

TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

April 19, 2026

WORSHIPING THE GOD OF STEADFAST LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS

(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, Emily Ridenhour, Cheryl Poe, Stella Hendricks

Liturgist: Mason Powell

Scripture Reader: Tim Moffitt

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Tom Schmidt

Welcome and Announcements

Missions Moment

Rev. Nate Taylor

Quotes and Reflection

Matthew 6:24 - "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

"As the messiahship of Christ involved two phases, a coming in humility to suffer and die, and a coming in power and glory to reign, so the kingdom is to be manifested in two realms: the present realm of righteousness or salvation when men may accept or reject the kingdom, and the future realm when the powers of the kingdom shall be manifested in visible glory." — G.E. Ladd

"When you hear the glad news that Christ is King, the thing to do is to submit to His rule. When you repent for your sins and believe in Jesus Christ, God establishes His rule in your heart." — Philip Ryken

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

(Excerpt from Ligonier Ministries)

The Monarchy Instituted - Deuteronomy 17:14-20

Following Joshua's initial conquest of Canaan and the period of the judges, the Israelites expressed their desire for a king (1 Sam. 8). This request was motivated by Israel's desire to be like the other nations who looked to a king to fight its battles (v. 20) rather than to the Lord who promised to wage war for the people (Ex. 14:14). The request for a king in Samuel's day was an implicit rejection of God as king (1 Sam. 8:7–9).

Importantly, the sin behind the people's request reveals why Samuel frowned upon it. The desire for a king over Israel was not itself inherently evil; the Lord has always been pleased to rule His people through a human vice-regent when they seek a king with pure motives. Deuteronomy 17:14–20 looks for Israel to have a king — a king whom God Himself chooses (vv. 14–15).

The type of king God desires is defined in this passage. First, the king must be an Israelite, not a foreigner (v. 15). This would help prevent Israel from becoming subservient to another empire and guard against the introduction of false gods by outsiders. The concern to prevent idolatry is also behind the warning for the king not to take many wives who would turn his heart away from the Creator (v. 17). Unfortunately, Solomon's own life demonstrated the wisdom of this stipulation (1 Kings 11:1–8). The king must also not seek excessive military might in the form of horses or excessive luxury in the form of silver and gold (Deut. 17:16–17).

Since ancient Near Eastern kings were honored according to the size of their armies, treasuries, and harems, we can see how the king of Israel was to be most unlike the kings of pagan nations. Israel's king was to be subservient to God's law (vv. 18–20).

Song of Preparation

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Dawn Rodgers and Eric Wyse

C F/C C Dm/C C C/E

1. Won - der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, pre - cious Re -
 2. Coun - se - lor, Com - fort - er, Keep - er, Spir - it we
 3. Al - might - y, in - fi - nite Fa - ther, faith - ful - ly

6 F C/E Dm G^{sus} G E/G# Am Am/G F

- deem - er and _____ Friend; _____ Who would have thought that a Lamb
 long to em - brace; _____ You of - fer hope when our hearts
 lov - ing Your own; _____ Here in our weak - ness You find

12 C/G G^{7sus} E/G# Am F F/A C/G

could res - cue the souls of men? Oh, _____ You res - cue the
 have hope - less - ly lost the way. Oh, _____ we hope - less - ly
 us fall - ing be - fore Your throne. Oh, _____ were fall - ing be -

CHORUS

18 Fmaj⁷/G G⁷ F/C G/C C G/B Am Am/G F

souls of men. _____ You are the One that we praise, _____
 lost the way. _____
 -fore Your throne. _____

24 G E/G# Am Am/G F G E/G# Am

_____ You are the One we a - dore. _____ You give the

30 C/G F C/G G^{7sus} E/G# Am F F/A

heal - ing and grace our hearts al - ways hun - ger for, oh, _____ our

37 C/G Fmaj⁷/G G⁷ C C^{2sus} C F/C

hearts al - ways hun - ger for. _____

Call to Worship—Psalm 117:1-2

Leader: Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!

People: For great is his steadfast love toward us.

Leader: And the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

All: Praise the LORD!

Leader: Now, O God, pour out your steadfast love on us, remind us of your faithfulness, and help us to worship you!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

The Lord Is My Salvation

Keith Getty Kristyn Getty, Nathan Nockles, and Jonas Myrin. Arr. by Dustin Loehrs

F#m D ESus E F#m D ESus E

1. The grace of God has reached for_ me, And pulled me from the rag - ing sea.
 2. I will not fear when dark - ness falls, His strength will help me scale these walls.
 3. My hope is hid - den in the_ Lord, He flow'rs each pro - mise of His Word.
 4. In times of wait - ing, times of_ need, When I know loss, when I am weak.

4 D/F# E/G# A A/C# D Bm7 E 1.3. D/A E/A

And I am safe on this sol - id ground: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.
 I'll see the dawn of the ris - ing sun: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.
 When win - ter fades, I know spring will come: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.
 I know His grace will re - new these days: The Lord is my sal - va -

8 2.4. Refrain D/AE/A A E D A/C# E D A/C#

tion. Who is like the_ Lord our God? Strong to save, faith - ful in love. My

13 F#m E/G# A A/C# DA/C# Bm7 E 1. [to verse] 2. D/A E/A D/A E/A

debt is paid and the vic - tory won: The Lord is my sal - va - tion. tion.

F#m D Esus E F#m D Esus E

5. And when I reach my fi - nal_ day, He will not leave me in the grave.

D/F# E/G# A A/C# D Bm7 E D/A E/A A

But I will rise, He will call me home: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.

Refrain
E D A/C# E D A/C#

Who is like the_ Lord our God? Strong to save, faith - ful in love. My

F#m E/G# A A/C# D A/C# Bm7 E A **Bridge**

debt is paid and the vic - tory won; The Lord is my sal - va - tion. Glo - ry

D A/C# E/G# F#m D A/C# E

be to God, the Fa - ther, - Glo - ry be to God, the Son, - Glo - ry

D A/C# C#m F#m Bm7 Esus A A

be to God, the Spi - rit; - The Lord is our sal - va - tion. Glo - ry

Goodness of God

Words and Music by Jenn Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Ben Fielding and Brian Johnson

♩=63

VERSE

A

D

1. I love _ You, Lord. ____
2. I love _ Your voice.) ____

Oh, Your mer - cy nev - er fails .
You have led me through the fi -

3

A

E/G#

F#m7

D

me.
re.

All _ my days ____
In dark - est night, ____

I've been held in _ Your hands. .
You are close like _ no oth -

5

E(4)

F#m7

D

- er.

From the mo - ment that I wake up
I've known You as a fa - ther,

un - til I lay
I've known You as

7

A

E/G# F#m7

D

E(4)

A

my head,
a friend.

I _ will sing _
I _ have lived _

of the good - ness
in the good - ness
of God. _
of God. _

CHORUS

10

D²


A

D²

All my life _ You have _ been faith - ful.

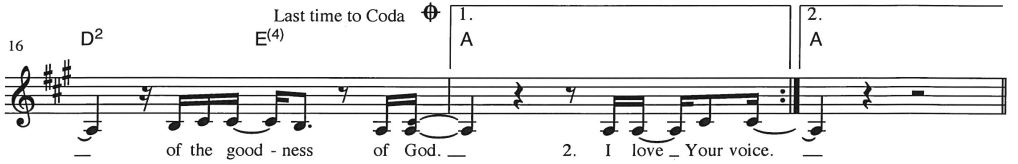
All my life _ You have _ been so, .

13 A E⁽⁴⁾ D² A E/G# F#m⁷



— so good. With ev-'ry breath _ that I _ am a - ble I _ will sing.

16 D² E⁽⁴⁾ Last time to Coda Φ 1. A 2. A



— of the good - ness of God. _ 2. I love _ Your voice. _

19 BRIDGE A/C# D² E⁽⁴⁾ A



Your good - ness is run - ning af - ter, it's run - ning af - ter me. _

21 A/C# D² E⁽⁴⁾ A



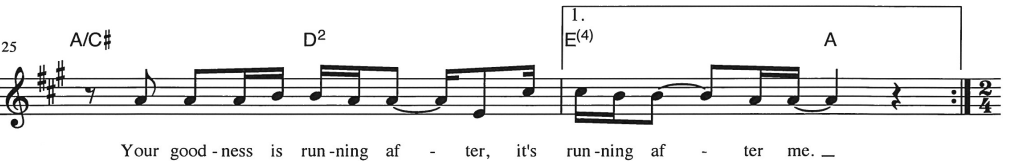
Your good - ness is run - ning af - ter, it's run - ning af - ter me. _ With my life _

23 A/C# D² E⁽⁴⁾ F#m⁷



_ laid down, _ I'm sur - ren - dered now; _ I give _ You ev - 'ry - thing. _

25 A/C# D² 1. E⁽⁴⁾ A



Your good - ness is run - ning af - ter, it's run - ning af - ter me. _

27 2. E⁽⁴⁾ A D.S. al Coda



run - ning af - ter me. _

30 F#m⁷ D² E⁽⁴⁾ A



_ I _ will sing _ of the good - ness of God. _

*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 11:32-40

Faith in Action

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— of whom the world was not worthy— wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

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— 2 Peter 3:8-12

But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn!

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—

2 Peter 3:13-15a

But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. And count the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for patience!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, and Rich Thompson. Arr. by Dan Galbraith



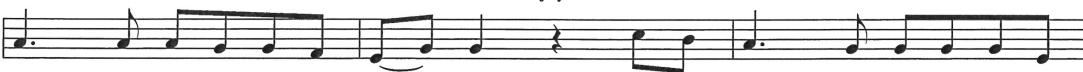
What gift of grace is Je sus my Re - deem - er There is no
The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en. for by my
No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en, the fu - ture
With ev - 'ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for he has



more for heav - en now to give. He is my joy. my right-eous-ness and
side the Sav - ior, he will stay. I la - bor on in weak-ness and re -
sure, the price, it has been paid. For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my
said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know he will re -



free - dom, my stead-fast love, my deep and bound - less peace. To this I
joic - ing, for in my need, His pow - er is dis-played. To this I
par - don, and he was raised to o - ver-throw the grave. To this I
new me un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne. To this I



hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. For my life is whol - ly bound to
hold: my Shep-herd will de - fe - nd me, Through the deep - est val - ly he will
hold: my sin has been de - feat - ted. Je - sus now, and ev - er, is my
hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. All the glo - ry ev - er - more to



his. Oh how strange and di - vine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not
lead. Oh the night has been won and I shall o - ver-come! Yet not
plea. Oh the chains are re - leased, I can sing: I am free! Yet not
him. When the race is com-plete, still my lips shall re - peat: Yet not



I, but through Christ in me.
I, but through Christ in me.
I, but through Christ in me.
I, but through Christ in me.

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)

We Are Yours Forever

Keaton Bunting, Bob Kauflin, and David Zimmer

O God, when You spoke into darkness, and said, "Let there be," and it was
You made us the crown of creation to share in Your love
And when we rejected Your goodness to follow our foolish desires
You knew that one day You'd redeem us through one sacrifice

*Oh, what a love You have lavished on us
To call us Your children, daughters and sons
One with the Savior, bought by His blood
We are Yours forever*

By grace You have made us Your family; We're kept in Your kindness and care
With boldness we know we can bring You each burden we bear
And though we are longing to see You; Your Spirit within testifies
That we are adopted and treasured, 'til faith becomes sight (Chorus)

What now can separate us from the hope You gave us
We will be like Christ our King; We are Yours forever
What now can separate us from the hope You gave us
We will be like Christ our King; We are Yours forever (Chorus)

Sermon

"One Nation Under God?"

2 Samuel 1-11

Sermon Series, 2 Samuel

Mr. Clark Emerson

*Song of Response

The Church's One Foundation

Words by Samuel Stone. Music by Brian Moss

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of four staves of music. Above the first staff are the chords E, E/G#, A, Bsus, and B. Above the second staff are E, E/G#, A, Bsus, and B. Above the third staff are F#m, E/G#, A, Bsus, and B. Above the fourth staff are E, E/G#, A, B, and E. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words underlined. The first line of lyrics is: "1. The church's one foundation, is Jesus Christ her Lord, She lect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth; Her". The second line is: "is His new creation, by wa-ter and the Word. From char-ter of sal-va-tion, by one Lord, one faith, one birth; One". The third line is: "heaven He came and sought her, to be His ho-ly bride; With ho-ly Name and she bless-es, par-takes one ho-ly food, And". The fourth line is: "His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died, 2. E - to one hope she press-ure, with eve-ry grace en-dued".

3. Though with a scornful wonder,
Men see her sore oppressed
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed
Yet saints their watch are keeping,
Their cry goes up "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping,
Shall be the morn of song

5. Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation,
Of peace for evermore
Till with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blest
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest

4. The church shall never perish,
Her dear Lord to defend
To guide, sustain and cherish,
Is with her to the end
Though there be those that hate her,
And false sons in her pale
Against a foe or traitor,
She ever shall prevail

6. Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won
O happy ones and holy,
Lord gives us grace that we
Like them the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee.

*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): Amy Mitchell (please report to the toddler nursery directly following the service)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Psalms-Ruling Elders, Jim Talent & Fielding Poe (Room 110)

The Psalms are one of the most unique books in the Old Testament. They are poetic outpourings of the heart to God, and they show that He is, and always has been, a personal God who hears and responds to the deepest yearnings of His people. Come join us for a brief overview of the book itself, and then stay with us as we work through some of the most cherished psalms in this most cherished part of the Word of God. You will come away with a better understanding of our great Father and how we can relate to Him.

Living Faithfully in a Divided Age – Rick Wojick (Room 111)

We live in a time of division. It shows up not just between churches, ethnic groups and political parties ... but also inside of them. We are surprised by how our fellow believers reacted to COVID, the recent elections, cancel culture, and racial tensions. We are conflicted about how to respond both publicly and privately. This is not the first time in history God's people faced living in a divided age. Some 3000 years ago in Israel, sins by national leaders, a corrupt and corrosive government, a contested national election, and growing tribalism split the kingdom apart into two nations under God. How did this change happen so rapidly? What were the root causes of this national tragedy? What lessons can we learn from this Game of Thrones and apply to our current situation and our own lives? We will examine the fall of King Solomon and the reign of King Jeroboam based on their accounts found in 1 Kings 11-14. We will attempt to answer the question: *How can we live faithfully in a divided age?*

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: Sweet, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: Elzinga, Ridenhour, Poe, Hendricks. SS: Mitchell. CC: Mitchell, Polski, Hawley. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Oehlerking, Moen, Hayes, Barker. Nursery: Linenbroker, Highmark, Bava, Standerfer. SS: Pysar. CC: Waldrons, Goldstein.

Does your family enjoy the snacks after worship? If so, please **consider volunteering to bring a snack** some Sunday. Sign up using the QR code, your weekly email, or on Church Center.

Men's Bible Study meets this Wed. at 6:15pm or Fri. at 6:30am.

The **Women's Bible studies** meet Wed. at 9am or 6:15pm.

Ladies Connect meets Thur., Apr. 23 at 6:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's home.

The next **Men's Breakfast** is **Sat., May 9** from 8-9:30am.

Sr. & Jr. High Youth Ministry: Sundays from 6-8pm.

Sign up today for our first "Worship in the Round" on Sat., Apr. 25th. Worship in the round is a unique and intimate way to experience praise and connection. Instead of facing the stage, we will sit in a circle, facing each other, creating a sense of unity and shared participation in worshipping our Savior. We will also have the privilege of partaking of the Lord's Supper in this intimate setting. The theme is "Let All That is In Me Adore Him." We hope you'll join us for this special evening!

Kingdom Kids meets next Sunday (4/26)
4:45-6:15. Kids come enjoy games, Bible lessons, and music!

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

Apr. 23 Ladies Connect

Apr. 25 Worship in the Round

Apr. 26 Kingdom Kids

May 5 Community Sunday Potluck Lunch

May 9 Men's Breakfast

May 13 Women's Bible Study Dinner

May 14 Robinson Food Pantry

May 16 Young Adults @ Cards Game

May 17 Youth End of Semester Party

May 31 Promotion Sunday

Global Mission News
Featuring Team Taylor Glasgow
Nate and Erin Taylor

Nate Taylor is a church planter. He and Erin were originally members of Trinity Church and Nate served as Associate Pastor at Trinity for 6 years. They have 3 children – Ruby, Lucy and Ollie. The Taylors are MTW missionaries who live and serve in an area of Glasgow, Scotland called Bearsden.

The denomination that the Taylors are serving in partnership with is the Free Church of Scotland, which has a vision of starting 30 new churches by 2030. Following this vision, the Taylors helped gather a core group and launched public worship services in April 2025. The church's name is Crossbridge Church. Their vision for the church is to be a place of connection just like the cross creates a bridge that changes our lives. Crossbridge's goal is to *Connect Jesus to People, People to Community, and Community to Joyful Service.*

Currently they are on Home Ministry Assignment (HMA) from January 2026 to the beginning of August 2026. MTW requires it every 5 years so that their missionaries can reconnect with supporters, report in-person on what God has been doing in our overseas ministry, re-establish support for another term of 5 years, and debrief with MTW to make sure we are healthy to return. While on HMA, the Taylors are looking to raise an additional \$1,500/mo in new support as well as \$30,000 in one-time giving so they can apply for their next visa (indefinite leave to remain) when they return to Scotland in August.

Please be in prayer for Crossbridge while the Taylors are away, and for the Taylors as they travel and share updates Stateside.

Nate, Erin and the kids plan to be in the St. Louis area between mid-April to mid-June. They are looking forward to sharing stories about the joy, struggles, and challenges of church planting in Scotland.

CATECHISM QUESTION
OF THE WEEK

Q. 28. What does Christ's exaltation consist of?

A. Christ's exaltation consists of his rising again from the dead on the third day, ascending to heaven, sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and coming to judge the world on the last day.

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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