



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

September 7, 2025

WORSHIPING THE GOD OF HOLINESS

(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): Joan Kwong, Deborah Moen, Mickie and Emmy Schmidt

Liturgist: Mason Powell

Scripture Reader: Megan Hawley

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.
— I Cor. 13:13

"Hope is a propensity infused by God into the hearts of believers by means of the Word, whereby they patiently, actively, and with assurance anticipate future promised benefits..." — Wilhelm Brakel

"When we understand the character of God, when we grasp something of His holiness, then we begin to understand the radical character of our sin and hopelessness." — R.C. Sproul

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

A Prayer by Dr. Scotty Smith, "Apart from Jesus, this is Impossible"
from thegospelcoalition.org.

"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." Eph 4:32; "All of you, have... sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind." (1 Pet. 3:8)

Lord Jesus, as with all Scriptures, these verses make us think of you. No one is kinder and more tenderhearted than you. You are the fountainhead of grace and an ocean of forgiveness. What could be more revolutionary and needed?

You're not only merciful when we're in *"bruised reeds and smoldering wicks"* mode; you are altogether compassionate when we get self-absorbed, defensive, and act like spiritual orphans. You are firm with us, but never harsh; and all your reproofs are life-giving, never shame dispensing. First of all, thank you. Second of all, make us more like you, Jesus.

We live and work among strong opinions, diverse perspectives, and competing narratives. It's starting to heat up again. Because it will honor you, empower for extending your empathy, gentleness, and kindness to others. Help us lead with kindness, more so than with "rightness" and uptightness. We can risk offering a non-anxious presence because you are the Prince of Peace, and sovereign over every king, crisis, and crowd.

Continue to remind us we aren't as free as you intend or as peaceful as you desire, and certainly not as loving as we will be one Day. Jesus, fill our hearts with your beauty, our mouths with your praise, and our hands with your mercy. So Very Amen.

Song of Preparation

We Will Glorify

Twila Paris

♩=68

VERSE

D G A D G A D



1. We will glo - ri - fy the King of kings, we will glo - ri - fy the Lamb; We will
2. Lord Je - ho - vah reigns in maj - es - ty, we will bow be - fore His throne; We will
3. He is Lord of heav - en, Lord of earth, He is Lord of all who live; He is
4. Hal - le - lu - jah to the King of kings, hal - le - lu - jah to the Lamb; Hal - le -

5 G A A/C# Bm D/F# G D/A A⁷ D



glo - ri - fy the Lord of lords, Who — is the great I Am.
wor - ship Him in right - eous - ness, we will wor - ship Him a - lone.
Lord a - bove the u - ni - verse, all — praise to Him we give.
-lu - jah to the Lord of lords, Who — is the great I Am.

Call to Worship—Psalm 96 (Selected)

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

Leader: Bring an offering, and come into his courts!

People: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

Leader: Say among the nations,

All: "The Lord reigns!"

Leader: Now, O Lord of glory and holiness, come and dwell among us that we might worship you in Spirit and in truth!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

All Creatures of Our God and King

Orig. words (v.1-2) by St. Francis of Assisi. Music: 16th Century German tune. Add. Words by Jonathan Baird and Ryan

♩ = 76

VERSE

C Am

1. All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us
 2. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless and wor - ship Him in hum - ble -

4

F

sing, O__ praise Him! Al - le - lu - ia!
 ness. O__ praise Him! Al - le - lu - ia!

7

C Am

Thou, burn - ing sun with gold - en beam, thou, sil - ver moon with sof - ter
 Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spir - it, Three in

10

F C/E F

gleam, O__ praise Him! O__ praise Him! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 One!

14

Am G F D **VERSE** G F#m

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! 3. All the re - deemed washed by His blood,
 4. He shall re - turn in pow'r to reign,

20

Bm Em D G D

come and re - joice in His great love. O__ praise Him! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ has de - feat - ed ev - ery
 heav - en and earth will join to say, O__ praise Him! Al - le - lu - ia! Then who shall fall on bend - ed

25

G F#m Bm Em D G

sin, cast all your bur - dens now on Him. O__ praise Him! O__
 knee? All crea - tures of our God and King.

29

D/F# G Bm A G A/C#

praise Him! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

34

D Em D G

Only A Holy God

Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, Dustin Smith, and Rich Thompson

Bm D G D Bm D G D



Bm D G D Bm D G



1. Who else commands ___ all the hosts of heav-en? Who else could make-ev -ry king bow
 2. What oth-er beau-ty de -,ands such prais-es? What oth - er splendour out-shines the
 3. What oth-er glo-ry con-sumes like fi-re? What oth - er pow-er can raise the
 4. Who else could res-cue me from my fail-ing? Who else would of - fer His on - ly

D Bm D G D/F# G A D



9 down? Who else can whis-per and dark-ness trem-bles On - ly a Ho - ly God.
 sun? What oth - er maj - es - ty rules with just-ice? On - ly a Ho - ly God.
 dead? What oth - er name re - ,ains un - de - feat-ed/ On - ly a Ho - ly God.
 Son? Who else in - vites me to call Him Fa - ther? On - ly a Ho - ly God.
 5. (On-ly my Ho - ly God)

Bm G D A Bm G



14 Come and be - hold Him, the One and the On - ly. Cry out, sing Ho - ly, for

D A Bm G A Bm D G D



21 ev-er a Ho - ly God. Come and wor-ship the Ho - ly God

Bm D G D



To Verse

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*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Deuteronomy 30:15-20

The Way of Holiness

“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

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 14:25-27

Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

Corporate Prayer of Confession (to be prayed in unison)

O Lord and Father, we confess today that not only are we reticent to take up our cross for your sake, but we often don't even want to consider what that cross is. We confess that we prefer ease, happiness, avoiding difficult things, even sweeping our sins under the rug so that we need not draw too near to your holiness. Forgive us for this. Forgive us for believing the lie of our adversary the Devil, that teaches us not to go deep with you or open ourselves up to other believers as we journey through our lives. Restore us, O Lord. Renew us and give us a strength that comes not from within ourselves, but one that leans completely on you. Now, O Lord, hear our private prayers of confession...

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Acts 10:43

To him (Christ Jesus) all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for forgiving our sins through faith in 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**

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
Trinity Hymnal #521

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:



Sermon

"Becoming Children of Good News"

I Peter: 1:13-25

Sermon Series: I Peter

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

*Song of Response

There Is A Fountain

Words by William Cowper. Music: Early American Melody. Norton Hall Band

♩ = 78

3 *Piano Intro*

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is a foun-tain filled with blood drawn from Im man - nuel's veins; and_
 (2)dy - ing their re - joiced to see that foun - tain in his day; and_
 (3)dy - ing Lamb, thy pre - cious blood shall nev - er lose its pow'r, till_
 (4)since by faith I saw the stream thy flow - ing wounds sup - ply, re -
 9 (5)this poor lisp - ing stammering tongue lies sil - ent in the grave, then_

sin - ners, plunged be - neath that flood, lose all their guilt - y stains; lose_
 there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins a - way; washed
 all the ran-somed church of God be saved, to sin no more: be_
 deem - ing love has been my theme, and shall be till I die; and_
 13 in a nob - ler, sweet - er song, I'll sing thy pow'r to save; I'll_

all their guilt - y stains, lose all their guil - ty stains; and_
 all my sins a - way, washed all my sins a - way; and_
 saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more; till_
 shall be till I die, and shall be till I die; re -
 17 sing thy pow'r to save, I'll sing thy pow'r to save; then_

sin - ners, plunged be - neath that flood, lose all their guilt - y stains.
 there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins a - way.
 all the ran-somed church of God be saved to sin no more.
 deem - ing love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.
 21 in a nob - ler sweet - er song, I'll sing thy pow'r to save.

(piano line)

- (2)The _____
- (3)Dear _____
- (4)E'er _____
- (5)When _____

THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

***Sursum Corda**

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the LORD.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

People: It is good and right so to do.

***Confession of Faith**

Leader: Christian, in whom do you believe?

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**The third day He arose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right
hand of God the Father Almighty, whence He
shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen**

Words of Institution—1 Corinthians 11:23-29

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

Prayer of Consecration

The Giving of the Bread and Cup

Upon direction from the ushers, please come forward down the center aisle. After you receive the elements, please return to your seats via the side aisles. Please hold the elements until we are all able to partake together. After the service, please dispose of your used communion cup.

(Grape juice is in the purple cups and wine in the clear. The bread is gluten and nut free)

Communion Song (Ensemble)

O Come to the Altar

Steven Furtick, Chris Brown, Wade Joye, and Mack Brock

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Sending Song

Mighty God We Thank and Praise You

Wendell Kimbrough and Ludwig van Beethoven

Mighty God we thank and praise you for this meal, this Bread of Life;
Precious blood and body, broken, from your Son our Savior, Christ.
In these myst'ries you assure us we are members of your Son;
Heirs of your eternal Kingdom, with all faithful people, One.
Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen.

*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: Sweet, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: Moen, Kwong, Schmidts. CC: Oehlerking, Wagberg, Standerfer. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Oehlerking, Moen, Broughton, Barker. Nursery: Elzinga, Mitchell, Poe, Polski. SS: Pysar. CC: Steele, Polski, Schmidt.

Join us for lunch today! This is our final Community Sunday Lunch for 2025.

Ladies Connect TOMORROW at 7:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's home.

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

The Men are studying II Timothy this Wed. 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! Want to learn about upcoming events? See Jackson or Abby Roberts.

Singers: 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.

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.

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.

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:

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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. 7 Youth Nights resume
Sep. 8 Ladies Connect
Sep. 13 Sr High Apple Picking
Sep. 14 YA lunch @ 9 Mile Garden
Sep. 20 Party on the Lawn
Sep. 27 Men's Breakfast
Sep. 28 Kingdom Kids returns
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
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.
- **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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