

# TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

*2 CORINTHIANS 4:5*

February 16, 2025

# WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO SEARCHES MINDS AND HEARTS

(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):** Kim and Maggie Linenbroker, Michelle Goldstein

**Liturgist:** Rev. Pablo Rosales

**Scripture Reader:** Michael Jorgensen

**Pastoral Prayer:** Ruling Elder, Fielding Poe

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Missions Moment**

**Quotes and Reflection**

And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. — Romans 8:27

"The thought of the great nobility God has conferred upon us ought to whet our desire for holiness and purity." — John Calvin

"There is no holiness without warfare." — J.C. Ryle

"The ultimate test of our spirituality is the measure of our amazement at the grace of God." — Martin Lloyd Jones

## Devotional Preparation

An Excerpt from "The Tolerance Jesus will not Tolerate" by Kevin Deyoung on [thegospelcoalition.org](http://thegospelcoalition.org).

"Christians cannot be tolerant of all things because God is not tolerant of all things. We can respect differing opinions and try to understand them, but we cannot give our unqualified, unconditional affirmation to every belief and behavior. Because God doesn't. We must love what God loves. That's where Ephesus failed. But we must also hate what God hates. That's where Thyatira failed.

Christians in the ancient world didn't have to go searching for idolatry. It was woven into the fabric of their whole culture. To not participate in these pagan rituals was to stick out like a Yankees fan at Fenway Park. These feasts, with their idolatry and the sexual revelry which would often follow, were a normal part of life in the Greco-Roman world. To remove yourself from them could be socially and economically disastrous.

Which is why false teachers like this Jezebel in Thyatira or the Nicolaitans in Pergamum gained such a hearing. They made being a Christian a lot easier, much less costly, much less counter-cultural. But it was a compromised Christianity, and Jesus could not tolerate it."

**Call to Worship—Psalm 9 (selected)**

Leader: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;

**People: I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.**

Leader: I will be glad and exult in you;

**People: I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

Leader: The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

**People: Those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.**

**All: Sing praises to the Lord, who sits enthroned in Zion!**

Leader: Now our Lord and our God, fill our hearts with faith so that we might sing your praises and declare your glory!

# WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

## \*Songs of Adoration

## Rejoice In All Your Works

Wendell Kimbrough  
D<sup>SUS</sup>



1. Ev - 'ry mouth that cries for food, ev - 'ry lung that yearns for  
(2. Ev - 'ry) tree that thirsts for rain, ev - 'ry bird that seeks its  
(3. May the) pon - d'rings of my heart and the song up - on my



breath, ev - 'ry eye that search - es through the dark for light, all cre -  
nest, ev - 'ry heart that waits in hope to be made glad, all cre -  
lips with the chor - us of cre - a - tion join in praise to the



-a - tion looks to You for its breath and for its food; from the good -ness of Your  
-a - tion looks to You for its breath and for its food; from the good -ness of Your  
God who made all things, to the Spir - it who sus - tains, to the Son who o - ver

### VERSE



hand we're sat - is - fied. Oh re - joice in all Your works, King of  
hand we're sat - is - fied.  
all cre - a - tion reigns.



heav - en, King of earth! Ev - 'ry crea - ture You have made de - clares Your praise.



We re - joice in all You've made, God of all - sus - tain - ing grace; with the



moun - tain, sky, and sea we sing Your praise.

1, 2.  
D  
3.  
D

2. Ev - 'ry  
3. May the

# 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**

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

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

## **\*Prayer of Adoration**

### WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

#### **New Testament Reading—Luke 6:17-23**

*Jesus Ministers to a Great Multitude*

And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.”

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—Jeremiah 17:5-6d

Thus says the Lord: “Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the Lord. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

## Corporate Prayer of Confession (to be spoken in unison)

**People:** Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone.

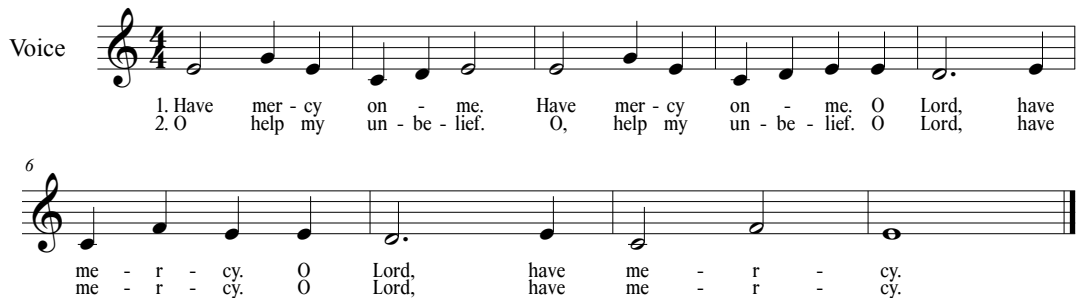
*Take a moment for silent and personal prayers of confession followed by a song of corporate confession.*

## Song of Confession

## Have Mercy (vv. 3-4)

Sandra McCracken

Voice



1. Have mer - cy on - me. Have mer - cy on - me. O Lord, have  
2. O help my un - be - lief. O, help my un - be - lief. O Lord, have

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me - r - cy. O Lord, have me - r - cy.  
me - r - cy. O Lord, have me - r - cy.

3. Have mercy on us.  
Have mercy on us.  
O Lord, have mercy.  
O Lord, have mercy.

4. O help our unbelief.  
O help our unbelief.  
O Lord, have mercy.  
O Lord, have mercy.



Leader: Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. Amen.

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

### **1 Cor. 15:17-20**

And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for the resurrection power of Jesus Christ!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

**People: And also with you!**

# \*Song of Rejoicing

## Thy Mercy My God Is the Theme of My Song

Sandra McCracken

D G

1. Thy mer - cy my God is the theme of my song the  
 out thy sweet mer - cy I could not live here;  
 mer - cy is more than a match for my heart which  
 fath - er of mer - cies thy good - ness I own and the

3 B G A E D/F#

joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue thy free grace a - lone from the first  
 Sin would re - duce me to ut - ter des - pair; but through thy free good - ness my spir -  
 won - ders to feel its own hard - ness de - part; dis - solved by thy good - ness I fall  
 cov - e - nant love of thy cruc - i - fied son; all praise to the spi - rit whose whis

6 G E G A

— to the last hath won my af - fec - tions and bound my soul fast  
 its re - vive and he that first made me still keeps me a - live.  
 — to the ground and weep for the praise of the mer - cy I've found.  
 - per di - vine seals mer - cy and par - don and right - eous - ness

1. 2. 3.

11 4. D E D/F# G G#

2. With mine. All praise to the spir - it whose whis - per di vine seals  
 3. Thy  
 4. Great

17 E G A

mer - cy and par don and right - eous - ness mine.

# 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)

## *You've Already Won*

Bryan Fowler and Shane Barnard

There's peace that outlasts darkness; Hope that's in the blood  
There's future grace that's mine today; That Jesus Christ has won  
So I can face tomorrow, for tomorrow's in Your hands  
All I need You will provide; Just like You always have

(Chorus)

I'm fighting a battle You've already won  
No matter what comes my way, I will overcome  
I don't know what You're doing. But I know what You've done  
I'm fighting a battle You've already won

There's mercy in the waiting; Mana for today  
And when it's gone, I know you're not. You are my hope and stay  
When the sea is raging, Your Spirit is my help  
He'll fix my eyes on Jesus Christ; And I'll say that is well

Oh I know that it is well

(Chorus)

I know how the story ends; We will be with You again  
You're my Savior, my defense. No more fear in life or death

I know how this story ends

(Chorus)

## **Sermon**

"Hold Fast!"

Revelation 2:18-29

Sermon Series, The Seven Churches of Revelation

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

### **\*Song of Response**

*Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!*

Trinity Hymnal #498

### **\*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):** Ruth Harlow (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: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: Linenbroker, Goldstein, Linenbroker. SS: Harlow. CC: Oehlerking, Williamson, Younger. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Thomason, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: Kwong, Hendricks, J. Petty, Hendricks. SS: Wagberg. CC: Waldrons, Polsk, E. Hawley.

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.

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

**Youth Ministry** Sundays, 4:30-6:30pm.

**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).

Ladies, make plans to join us for the next **Ladies Connect** evening on Tues., Feb. 25 at 7:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's home.

**Kingdom Kids** will resume on Sun., 2/23 from 4:30-6:30 pm for ages 3yrs-5th grade. The children enjoy a shared meal, games, Bible lesson, and choir. It ins't too late to join the fun!

See today's insert for details about **Holy Week**.

**Kingdom Prayer:** Join us on the following Sunday afternoons for a guided prayer meeting to pray for God to bring renewal to St. Louis. We will meet from 4:30-5pm in Room 111. Mark your calendar for prayer gathering dates: Feb 23, Mar 9, Mar 16, Mar 30, Apr 13, Apr 27, May 4, and May 25.

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.

# MISSION UPDATE

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



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

## **Goers:**

**Restore St. Louis – Second Saturday Workday is this upcoming March 8<sup>th</sup>.** Come and give one Saturday morning this month to serve those in need of your hands and feet. Listen to the wonderful stories of God's faithfulness from elderly and widows, as we help to fix just a little bit of their homes.

If you are able to give the hours from 8:30am-12:30pm on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, please register using the QR code above.

## **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:**

**Oasis International** – a ministry to refugees and immigrants, has several opportunities to welcome the stranger. Current needs:

- **Nursery Workers:** Help care for children on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 AM to 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, with a maximum of 15 people (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.

Please contact Pastor Pablo for more information.

## **Mobilizers:**

**If you would like to join our Missions teams, please contact Pastor Pablo.**

# 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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