



# TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

*2 CORINTHIANS 4:5*

August 10, 2025

# WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO DELIVERS US BY FAITH!

(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):** Laurel Elzinga, Tara Thomason, Cheryl Poe, Shirah Goldstein

**Liturgist:** Rev. Tim Jackson

**Scripture Reader:** Tom Schmidt

**Pastoral Prayer:** Ruling Elder, Bill Elzinga

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## Quotes and Reflection

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." — Rev. 21:1-4

"The final state of redemption is not us escaping from the world, but God transforming it. The new heavens and the new earth reflect not just a change in scenery, but a complete reversal of the curse." — R.C. Sproul

"The new earth will be heaven: it will be the place where God dwells with his people. The emphasis in Isaiah 65 is on continuity, not annihilation. Redemption involves the restoration of creation." — Anthony Hoekema

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 38. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

A. At the resurrection, believers, being raised up to glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

# WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

## **The New Heavens and Earth** (Ligonier.org)

We noted a few months ago that Moses foresaw Israel's return from exile as an incredible salvation with ramifications beyond Canaan itself. The world would be drastically changed as little Israel was exalted and its enemies cursed (Deut. 30:1–10). Isaiah expands on this theme in today's passage, the first explicit biblical reference to the new heavens and earth, revealing that the return from exile affects the entire cosmos.

Isaiah foresaw that the Messiah's atonement would lead to His people's forgiveness and enable God to justly declare them righteous, giving the Messiah offspring in the prolonging of His days (Isa. 53:10–11). Besides alluding to Christ's resurrection, these verses are a faint glimpse of the eternal life of believers. After all, if death is the punishment for unrighteousness, how could God keep His promises and at the same time not sustain forever the lives of those whom He declares righteous (Gen. 2:15–17; John 3:16)?

Only a new world free of sin is a home fit for those declared righteous in Christ and made righteous by His Spirit. New heavens and a new earth are the Son of David's final goal (Isa. 65:17). In the new heavens and earth, there will be no reason to mourn. God Himself will rejoice in His once fallen but fully restored people (vv. 18–19). Moreover, long life will be the rule and not the exception, for the one-hundred-year-old person will be considered young (v. 20). This poetic imagery should not be read too literally. Isaiah earlier predicted that death would be swallowed up forever (25:6–7), and the age references in 65:20 make the same basic point, especially since old covenant Israel had a dimmer revelation of eternal life than we enjoy today. Finally, the new heavens and earth will be so filled with peace that even predator and prey will get along (vv. 24–25).

Jesus brings this glorious transformation, but He does so in stages. The restoration began when He brought Israel out of Babylon, but it was inaugurated in power in our Lord's incarnation, ministry, death, and resurrection. It continues today as the ascended Christ rules over all. And it will be consummated at His return (1 Cor. 15:12–58). John Calvin writes, "The prophet speaks of the restoration of the church after the return from Babylon . . . but that restoration is imperfect if it be not extended as far as to Christ; and even now we are in the progress and accomplishment of it, and those things will not be fulfilled till the last resurrection."

Come Lord Jesus!

# Song of Preparation

# All Things New

Words by Horatius Bonar. Music by 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

## Call to Worship—Psalm 90:14-17

Leader: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

**People: Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil.**

Leader: Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

**People: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us;**

**All: Yes, establish the work of our hands!**

Leader: Now, O Lord, receive our worship as an offering of thanksgiving for all that you have done to sustain us!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

**\*Songs of Adoration**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*  
Trinity Hymnal #295

# *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

#### **New Testament Reading—Hebrews 11:8-16**

##### *Faith*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

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— Luke 12:32-34**

"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

## **Silent Confession and Lament**

# WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

## **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Ephesians 2:4**

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: People of God, give thanks to God for the richness of His mercy!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

**People: And also with you!**

# \*Song of Rejoicing

## 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

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2. Be - som.  
 3. I

## Reception of New Members

Bob & Sheryl Hoffman, Ed & Susan Hoffstetter, Caroline & David Matt

## Covenant Baptism

Bonnie Jo Matt

## Baptismal Song

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

Trinity Hymnal #189

# 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 (Please join when directed)

## *On That Day*

Nigel Hendroff, Michael Farren, Rich Thompson, Scott Lavendar, and Jonathan Robinson. Arr. by Daniel Galbraith

I believe in Christ, risen from the dead  
He now reigns victorious, His kingdom knows no end  
Through His resurrection, death has lost its hold  
I know on that final day, I'll rise as Jesus rose

*(Chorus)*

*On that day, we will see You; Shining brighter than the sun  
On that day, we will know You; As we lift our voice as one  
'Til that day, we will praise You; For Your never-ending grace  
And we will keep on singing on that glorious day*

What a blessed hope, though now tired and worn  
We will spend eternity around our Saviour's throne  
Though we grieve our losses, we grieve not in vain  
For we know our crown of glory waits beyond the grave

Chorus

Hallelujah, what a day it will be!  
For at home with You, my joy is complete  
As I run into Your arms open wide, I will see  
My Father who is waiting for me  
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For at home with You, my joy is complete  
As I run into Your arms open wide, I will see  
My Father who is waiting for me. My Father who is waiting for me

**(All) Chorus x2**

## **Sermon**

"All Things New"

Isaiah 65:17-25

Sermon Series: Isaiah

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

# \*Song of Response

# On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

Words by Samuel Stennett. Music by Christopher Miner. Arr. by Belmont RUF

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and guitar. The key signature is D major (two sharps) and the time signature is common time (C). The score is divided into systems, with measure numbers 1, 4, 6, 8, 11, and 15 marked at the beginning of each system. Chords are indicated by letters E, A, B, and Bsus above the staff. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

1. On Jor - dan's stor - my banks I stand, And  
 2. All o'er those wide ex - ded plains, Shines  
 3. No chill - ing winds ex - nor that pois - onous breath, Can  
 4. When shall I reach reach that hap - py place, And

cast a wish - ful eye To  
 one e - ter - nal day To  
 reach that health - ful shore, There  
 be for - ev - er blessed Where

Can - aan's fair and hap - py land, Where  
 God, the Son for - row, ey - py er and reigns, And  
 Sick - ness, sor - row, pain and ther's death, Are  
 shall I see - my Fa - ther's face, And

my scat - ters night sses - ions lie - 2. All way. Chorus: I am  
 felt and feared a no - 2. All way. more.  
 in his bos - om om rest.

bound, I am bound, I am bound for Prom-ised Land I am

bound, I am bound, I am bound for Prom-ised Land

3. No  
 4. When

## \*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.*

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 39: What is the duty which God requires of man?  
 Answer: The duty which God requires of man, is obedience to His revealed will.

**Nursery Volunteer (SS):** Chenoa Pysar (please report to the toddler nursery directly following the service)

## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Today:** Join us in the sanctuary for a recap from Pastor Polski and James Broughton of the great things that happened on their recent trip to Egypt. We will also hear from Josh and Heidi, who are currently serving in the Middle East.

**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

Join us beginning this Fall for Parenting Conversations, a monthly zoom meeting led by Pastor Polski (and special guests) on essential topics in Christian parenting. The zoom meetings will be on the 4th Monday night of the month from 7:30-8:30pm. Sign up via Church Center (look for Parenting Conversations under "groups") or by calling the church office.

## 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: Elzinga, Thomason, Poe, Goldstein. SS: Pysar. CC: Mitchell, Rosales, Hawley. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Oehlerking, Moen, Broughton, Barker. Nursery: Linenbroker, Hendricks, Goldstein. CC: Oehlerking, Manwarings.

The **Women's Bible studies** will begin on Aug. 27 at 9am (childcare available) or 6:15pm. We are studying Revelation. Books will be available at Bible study.

**The Men will be studying II Timothy** starting Wed., Sept. 3rd at 6:15pm or Fri., Sept. 5th at 6:30am. The men's study will take place on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Wed. and Fri. of the month.

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:** See the list on the next page of items needed to stock up for our final pantry here at Trinity. During the school year the food pantry will take place at Robinson Elementary.

**Church Directory:** Have you signed up for the church directory or updated your family info? All can be done via Church Center. Please contact Amy Mitchell if you need assistance.

**Children's Ministry:** Mark your calendar for the next playdate on Tues., Aug. 26th at 9am. Location TBA.

**Save the Date:** Party on the Lawn, Sat., Sept. 20. The Missions Conference will take place Oct. 5-12 with the Fair and Dinner taking place on Oct. 11.

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:

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**Greeters:** James Broughton (James.

[Broughton@trinitychurchkirkwood.org](mailto:Broughton@trinitychurchkirkwood.org)),

**Children's Ministry:** Erin Wagberg

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



### BRUNCH BONANZA

**LADIES**, join us for our annual Women's Ministry Kickoff. This year we are making it easier for all the women to join-just stay after worship on **Sun., Aug. 17th** for great food, friends, and fellowship! We will fill you in on what is coming up in the women's ministry and send you home with full stomachs and lighter hearts. Please RSVP soon on Church Center (use the QR code above) so we make sure we have enough food.

# MISSION UPDATE

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



**Prayers:** Prayer is essential to Trinity's mission. Please see our August 2025 newsletter for ways to pray for our ministries and missionaries. Also, see our public prayer list to pray for congregational needs.

## Goers:

- **Trinity Missions Fair and Dinner – October 11<sup>th</sup>** - Join us for our annual Missions Fair and Dinner. Fair starts at 4:00pm and will be followed by dinner at 5:15 (Dadies 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.
- **THANK YOU!** Thanks to your generosity we were able to pass along \$1500 in gift cards to the moms at Hannah's Ranch for back to school shopping for their little ones (17 kids). We were also able to bring lunch and about 20 ladies from Trinity shared food, encouragement, prayer, and time in God's Word with the residents, staff, and children at Hannah's Ranch.

## 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.*

## Welcomers:

- **Trinity Food Pantry! Our final summer pantry is this Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00pm.** Please 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
  - Sugar and Flour
  - Cooking Oil
  - Shampoo and Conditioner
  - Frozen products: meals, meats, veggies
  - Diapers (Sizes 4 – 7)
  - Small containers of cocoa butter

Robinson Elementary Food Pantry will kick off in September, dates will be added soon.

## Mobilizers:

- Looking for ways to serve? Several opportunities available. Unlike salvation, take the first step and reach out to Pastor Pablo to hear of all the opportunities.
- **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 available upon request).

# 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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