



FUELED BY
Worship

TRINITY CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO IS WORTHY OF WORSHIP

(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): Kimberly Linenbroker, Lori Nichols, Kim McCall, Shirah Goldstein

Liturgist: Rev. Pablo Rosales

Scripture Reader: Amy Mitchell

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Chris Freeman

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

"Missions exist because worship doesn't." — John Piper

Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!
— Psalm 117:1-2

For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. — Rom. 15:8-9

"God is glorified not only by His glory's being seen, but by its being rejoiced in."
— Jonathan Edwards

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Failure to Live on Mission is a Worship Problem by Trevin Wax (desiringgod.org)

Sometimes we think the way to engage people in mission is to make sure we get the right information to them.

- If we just preach the Bible, people will evangelize.
- If we show people the commands in Scripture to care for the poor, people will develop a heart for mercy ministry.
- If we make people aware of our need for more volunteers, people will sign up.

In other words, we perceive a knowledge problem. People need to know how to apply the Scriptures better, and once they know what they need to do, they'll do it.

Not So Fast

But this isn't the way long-term change takes place. Most of the time, when we are marked by missional apathy, it's not that we don't *know* what we ought to be doing; it's that we don't *want* to be doing what we ought to be doing.

In our efforts to increase missional fervor, we can get so focused on giving people more information, or better application, that we forget that our main task is to lead people to exultation. That's a fancy word for "worship." We exult, we delight in the Savior, we revel in him. Exultation of the Savior leads to exultation of the saints.

Lack of mission is rarely a knowledge problem; it's a worship problem. We don't have any trouble talking about the things we love most. Whenever we find something worthy of attention, we talk about it.

The same is true of our relationship with Christ. The more we are in awe of his worthiness, the more likely we are to speak of him to others and serve others in his name.

Weighty Truths and Heartfelt Worship

Sometimes people worry that the rough edges of Christianity will lead us to avoid serving our neighbor and sharing the gospel. So we play down some of the harder truths of the gospel, not denying them of course, but not giving them their proper weight.

The reality of hell is an example. There are all sorts of ways to downplay the truth of one's eternal destiny; the most common is simply to not speak of it, or to recast salvation as dealing more with this life than the next.

But what happens when the reality of hell is no longer grounding our talk about salvation and the gospel? We miss out on a moment of worship.

What Makes Us Marvel More

When we minimize the severity of God's judgment for sin, we are less inclined to stand in awe of the marvelous salvation Christ has provided for us. We think we're pushing aside an obstacle when we neglect the reality of judgment. But what we're actually doing is pushing away one of the truths that most leads us to worship. The reality of God's grace is all the more amazing the more we see our sin and what it deserves.

Feel the Truth

A gospel-centered teacher isn't satisfied to see his people *learn* truths about God. A gospel-centered leader wants them to *feel* those truths. To feel the full weight of God's provision for us in Christ. To have the heart's affections stirred to worship the loving God who has saved us by his grace and incorporated us into his family.

Call to Worship—Psalm 22 (Selected)

Leader: I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation, I will praise you.

People: You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him.

Leader: The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord!

People: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord.

Leader: All the families of the nations shall worship before you.

All: For kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

Leader: Come and dwell powerfully among us, O Lord, that we might worship you with wonder and awe, for you alone are worthy of worship.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Verse Words by Isaac Watts. Verse Music by John Hatton. Chorus by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Ed Cash

C Dm7 C/E G/F F C/G Am Dm7 G^{sus} G

1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc cess - ive jour - neys run;
 2. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns; The pris - ner leaps to lose his chains;
 3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue Dwell on His love with sweet - est song;
 4. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring Bless - ing and ho - nor to our King;

5 Em Am F Dm7 G^{7sus} G⁷ C/E F Dm7

His king - dom stretch from shore to shore, Till sun shall rise and
 The wea - ry find eter - nal rest, And all the sons of
 And in - fant voi - ces shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings
 An - gels de - scend with songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the

8 1. C/G G⁷ C⁵ Bb/C C⁵ F/C Bb/C 2.3.4. C/G G⁷ C

set no more. want are blessed.
 on His Name.
 loud a - men!

12 G G^{sus}/A G/B F/C C G G^{sus}/A G/B F/C C C/B

To our King be high - est praise Ris - ing through e - ter - nal days.

16 Am⁷ C/G G Fma⁷ Cadd⁹/E Dm⁷ G^{sus} G⁷

Just and faith - ful - He shall reign: Je - sus shall

19 1.2. C⁵ B^b/C C⁵ F/C B^b/C C D.C. [to verse] 3. D.S. [to refrain]

reign! reign!

4. C⁵ B^b/C C⁵ F/C B^b/C 3

reign!

C⁵ B^b/C C⁵ F/C B^b/C 3 C⁵

reign!

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—Revelation 15:1-4

The Song of the Lamb

Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and amazing, seven angels with seven plagues, which are the last, for with them the wrath of God is finished.

And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mingled with fire—and also those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name, standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands. And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying,

“Great and amazing are your deeds,

 O Lord God the Almighty!

Just and true are your ways,

 O King of the nations!

Who will not fear, O Lord,

 and glorify your name?

For you alone are holy.

 All nations will come

 and worship you,

for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

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— Exodus 20:1-3

And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me."

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 redeeming us from our sin!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore



We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our

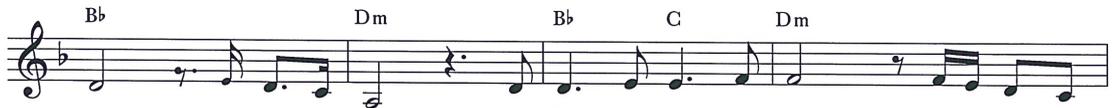


hearts re - stored. He has done great things. we will say to - ge - ther



We will feast and weep no more.

- 1. We will not be
- 2. In the dark of
- 3. Ev - ery vow we've



burned by the fire, He is the Lord our God we are not con -
night be - fore the dawn my soul be not a - fraid for the pro - mised
bro - ken and be - trayed You are the faith ful one and from the



sumed by the flood Up - held, pro - tect - ed, ga - thered up
mor - ning o how long O God of Ja - cob be ___ my strength.
gar - den to the grave Bind us to - ge - ther bring ___ sha - lom

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)

I Will Sing

Sandra McCracken and Leslie Jordan

Sermon

"Missions is Fueled by Worship"

Matthew 28:16-17

2025 Missions Sermon Series, *The Fuel for Missions*

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

*Song of Response

Behold Our God

Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, and Stephen Altrogge

VERSE

1. Who has held the o - ceans in His hands? Who has num bered ev - ery grain of sand?
 2. Who has giv - en coun - sel to the Lord? Who can ques - tion an - y of His words?
 3. Who has felt the nails up - on His hands, bear - ing all the guilt of sin - ful man?

5

Kings and na - tions trem - ble at his voice. All cre - a - tion
 Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fath - om
 God e - ter - nal, hum - bled to the grave, Je - sus, Sav - ior,

CHORUS

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

13

dore Him. Be - hold our King, noth - ing can com - pare, come, let us a - dore Him!

19

Him!

Him!

BRIDGE

Men: You will reign for - ev er. You will reign for - ev er. You will reign for -
 Women: Let Your glo - ry fill the earth. Let Your glo - ry fill the earth. Let Your

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

You will reign for - ev - er. You will reign for - ev - er. 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): Alyce Bava and Amy Mitchell (please report to the toddler nursery directly following the service)

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today: Joint Adult SS: Missions Update with Liz Polk

Liz Polk has served with Mission to the World since 2011, spending twelve years on a church planting team in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and now working as part of the MTW Member Care Department. Liz is a clinical Social Worker and serves MTW missionaries individual and family counseling and debrief needs during important life and ministry transitions on and off the field. Her husband, Jason, serves part-time as Church Planting Mentor for the Grace of the Messiah Presbyterian denomination in Ethiopia, and the four Polk kids [Nathan (15), Isaiah (13), Anna (10), and Phoebe (4)] keep everyone busy with their full and interesting schedules.

Adult Choir (fireplace room)

The Trinity choir will meet during the Sunday school hour starting Aug. 31. 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.

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 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: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Alexander. Nursery: Linenbroker, Ridenhour, Nichols, Goldstein. SS: Bava. CC: Standerfer, Williamson, Goldstein. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: McCall, Schlitt, O'Neal, Standerfer. SS: Nichols. CC: Sweet, Polski, Younger.

The **Women's Bible studies** meet on Wednesdays at 9am or 6:15pm. We are studying Revelation.

The Men are studying II Timothy this fall. They will meet on Wed., Oct. 1 at 6:15pm or Fri., Oct. 3 at 6:30am.

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

Calling all Singers: if you think you might be interested in joining the singing group for this year's Christmas concert (JH and up), we will be having a brief (20 min.) informational meeting following Sunday School TODAY in the fireplace room. Come and hear all that is in store for this year's concert! Questions? Contact Katie Polski.

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

The next **Men's Breakfast** will be Sat., Sept. 27 from 8-9:30am. Breakfast is free, but help us prepare by registering or let Kyle Roberts know you are coming.

Mark your calendar for our **All Church Work Day** on Sat., Oct 4 at 9am. We will have items on our "to do list" both indoors and out.

Our 2025-2026 Concert Series theme is "Ponder anew." Over the next several weeks, you'll find art displayed in the Narthex inspired by this theme. These are **original pieces created by Trinity members**, and each will be displayed for a few weeks at a time. Their art causes us to consider God's goodness once again, with a sense of wonder and amazement.

Trinity volunteers are **providing snacks and some may want to attend the next Wash U. RUF meeting** on Sept. 23 at 7:45. Use the QR code or church center to provide a snack or attend the gathering.

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

Sep. 23 RUF @ Wash U

Sep. 27 Men's Breakfast

Sep. 28 Kingdom Kids Begins

Oct. 4 Church Work Day

Oct. 9 Ladies Connect

Oct. 11 Missions Fair & Dinner

Oct. 25 Men's Breakfast & Flannelpalooza

Nov. 5 Red Cross Blood Drive

Nov. 8 Indelible Grace Concert

Nov. 15 Ladies to Hannah's Ranch

Nov. 26 Thanksgiving Service

Nov. 28 Christmas Decorating

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 **September** 2025 newsletter for ways to pray for our ministries and missionaries. Also, see our public prayer list to pray for congregational needs.

Goers:

- **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.
- **RUF WASH U - Tues. Sept. 23** - Come out and support one of the local RUF ministries at Wash U as they engage the next generation with the Gospel of Jesus Christ! There are a few ways you can help out: Provide a snack, come mingle with the students, or both! Use the QR code above to sign up and find more info.
- **Mission Gate Dinner —September 26, 2025**, at 6pm (reception), 7pm (program), at First Free Church (1375 Carman Rd.) Join them as they celebrate all that God has been doing through prison ministry. We have a table for 8 sponsored for this event. Please reach out to Chuck Barker, Local/National Missions Committee chair, for additional information.

Senders:

- **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.

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!
- **Forai (Friends of Refugees and Immigrants)** is hosting a Sip and Shop event at their new location, right here in **Kirkwood (211 S. Kirkwood Rd.) on October 24 from 6:30 – 8:30pm**. Trinity Church members have volunteered to walk alongside several women ministered to through this ministry. From visits, to grocery shopping together, to teaching ESL, “we have welcomed the stranger” with the love and power of the Gospel. Trinity has helped sponsor this event and we invite you join them. Tickets are \$10 and you can purchase at forai.org

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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