low Je - sus on the road not un - der - stood... For I

11 Asus2 E/G# B

eyes are lift - ed up - ward for His glo - ry and my  
know that He is work - ing for His glo - ry and my

13 1. Asus2 E B C#m7

good. There is

15 2. E5 Esus  
 good. To our

17 **CHORUS** E A E C#m7  
 God be the glo - ry, to our God be praise. He a - lone, the name a - bove all

20 B E/G# A C#m7 **To Coda**  
 names. I will boast ev - er on - ly in the Lord my God, for I

23 A B Asus2 E  
 know His glo - ry is my good.

25 **VERSE 3** B C#m7 Asus2 E  
 See the o - pen arms of Je - sus u -

27 B C#m7 Asus2 E  
 pon the cross that day. What they un - der - stood as weak - ness de -

29 B C#m7 Asus2 E  
 serves my ev - 'ry praise. For the charge that was a - gainst me, it was

31 B C#m7 Asus2 E/G#  
 nailed in - to the wood. Yes, I know that He has saved me for His

33 B E **D.S. al Coda**  
 glo - ry and my good. To our

⊕ CODA

35 A B A E/G#

know His glo - ry is my good.

*sing 1st time only*

37 C#m7 B A E/G#

39 1. C#m7 B 2. B

Would I

41 VERSE 4 Aadd2 E/G# Badd4/F# E/G#

glad - ly be - made noth - ing that Christ would be - made more... Would I

43 Aadd2 E/G# Badd4/F# E/G#

seek the on - ly king - dom that far out - weighs them all... I will

45 Aadd2 E Badd4 C#m7

stand be - fore my Fa - ther where the faith - ful saints have stood and with

47 Aadd2 E/G# Badd4 C#m7 Bsus

joy my heart shall praise Him for His glo - ry and my good. And with

49 Aadd2 E/G# Badd4

joy my heart shall praise Him for His glo - ry and my

51 E

good. To our

# 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)

*Laden with Guilt and Full of Fears*

Isaac Watts. Music and alt. Sandra McCracken

Laden with guilt and full of fears, I fly to Thee, my Lord,  
And not a glimpse of hope appears, but in Thy written Word  
The volumes of my Father's grace, does all my griefs assuage  
Here I behold my Savior's face, in every page.

This is the field where hidden lies, the pearl of price unknown  
That merchant is divinely wise, who makes the pearl his own  
Here consecrated water flows, to quench my thirst of sin  
Here the fair tree of knowledge grows, no danger dwells within.

This is the judge that ends the strife, where wit and reason fail  
My guide to everlasting life, through all this gloomy vale  
Oh may Thy counsels mighty God, my roving feet command,  
Nor I forsake the happy road, That leads to Thy right hand.

## **Sermon**

"Lean Toward the Crown of Life"

Sermon Series, The Seven Churches of Revelation

Revelation 2:8-11

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

# \*Song of Response

# Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

Keith Getty, Jordan Kauflin, Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, and Matthew Merker. Arr. by Dan Galbraith

D            D sus    D            D sus    D            Bm7

What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a-  
 What truth can calm the trou- bled soul? God is good, God is  
 Un - to the grave, what shall we sing? Christ, he lives! Christ, he

A                            D            A/C#    Bm            G            D/A            A

5 lone. What is our on - ly con - fi - dence? That our souls to him be-  
 good. Where is his grace and good - ness known? In our great Re - deem - er's  
 lives! And what re - ward will heav - en bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with

D                            F#m                            Bm                            Em7                            D/F#

9 long Who holds our days with - in his hand? What comes a - part from His com-  
 blood. Who holds our faith when fears a - rise? Who stands a - bove the storm - y  
 him. There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be de -

G                            D/A            A(F#/A# Bm            G            D/A            A            D

13 mand? And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand. \_\_\_  
 trial? Who sends the waves that bring us nigh un - to the shore the rock of Christ? \_\_\_  
 stroyed, and we will feast in end - less joy, When Christ is ours for - ev - er more. \_\_\_

Bm G            D                            A/C# A            Bm            D/F# G

18 — O sing hal - le - lu - jah Our hope springs e - ter - nal; O — sing hal - le -  
 — D/F# G            D/F# A            G                            Bm A            D

24 lu - jah! Now and ev - er we con - fess Christ our hope in life and death.

## \*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):** Alyce Bava (please report to the toddler nursery directly following the service)

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

**The Book of Ephesians-** Ruling Elders Poe and Talent (Room 110)

Ruling Elders Talent and Poe will continue their verse by verse exposition of Paul's letter to the Church at Ephesus.

**Reformed Theology-** Pastor Polski (Room 111)

What are the core doctrines of the Christian faith and how do Reformed Christians articulate these doctrines? Join Pastor Polski as we explore the eight core doctrines of the Christian faith with an eye toward applying these great doctrinal truths to our everyday lives.

**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: Thomason, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: Elzinga, Ridenhour, Pysar, Hendricks. SS: Bava. CC: Sweet, Hawley, J. Standerfer.

**Next Sunday:** Ushers: Oehlering, Moen, Broughton, Barker. Nursery: McCall, Poe, Standerfer, Polski. SS: Mitchell. CC: Doiron, Manwaring, Schmidt.

The **Wednesday women's Bible studies** meet at 9am (childcare provided) OR 6:15pm. We are studying the Book of Colossians.

**Men's Bible study:** Meets on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Wed. (6:15pm) or Fri. (6:30am) of the month. No study this week.

**Ladies Connect** THIS THUR. at 7:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's. Join us for a relaxing evening with friends.

**Trinity Young Adults** meets at 7 pm on the 1st and 3rd Mon. of the month. See Mitchell Dixon for more info.

**Youth Ministry tonight** 4:30-6:30pm. Super Bowl Party: 2/9, 6-9pm at the Schmidt's home.

**Hope for Tomorrow-** Our campaign to eliminate our debt and move to position the church to advance our outreach ministries has begun. If you would like to participate, please complete the pledge card in the chair in front of you and leave in the offering plate.

**Children's Ministry Parent Meeting TODAY** at 4:30pm via zoom. See your email for the link.

**Church Planting Vision Weekend:** ALL are encouraged to join on Fri., 1/31 (7-9pm) and Sat., 2/1 (9am-noon). Use the QR code to register.

**Wendell Kimbrough** in concert on Sat., Feb. 22 at Trinity! Get your tickets today using the QR code.

Registration is open for our **Annual Trivia Night** hosted by our youth on Feb. 28. Use the QR code for more details.

The next **Men's Breakfast** is Sat., Feb. 22 (8-9:30am).

**Kingdom Kids** will resume on Sun., 2/23 (not 2/9) for ages 3yrs-5th grade.

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:** Erin Wagberg (Erin. [Wagberg@trinitychurchkirkwood.org](mailto:Wagberg@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](#):



### TRINITY CONNECT

Interested in becoming a member of Trinity Church? Or maybe you want to learn more about our history, denomination, and church ministries. Join our **Trinity Connect Class** on Mar. 7 and 8. Use the QR code for more details.

**Lost & Found:** We have a shelf by the back entrance with lots of lost items. Please take a look. All items still on the shelves on Feb. 9 will be donated.

# MISSION UPDATE

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



**Prayers:** Scan the QR link for the January 2025 Newsletter and Prayer Calendar.

## **Goers:**

**Robinson Elementary Food Pantry** – For several years Trinity Church has been meeting needs in the community by purchasing, delivering, and handing out goods at our local elementary school. We know that several have wanted to participate but are unable because of the dates and times. However, you can still be a part of this ministry by purchasing some of this month’s requested items. If you happen to be at the grocery store, please consider purchasing one or more of the following and bringing it to church by Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. Our deacons will deliver the items to Robinson.

- Liquid Hand Soap, Disinfecting Spray, Liquid Dish soap, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Tissues, Laundry Detergent, Bleach, All Feminine Products, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Conditioner, Women’s deodorant, Sugar, Vegetable Oil

Volunteers needed for the coming months. Please scan the QR code for more information.

## **Senders:**

**Youth Trivia Night – Come and enjoy a night of trivia to support Youth Missions on February 28<sup>th</sup>.** This year our youth are traveling to Puerto Rico at the end of July. Gather 8 people and purchase a table or come as an individual and we’ll find you a spot (kind of like casting lots). Don’t miss this fun evening. For more info and to sign-up, scan the QR code above.

## **Welcomers:**

**Mission Gate Christmas Angels** — Thank you to all who participated in this year’s gift giving to provide Christmas gifts to children with an incarcerated parent and children of local needy families. Gifts will be distributed to children ages infant to 16 years during a party at Christ Memorial Lutheran Church on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Please continue to pray for the children and families supported by Mission Gate. **A thank you video has been posted on the Mission’s Wall.**

## **Mobilizers:**

year to help Trinity share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and Ends of the Earth. If you would like to join this team, please contact Pastor Pablo.

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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