



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

July 13, 2025

WORSHIPING THE GOD OF COMFORT AND TRUTH

(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. We also have an area for nursing moms in room 106 by the back entrance.)

Nursery Volunteers (worship service): Michelle Goldstein, Cheryl Poe, Emily Ridenhour, Allison Schmidt

Liturgist: Mitchell Dixon

Scripture Reader: Glynn Schlitt

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Ron Ridderbos

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" — Luke 3:4-6

"Isaiah 40 marks a new beginning: a new exodus, a new creation, a new shepherd-king. The chapter is a gospel before the Gospels." — Alec Motyer

"The message of Isaiah 40 is not simply 'Be comforted,' but 'Behold your God!' It is a call to worship, to realign our hearts around the majesty and character of God." — Martyn Lloyd Jones

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

"God's Comforting Voice" by Sean Lucas (Ligonier.org)

When he went into the hospital in January, it didn't seem that serious. An infection, perhaps, was what caused him to lose ten pounds in eleven days. I saw him in the ER; he was in great spirits. He was only supposed to be in the hospital a couple of days and then back home. Three and a half months later, he was dead.

The whirlwind of his sickness, the back and forth to the university hospital, and then his last week—all of these increased the sorrow of his loved ones and friends. We needed to hear God speak with His comforting voice and give us assurance that He was still with us.

One of the striking things about Isaiah 40 is that while God tells His prophet to comfort His people Israel, three times a voice speaks (vv. 3, 6, 9). Whose voice is it that speaks? It is God's voice—He points them to the place where they might find comfort.

Where does God's comforting voice point us? First, the glory of God. On the surface, we may not think that God's glory would bring us comfort. After all, earlier in Isaiah's prophecy, the display of God's glory and holiness caused him to cry out, "Woe is me! . . . For my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts" (Isa. 6:5).

But what does Isaiah 40 tell us? "The glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together" (v. 5). When will that happen? When the Lord Himself comes—the way has been prepared for Him (40:3). Has God come to His people to show us His glory? Yes: "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory" (John 1:14). Jesus came to display God's own glory; through His righteous life and substitutionary death, He made it possible for us to see and savor His glory. As those trusting in Jesus, we see God's glory and know His comforting voice.

God's comforting voice also points us to the Word of God: "The word of our God will stand forever" (Isa. 40:8). God's Word is permanent, unlike humanity. We are like grass, like the flower of the field. Though we try to persuade ourselves that our lives here are permanent, we know that they are not. That's why we must rest our hopes and our hearts on the permanent realities found in God's Word.

God's Word, His voice, points us to the glory of God as displayed in the character of God. What we find is that our God is both our strong Warrior and tender Shepherd (40:10–11). The arms that won great battles and gained the spoils of war—the benefits of salvation—are the arms that tenderly gather small, frightened, tender lambs and carry them home. Here is both the wonder and glory of God: that He is majesty and meekness, omnipotence and compassion, great power and steadfast love.

Call to Worship—Psalm 25 (Selected)

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

People: O my God, in you I trust;

Leader: Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

**People: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and
faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his
testimonies.**

All: Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame.

Leader: Come now and inhabit our praise, O Lord of love and
faithfulness!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

The Love of the Father

James Ferguson and Rich Thompson

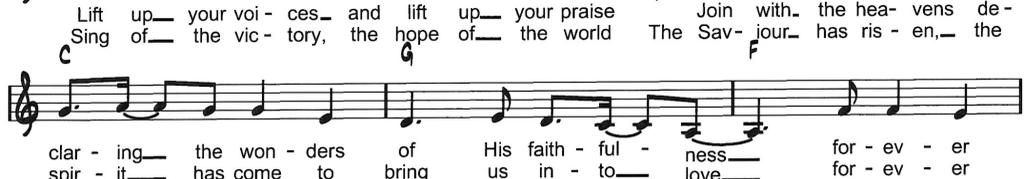
Verse 1 + 2:

C



Lift up your voices and lift up your praise Join with the heavens de-
Sing of the victory, the hope of the world The Sav-our has ris-en, the

C G F



clar-ing the won-ders of His faith-ful-ness for-ev-er
spir-it has come to bring us in-to love for-ev-er

1. C 2. C



Oh

Chorus:

C F



we are the peo-ple of God With the free-dom of hope in our hearts How

Am F C



great is the love of the Fa-ther

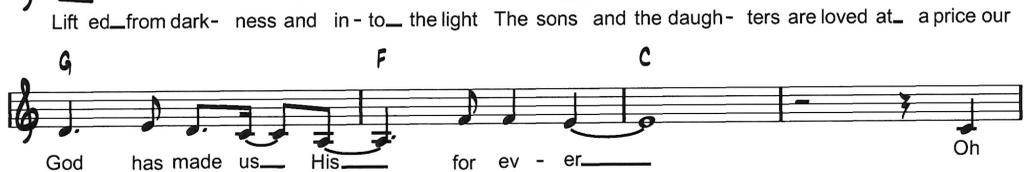
Verse 3:

C



Lift ed from dark-ness and in-to the light The sons and the daugh-ters are loved at a price our

G F C



God has made us His for ev-er

Oh

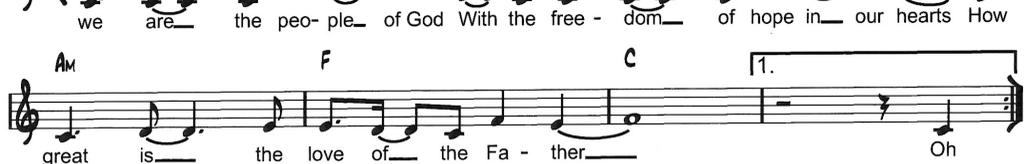
Chorus:

C F



we are the peo-ple of God With the free-dom of hope in our hearts How

Am F C 1.



great is the love of the Fa-ther

Oh

Bridge:

2. C C/E F Am
This is the song of the re - deemed The ran-somed and the_ free

G C/E F Am
Giv-en life at such a_ price_ This is love,_ this is love

G C/E F Am
And when the Fath - er calls us_ home_ And we see Him on the_ throne

G C/E F
Hear the voi - ces sing as_ one_ This is love..

Am G
this is love_ Oh

Chorus:

C F
we are_ the peo-ple_ of God With the free - dom_ of hope in_ our hearts_ How

Am F C 1.
great is_ the love of_ the Fa - ther_ Oh

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Luke 10:25-37

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

Reader: The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever!

People: Thanks be to God!

WE CONFESS OUR UTTER UNWORTHINESS BEFORE GOD

Call to Confession— Colossians 1:3-5a

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Col. 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for granting us the forgiveness of sins!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

Nothing But the Blood of Jesus

Robert Lowry. Arr. by Keith Getty, Fionan de Barra, Dave Cleveland, Ross Holmes, and Matt Menafee

D D A7 D

1. What can wash a - way my sin? Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;
2. Noth - ing can for sin a - tone, Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;
3. This is all my hope and peace, Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;
4. Glo - ry! Glo - ry! this I sing- Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;

5 D D A7 D

What can make me whole a - gain? Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
Naught of good that I have done, Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
This is all my right - eous - ness, Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
All my life, my cry shall be- Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.

9 D D/C# Bm7 D/A Em/G Em/F# Em A7

Oh! pre - cious is the flow that makes me white as snow;—

13 D D/C# D/C Bm7 Em7 G7m7 A7 D

No oth - er fount I know, noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

Missions Commissioning for Egypt and Puerto Rico Teams

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)

God with Us

Jason Ingram and Leslie Jordan

Sermon

"The Faithfulness of God"

Isaiah 40:1-11

Sermon Series: Isaiah

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

*Song of Response

Behold Our God

Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, and Stephen Altrogge

$\text{♩} = 130$ C **VERSE** Em C Em

1. Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand?
 2. Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of His words?
 3. Who has felt the nails upon His hands, bearing all the guilt of sinful man?

5 C Em C

Kings and nations tremble at his voice. All creation
 Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fathom
 God eternal, humbled to the grave, Jesus, Savior,

8 Em7 G **CHORUS** C G/B Am F

ris-es to re-joice. Be-hold our God, seated on His throne. Come, let us a-
 all his wondrous deeds? ris-en now to reign!

13 C G C G/B Am F C G C

dore Him. Be-hold our King, nothing can compare, come, let us adore Him!

19 Em C Em | 2. F2 Em F2 G | 3. C **FINE**

Him!

Him!

BRIDGE C F/C C F/C Am7

Men: You will reign for ever... You will reign for ever... You will reign for ever...
 Women: Let Your glory fill the earth... Let Your glory fill the earth... Let Your

F Am7 F

ev-er... You will reign for ever...
 glo-ry fill the earth... Let Your glo-ry fill the earth.

C F Am7 F **DS**

You will reign for ever... You will reign for ever... Be
 Let Your glo-ry fill the earth... Let Your glo-ry fill,

***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): Mickie Schmidt (please report to the toddler nursery directly following the service)

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today: Pastor Polski will report back on the key actions taken at the 2025 PCA General Assembly

July 20: Matt Pannkuk will be teaching on "What are you talking about?" The three main ways we use language and how this can help us to better understand the bible.

July 27: Ruling Elder, Tom Schmidt will be teaching on strategies for maintaining your faith in the secular workplace.

Aug. 3: All-church pot-luck luncheon

Aug. 10: Pastor Polski will be teaching on the topic of "Parenting adult children and relating to your parents after you've been married."

Jr. & Sr. High Students - Lower level

Children's Summer Sunday School

This summer begins our Summer of "Why?" for our 6 week series answering why we're here, why we sin, why we need Jesus, and more! We'll be learning the verse Jeremiah 33:3 together, do fun crafts/activities that correlate with each lesson, and more! Please join us for this special time! All kids 3yrs (by July 31 and potty trained) through 5th grade will be meeting in room 106.

Nursery - Room 104

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday school classes for all ages 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: Goldstein, Poe, Ridenhour, Schmidt. SS: Schmidt. CC: Steele, Schmidt, Standerfer. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Oehlerking, Moen, Broughton, Barker. Nursery: Hendricks, Bava, Standerfer, Williamson. SS: Oehlerking. CC: Standerfer, Petty, Schmidt.

The **Men's and Women's Bible studies** are on a short break for the summer.

The **Young Adults Ministry:** If you are a high school grad to mid 30s, come join us! Families with small children welcome. Want to learn about upcoming events? See Jackson or Abby Roberts.

Sunday Snacks: More snack volunteers needed! Please try and keep the snacks nut free. Sign up using the QR code on the snack table or see Mary Rosales.

Food Pantry: Over the next few months Trinity will host the Robinson Food Pantry. You can help in a few ways. Prayer is always needed, there will be two more opportunities to serve at the Food Pantry, or you can give needed items. More information and sign ups can be found using the QR code to the right.

Church Directory: Have you signed up for the church directory or updated your family info? All can be done via Church Center. See Amy Mitchell with any questions.

Ladies, our next social at Botanical Gardens has been rescheduled for July 23. Bring a picnic dinner and enjoy music on the lawn! 5-9pm. See Mickie Schmidt or the weekly email for more details.

Men's Chamber Choir, led by Addie Akin meets during Sunday School through July 27th.

Children's Story Time: Join us as we read some of R.C. Sproul's children's books! We'll offer a light snack and make a craft that goes along with each story. We'll meet from 9:30-11am on select Friday mornings, so please be sure to register 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: Erin Wagberg

(Erin.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:](#)



UPCOMING DATES:

Jul. 13: Young Adults Lunch-Hi-Pointe

Jul. 23: Wom. Min. Botanical Gardens

Jul. 26-Aug. 1: Puerto Rico Mission Trip

Jul. 31: Ladies Connect

Aug. 2: Grace & Gathering

Aug. 2: Bike Night

Aug. 6: Men's Night

Aug. 11: Youth to Cards Game

Aug. 17: Wom. Min. Brunch

Aug. 23: Young Adults Pool Party

Aug. 27: Women's Bible Studies Begin

Sept. 20: Party on the Lawn

Oct. 5-12: Missions Conference

MISSION UPDATE

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



Prayers: Scan the QR link for the July 2025 Newsletter

- **Pray for our Missions Trips to Egypt and Puerto Rico.** We are commissioning our goers during today's service.

Goers:

- **Trinity Missions Fair and Dinner – October 11th** - Join us for our annual Missions Fair and Dinner. Fair starts at 4:00pm and will be followed by dinner at 5:15 (Dalies BBQ) and program at 5:45. Several of our ministry partners/missionaries will share briefly and be available for questions. See how you can be part of it as a sender, doer, prayer, welcomer, or goer using the QR code above.
- **Hannah's Ranch - Grace and Gathering** - Saturday, August 2nd from 11am-12:30pm.
 - **Trinity Women's Ministry** will be meeting and serving the women and children at Hannah's Ranch, a branch of Mission Gate Ministries. They will be joining the 6 women and 7 children currently in residence, along with staff for lunch, a devotional, prayer, and fellowship. **Contact Amy Mitchell for more information.**

Senders:

- Thank you to all who have given to the work of outreach and mission. You are a great help to missionaries and ministries on a journey to serve those in need. As Paul told the Roman church, "I hope to see you in passing as I go to Spain, and to be helped on my journey there by you, once I have enjoyed your company for a while" (Rom. 15:24). The work of outreach and mission is not possible without helpers/senders like you.
- *Look on this page for an opportunity to provide resources for the upcoming Summer Pantry and Hannah's Ranch.*

Welcomers:

- **Trinity Food Pantry! Our first pantry in this Thursday, July 17th from 5:30-7:30pm.** This will offer a unique opportunity to pray for the families we serve throughout the school year. There are only a few spots left for the June pantry. Other dates will be added soon. However, you can register to pray and help stock our pantry!
 - If you are out shopping, please consider buying one, two, or a few of the following:
 - Liquid Hand Soap and Dish soap
 - Laundry Detergent
 - Bleach
 - Toilet Paper
 - Paper Towels
 - All Feminine Products
 - Toothbrushes and Toothpaste
 - Sugar and Flour
 - Cooking Oil
 - Shampoo and Conditioner
 - Frozen products: meals, meats, veggies
 - Diapers (Sizes 4 – 7)
 - Small containers of cocoa butter

Mobilizers:

- **Pilgrim's Progress Prayer Path** – Over the last year, a few mobilizers have been working to create a prayer path around the church property. While it isn't paved, the grass is cut shorter than the rest. Altogether, there are 9 stations calling us to contemplate, meditate, confess, offer thanksgiving, and petition our Lord. Take the 1/3-mile loop which starts and ends at the white picket fences near the entrance of our property.
 - **Walking sticks are available in Pastor Pablo's office to borrow.**

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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