



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

August 24, 2025

WORSHIPING THE GOD OF MERCY

(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): Kim McCall, Beth and Nora Williamson, Linda Manwaring

Liturgist: Rev. Pablo Rosales

Scripture Reader: Ellie Perry

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Shaun Thomason

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

"Totally without hope one cannot live. To live without hope is to cease to live." — Fyodor Dostoyevsky (Russian Novelist)

"Do not look to your hope, but to Christ, the source of your hope."
— Charles Spurgeon

"We have been born of God and our Christian hope is a valid hope! No emptiness, no vanity, no dreams that cannot come true. Your expectation should rise and you should challenge God and begin to dream high dreams of faith and spiritual attainment and expect God to meet them. You cannot out-hope God and you cannot out-expect God. Remember that all of your hopes are finite, but all of God's ability is infinite!" — A. W. Tozer

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Born Again to a Living Hope

At birth, we are identified genetically, sharing the genetic make-up of our biological parents with all its inherent strengths and weaknesses. But that is not all we inherit. Through our birth parents, we are also identified ethnically. I am Hispanic by birth, Puerto Rican to be exact. Depending on where you were born, you are likely to have a national identity, usually rewarded with citizenship. We're also born with a socio-economic identity on the basis of our parents' socio-economic standing. We derive more from our parents than we often appreciate; we may spend our lives reinforcing that inheritance, or struggling against it, but we are shaped by it our whole lives. Our birth identifies us.

Here, Peter speaks of a new birth that, as we will see, brings with it a new identity and citizenship (2:9). In this birth, God is our Father (1:17), and we are his children (v 14). Peter explains that the Father brings about the "birth" (v 3) of his children (2:2) by the "seed" of the word of God (1:23). This new birth, initiated by God the Father, results in a new life. Imagine what good news this is for people who feel estranged in this world. Regardless of our original birth, those born again by the word of God are born again to a new life with a new identity as God's sons and daughters. This becomes our deepest identity.

With this new life, we also have a new hope for we have been "born again to a living hope" (v 3). "Hope" in the Bible is not a vague wish ("I hope we have pizza for dinner")—it is a certain expectation of a future event. In verse 3, Peter grounds our living hope in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus was mocked, beaten, abused and killed, but he did not remain in the grave. If that were the case, our faith would be in vain, and we would be a hopeless people. Without Jesus' resurrection we would still be in our sins (1 Corinthians 15:17). But Jesus did in fact rise "from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3). Because of Jesus' resurrection, we also have the hope of our own resurrection. Death is not the last word. As the likelihood of persecution increases for Christians in the West, we need to arm ourselves with this living hope. Because of this living hope, we no longer need to fear death, much less persecution. The worst persecution can do is to kill us; and through Christ's resurrection from the dead, we can be sure that we will follow him through death and into life. That is a hope that nothing in this life can extinguish.

Juan R. Sanchez, *1 Peter for You*, ed. Carl Laferton, *God's Word for You* (The Good Book Company, 2016), 24–25.

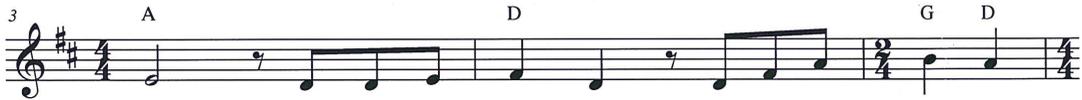
Song of Preparation

Abide With Me

Words by Henry Lyte. alt by Justing Smith. Music by Justin Smith



1. A - bide with me; fast falls the e - ven -
 2. Thou on my head, in ear - ly youth - didst
 3. I need Thy pres - ence, eve - ry pass - ing
 4. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to
 5. Hold Thou Thy cross, be - fore my clos - ing



3
 tide; The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord with me a -
 smile; And, though re - bel - lious, and per - verse mean -
 hour; What but Thy grace, can foil the temp' - er's
 bless; Ills have no weight, tears lose their bit - ter -
 eyes; Shine through the gloom, and point me to the



6
 bide. When oth - er help - ers, fail and com - forts
 while, Thou hast not left me, though I oft left
 power? Who, like Thy - self, my guide and stay can
 ness. Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy vic - to -
 skies. Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows



9
 flee, Help of the help - less, a - bide with me.
 Thee, On to the close Lord, a - bide with me.
 be? Through cloud and sun - shine, a - bide with me.
 ry? I tri - umph still, a - bide with me.
 flee; In life, in death, Lord, a - bide with me.

Call to Worship—Psalm 71 (selected)

Leader: In you, O Lord, do we take refuge;

People: Let us never be put to shame!

Leader: In your righteousness deliver us and rescue us.

People: Incline your ear to us, and save us!

Leader: Be to us a rock of refuge;

People: To which we may continually come.

All: You have given the command to save us, for you are our rock and our fortress.

Leader: Now, O Lord, our lips will shout for joy when we sing praises to you, our soul also which you have redeemed.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

***Songs of Adoration**

O Worship the King
Trinity Hymnal #2

*Songs of Adoration

Across the Lands Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

♩=85

VERSE

D G D



1. You're the Word of God the Fa - ther, — from be - fore the world be -
 (2. Yet You) left the gaze of an - gels, — came to seek and save the
 (3. With a) shout You rose vic - to - rious, — wrest - ing vic - t'ry from the

4 A G G⁶ D/F# Em G



-gan; — Ev - 'ry star and ev - 'ry pla - net — has been fash - ioned by Your hand. All cre -
 lost, — and ex - changed the joy of heav - en — for the an - guish of a cross. With a
 grave, — and as - cend - ed in - to heav - en — lead - ing cap - tives in Your wake. Now You

9 D G D A



-a - tion holds to - geth - er — by the pow - er of Your voice: — Let the
 prayer You fed the hung - ry, — with a word You stilled the sea. — Yet how
 stand be - fore the Fa - ther — in - ter - ced - ing for Your own. — From each

13 G G⁶ D/F# Em G A^{sus} G

CHORUS



skies de - clare Your glo - ry, — let the land and seas re - joice! — You're the au - thor of cre -
 si - lent - ly You suf - fered — that the guilt - y may go free. —
 tribe and tongue and na - tion — You are lead - ing sin - ners home. —

18 D D/F# G A² Bm Bm/A G G/A



-a - tion, — You're the Lord of ev - 'ry man; — And Your cry of love rings

22

1, 2. Bm⁷ A D 3. Bm⁷ A D



out a - cross the lands. — 2. Yet You out a - cross the lands. —
 3. With a

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading—Jeremiah 1:4-10

The Call of Jeremiah

Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.” But the Lord said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the Lord.”

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the Lord said to me,

“Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

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— Hebrews 12:18-21

For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear."

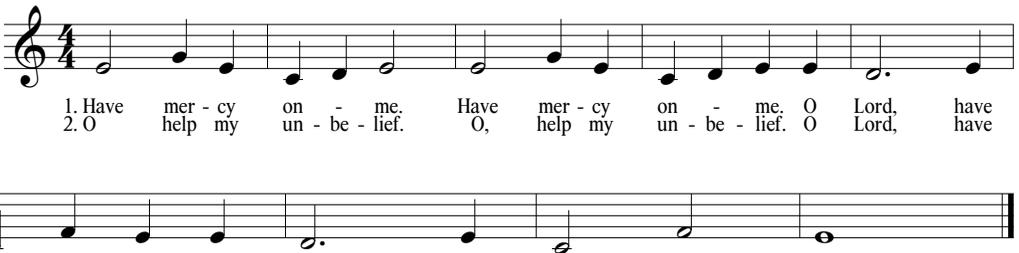
Silent Confession and Lament

Song of Confession

Have Mercy (vs. 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

6
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.

(Tag)
Have mercy,
have mercy

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Heb. 12:22-24

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

Jesus My Great High Priest

Words by Isaac Watts. Music by Kirk Ward

Rock ♩ = 144

verse

1. Je - sus, my great High Priest Of - fered his blood and
 (2.To) this dear Sure - ty's hand Will I com - mit my
 (3.My) Ad - vo - cate ap - pears For my de - fense on
 (4.Should) all the hosts of death And pow'rs of hell un -

died cause; My guilt - ty con - science seeks No
 high; He an - swers and ful - fil His
 known The Fa - ther bows his ears And
 Put their most dread - ful forms Of

sa - cri - fice be - side. His pow'r - ful blood did
 Fa - ther's bro - ken laws. Be - hold my soul at
 lays his thun - der by. Not all that hell or
 rage and mis - chief on, I shall be safe, for

once a - tone, And now it pleads be - fore the throne; And
 free - dom set; My Sure - ty paid the dread - ful debt; My
 sin can say, Shall turn his heart, his love, a - way Shall
 Christ dis - plays His con - qu'ring pow'r and guard - ian grace; His

now it pleads be - fore the throne.
 Sure - ty paid the dread - ful debt.
 turn his heart, his love, a way.
 con - qu'ring pow'r and guard - ian grace.

16 E Chorus B A

2.To Now I ap - proach the

19 E B A E B A C#m7

throne, and I have con - fi - dence for Je - sus my great High Priest of - fered His

24 F#m7 B E B A E

blood and died Now I ap - proach the throne, and I have

28 B A E B A C#m7

con - fi - dence for Je - sus my great High Priest of - fered His

32 F#m7 B E A/E E *Fine* *D.C. al Fine*

blood and died for me.

3.My
4.Should

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)

Living Hope

Brian Johnson & Phil Wickham. Arr. by Ed Kerr

Sermon

"Living Hope"

I Peter: 1:3-9

Sermon Series: I Peter

Mr. Mitchell Dixon

*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.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

No Sunday school classes today. We will start up classes for all ages on Sept. 14.

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: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Alexander. Nursery: McCall, Williamsons, Manwaring. CC: Waldrons, Linenbroker, Kwong. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: Kwong, Highmark, Linenbroker.

Youth & Parent Fall Kickoff BBQ at the Schmidt's tonight from 5:30-7:30pm.

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.

Singers: The Trinity choir will meet during the Sunday school hour beginning **Aug. 31 (new start date)**. 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 **next Ladies Connect** is Tue., Aug. 26 at 7:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's home.

Party on the Lawn: Sat., Sept. 20 from 4:30-7pm. Live music, games, petting zoo, face painting, pickle ball tournament, bounce house, sumo bumper balls, and more! Everything is free. We provide the pig roast, desserts, and beverages, you bring a potluck side to share. Register today!

Join a Small Group! Sign up sheets in the Narthex.

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

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

Aug. 27 Women's Bible studies begin
Aug. 30 Young Adults Pool Party
Sep. 3 Men's Bible study (6:15pm)
Sep. 5 Men's Bible study (6:30am)
Sep. 7 All Church Potluck Lunch
Sep. 7 Youth Nights resume
Sep. 13 Sr High Apple Picking
Sep. 20 Party on the Lawn
Sep. 28 Kingdom Kids returns
Oct. 11 Missions Fair & Dinner
Oct. 25 Flannelpalooza
Nov. 5 Red Cross Blood Drive
Dec. 6 Christmas Craft Party
Dec. 20 & 21 Christmas Concert

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 11th** - 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.
- **Hope Presbyterian Church Plant** – Is God calling you to be part of the Hope Pres launch team in a small or large capacity? What does it mean to live your life "on mission"? A church plant is a huge undertaking and prayers, welcomers, senders, goers, and mobilizers, are all a vital part. A few dates are available for this informational gathering. Check the QR code for more info.

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.

Welcomers:

- **Robinson Elementary Food Pantry** - We concluded our Summer Pantries with 16 families showing at Trinity Church. All the items were donated. We are now shifting back to Robinson to continue to be salt and light in the public-school setting. Your donations and volunteering are a testimony to, not only the families we serve, but school staff and faculty. A list of requested donations will be posted soon. Dates a posted. Please sign up and bring your family!
- **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. Bring a neighbor! (Walking sticks available upon request).

Mobilizers:

- Are you passionate about PowerPoint and communicating mission opportunities to the congregation? **The Mission Committee is looking for you.** Reach out to Pablo for more information.

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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