



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

May 31, 2026

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.



WORSHIPING THE GOD OF INCOMPREHENSIBLE 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): Kimberly Linenbroker, Barb Schlitt, Alyce Bava, Maggie Linenbroker, Tom Schmidt

Liturgist: Mitchell Dixon

Scripture Reader: Jerome Merritt

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Jim Bava

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

“The holiness of God is not simply the best and noblest we know, infinitely bettered. We know nothing like the divine holiness. It stands apart, unique, unapproachable, incomprehensible and unattainable.”

— A. W. Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy*

“There is a kind of religious irreverence that comes not from hostility to God but from assuming too much upon Him.”

— D. A. Carson

“Familiarity with holy things breeds contempt when the heart is not gripped by the majesty of God.”

— Sinclair Ferguson

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

R.C. Sproul, A Consuming Fire from Ligonier.org

The burning bush has been a significant symbol throughout the history of the church, and for good reason. In the account of Moses and the burning bush, we see God's self-revelation. God appeared to Moses and provided an all-important disclosure: His everlasting, covenant name, Yahweh. The burning bush, as a symbol, signifies an encounter with the transcendent God and His divine revelation.

The account of the burning bush is a story about the holiness of God. What happened at the burning bush was a theophany—a visible manifestation of the invisible God. Moses' attention was caught by something mysterious. He saw a bush that was burning but not consumed. As Moses drew near to the bush, God spoke, telling him, "Take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground" (Ex. 3:5). The ground was holy not because of the presence of Moses but rather because of the presence of God. It was holy ground because at that point, an intersection between heaven and earth occurred. God Himself appeared, through the manifestation of His presence in the bush.

One of the church's biggest problems is that we don't understand who God is. But in that one revelation—the theophany in which God appeared to Moses—the transcendent majesty of God was partially unveiled. What had been invisible became visible through the theophany. Part of our problem is that when something is out of sight, it's out of mind. But from time to time throughout biblical history, God manifests Himself to human eyes. God manifested Himself at the burning bush, and it was earth-shattering.

We talk theologically about the transcendence of God and the immanence of God. On the one hand, God is not a part of the created order. He's above and beyond. That's what we mean by transcendent.

And yet He is not remote. Aristotle thought of God as a do-nothing king who reigns but doesn't rule. His god is uninvolved with the affairs of human beings. But God is not like that. He is immanent, meaning He is close by. He's immanent in that He manifests Himself in the created order. He's immanent through the presence of the Holy Spirit and ultimately by virtue of the incarnation of Christ.

Scripture describes God as an all-consuming fire, which refers to His transcendent majesty (Deut. 4:24; Heb. 12:29). But He entered into communion with His creatures in the garden of Eden. In that original fellowship, prior to the fall, Adam and Eve delighted when God walked in the cool of the evening. They couldn't wait to enjoy His presence. But after the fall, if there had been no grace from God, then there would have been only judgment, and we would be without hope.

The whole Bible is the story of God's stooping and condescending to His embarrassed, frightened, fugitive people who hide ourselves because we know that we are naked and are ashamed. And the first act of redemption in the Bible is that God stooped down and covered our first parents' shame (Gen. 3:21). He covered Adam and Eve's sin, fashioning for them tunics of animal skin.

The redemption motif from Genesis to Revelation is a covering. It's a covering because in our fallen condition we are naked before God. We're unclothed, and we require a covering that is acceptable to Him. By nature, other creatures have their covering that was provided by God. Birds have feathers. Other animals have their hides. But we need artificial covers and clothing. That in itself bears witness to our universal need for a covering. Even in the Old Testament sacrificial system, the throne of God in the Holy of Holies was covered with blood, which represented covering the sin of the people. The New Testament speaks of exchanging our filthy rags for the righteousness of Christ. The imagery we get in the New Testament is that we are covered, we are clothed, with the righteousness of Christ (Rom. 4:7–8; 2 Cor. 5:21).

Another familiar story in the Old Testament is Isaiah's vision of the Lord. Like Moses, Isaiah experienced the transcendence and immanence of the Lord:

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." (Isa. 6:1–7)

Whether this vision occurred in the earthly temple or in the heavenly temple, one of the pieces of sacred furniture was the altar of incense. The altar of incense symbolized the prayers of God's people. And on the altar were coals, which God used to depict Isaiah's unholiness. When Isaiah saw God lifted up in His majesty, he immediately became aware of the dreadful contrast between himself and God. He cried out, "I am a man of unclean lips!" He cried out because his eyes had seen the Lord of hosts.

Isaiah realized who he truly was as soon as he realized who God is. He realized he was unclean. But we all, Isaiah realized, are filthy as well. And so to purify Isaiah for his mission, God dispatched a seraph to bring a burning coal from the altar and place it on Isaiah's lips. It wasn't for punishment; it was for purging. It was to make the unclean clean.

Just like Moses at the burning bush, Isaiah must have been terrified by his experience. Augustine said self-consciousness carries with it an immediate awareness of one's finitude. As soon as we are aware of ourselves, we know that we are not God and we know that we are subject to God. John Calvin said that we don't really understand who we are until we understand who God is; we don't first understand God until we encounter ourselves.

Calvin goes on to say that in our fallen condition we tend to think more highly of ourselves than we ought. We observe each other, and we judge ourselves according to earthly standards. We can always find someone who is more corrupt than we are, or at least who appears to be. But when we lift our gaze to heaven and consider who God is, then we are reduced to dread. We don't measure up to the standard He demands.

The Lord is holy, high and lifted up. He is a consuming fire. And if not for His grace, we would be consumed. This is still true for us today: if not for the covering of Christ's righteousness, if not for the purging of our filthiness, we would be consumed. But God in His grace has condescended to make it possible for us to stand in His presence through Christ and live. What Moses experienced at the burning bush is what God's people experience today: a holy, transcendent, all-consuming God who comes down to dwell with His people. He knows us.

Song of Preparation

O Great God

Bob Kauflin

♩=72

INTRO

B♭ F Gm⁷ F/E♭ B♭/D B♭ E♭ F^{sus} F



1. O great

VERSE 1 & 2

6 B♭ E♭/F B♭ Cm B♭/D E♭ B♭ E♭/F



God of high-est heav'n, oc-cu-py my low-ly heart. Own it all and reign su-
 (2.) blind-ed by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice, did not know Your love with-

11 B♭ Cm F^{sus} F B♭ F Gm F/E♭ B♭ F



-preme, con-quer ev-'ry re-bel pow'r. Let no vice or sin re-main that re-
 -in, had no taste for heav-en's joys. Then Your Spir-it gave me life, o-pened

16 Gm⁷ E♭ F^{sus} F E♭²/G F/A B♭ B♭/D



-sists Your ho-ly war. You have loved and pur-chased me, make me
 up Your word to me through the gos-pel of Your Son, gave me

1. INSTRUMENTAL 1

2.

20 E♭ F^{sus} F B♭ F Gm⁷ Cm F^{sus} F E♭/F B♭ F



Yours for-ev-er more.
 end-less hope — and

2. I was peace.

31 E^b F^{sus} F G^{sus} G G^{sus} C F⁶ C Dm C/E

3. Help me now to live a life that's de - pen - dent on Your

36 F C/G F⁶ C/E Dm G^{sus} G C G

grace. Keep my heart and guard my soul from the e - vils that — I face. You are

41 Am G/F C G Am⁷ F G^{sus} G F²/A G/B

wor - thy to be praised with my ev - 'ry thought and deed. O great God of high - est

46 C C/E F G^{sus} G

1.	C	G
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2.	C	G
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heav'n, glo - ri - - fy Your Name — through me. You are me.

Call to Worship— Psalm 29 (Selected)

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

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

Leader: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

People: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

All: May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Trinity Hymnal #295

I See the Lord

Chris Falson

♩ = 80

D A/C# Em D/F# G

I see the Lord seated on the throne ex -

4 Asus A D A/C# Em D/F#

alt - ed, and the train of His robe fills the tem - ple with

7 G E7/G# D/A Em7/A

glo - ry; And the whole earth is filled, and the

11 D/A Em7/A Bm7 Gmaj7

whole earth is filled, and the whole earth is filled with His

15 Em/G D D Em/D D

glo - ry. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,

20 Em7/D Bm7 D/F# G

Asus	A
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Asus	A	D
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ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord. Lord of lords.

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 6:1-7

Isaiah Encounters the Holiness of God

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

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— Job 4:1-3

And the Lord said to Job: "Shall a fault finder contend with the Almighty? He who argues with God, let him answer it." Then Job answered the Lord and said: "Behold, I am of small account; what shall I answer you? I lay my hand on my mouth. I have spoken once, and I will not answer; twice, but I will proceed no further."

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Exodus 34:6-7

The Lord passed before Moses and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for His steadfast mercies!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

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*

Promotion Ceremony

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer



Tithes and Offerings

There is no children's church on the 5th Sunday of the month

If you would like to give your tithe online, scan your camera phone here:



Offertory Song (Ensemble) *Holy God We Praise Thy Name*

Andrea Thomas, Clarence A. Walworth, Corrie Marre, Greg Bourdreaux, and Shawn Williams

Holy God, we praise thy name!
Lord of all, we bow before thee!
All on Earth thy sceptre claim,
All in Heav'n above adore thee;
Infinite thy vast domain,
Everlasting is thy reign.

Hark! the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising!
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord;
Holy, holy, holy, Lord!

Sermon

"David and the Ark"

2 Samuel 6:1-5

Sermon Series, 2 Samuel

Dr. Aaron Goldstein

*Song of Response

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 splendor 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)

1. Bm G D A Bm G
 2, 3, 4.

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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*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.

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

Summer Sunday School on Christian Spiritual Formation

Pastor Polski will be leading a six week summer Sunday School series on the topic of *Christian Spiritual Formation*. He will be covering topics such as 1) Being Image Bearers of God, 2) Christian Spirituality 3) Union with Christ, 4) The Ordinary Means of Grace, 5) Uniquely Reformational Spiritual Disciplines, and 6) The Careful Balance of Rest and Work. Unfortunately, there will be no other children's or youth Sunday School classes simultaneously available this summer. The class will meet on June 14, 28 and July 12, 19 & 26.

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: Linenbrokers, Schlitt, Bava. SS: Broughton. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: McCall, Goldstein, Manwaring, Hendricks, Pysar. CC: Doiron, Hendricks, Kwong.

Summer Co-Ed Bible Study on Titus: Join Pastor Polski for a Co-Ed Summer Bible Study on the book of Titus. For the first three Wednesday nights of June (6/3, 6/10, 6/17) and July (7/1, 7/15) at 6:15pm, Pastor Polski will walk us through the book of Titus, providing exegetical and practical insights into topics like sound doctrine, Godly leadership, Christian character, good works, grace, healthy church order and the Christian's witness to the world. Come on your own, with your spouse, or bring a friend. Anyone in Junior High or up is welcome!

Ladies, you are invited to tea on Wed., June 3 at 10:30am at the home of Debbie Highmark. We are excited to spend time with special guest and missionary, Erin Taylor. Please RSVP to Debbie. Also be sure to mark your calendars for a **brunch on July 11th!**

Community Sunday potluck lunches will take place NEXT SUNDAY, then on 7/5 and 8/2. These are an opportunity to share food, and good times together. Bring a dish (no-dessert) that serves 8-10. Water, juice boxes, chips, cookies, plates and utensils provided. You may want to bring a blanket or lawn chair if eating outside.

Mark your calendar: Worship in the Round on July 8th at 6pm.

Kingdom Kids and Youth Group are combining TODAY for fun with water games from 4:45-6:15pm.

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:](#)



TRINITY CONNECT

Are you new to Trinity? Perhaps you have been around awhile and are considering membership. Join us for our Trinity Connect class on Fri., Jun. 5 from 5:30-7:30pm (dinner included) and Jun. 6 from 9-11am. Come learn about the ministries at Trinity, our history, and more about our denomination. While this class does not commit you to membership, it is a pre-requisite. Let us know you are coming via the QR code or on Church Center. Please let us know if you will need childcare.



Local Mission News
Featuring Reach Reproductive Health
Care With Connection
Levi Hart, CEO

Who We Are:

At Reach Reproductive Healthcare, we're here to provide free, safe, and confidential pre-abortion care when you need it most. We're dedicated to supporting women and their partners with the information, resources, and support they need to make confident decisions about their futures.

Our holistic, non-judgmental approach ensures that every woman feels seen, heard, and cared for—not just in this moment, but as the whole person you are.

Why We Exist:

At Reach Reproductive Health, we understand that an unexpected pregnancy can bring a mix of emotions, questions, and uncertainties. That's why we exist—to walk alongside you and provide the support you need to make the best decision for yourself, without pressure or judgment.

We believe that every woman deserves clarity, confidence, and compassionate care when making choices that impact her body and her life ahead. Our services are designed to provide real support, not just generic answers, in a warm and welcoming environment.

Reach is more than a clinic; we are partners in care who recognize that pregnancy decisions impact every part of your life—your relationships, goals, and well-being. Our goal is to help you navigate this decision with knowledge, resources, and support so that you can make the most empowered decision possible.

Reach is having a milestone moment:

We're celebrating our first University of Parenting graduating class!

We have a large, beautiful space at Chaminade's theater, and we'd love to pack it out for these grads. A few of them will be sharing personal testimony, and we would love for you to hear what your prayers and investments are doing.

A head count will be helpful — **please register at outreachforlife.org/events**

CATECHISM QUESTION
OF THE WEEK

Q. 37. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

A. The souls of believers at their death are made perfect in holiness and immediately pass into glory; their bodies, being still united to Christ, rest in their graves until the resurrection.

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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