

TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

June 21, 2026

WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO DOES GREAT AND AWESOME THINGS!

(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): Deborah Moen, Jessica Hendricks, Mickie and Emmy Schmidt

Liturgist: Dr. Aaron Goldstein

Scripture Reader: Mary Berardi

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

Welcome and Announcements

Missions Moment

Harambe (Restore St. Louis)

Quotes and Reflection

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. — 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

"One way to get comfort is to plead the promise of God in prayer, show Him His handwriting; God is tender of His Word." — Thomas Manton

"God's hearing of our prayers doth not depend upon sanctification, but upon Christ's intercession; not upon what we are in ourselves, but what we are in the Lord Jesus; both our persons and our prayers are acceptable in the beloved (Eph. 1.6)." — Thomas Brooks

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

3 Ways to Have a Better Prayer Life - Rev. Adriel Sanchez (Ligonier)

I don't think I've ever met a Christian who was completely satisfied with his prayer life. You might know what it's like: you try to pray, but it feels as if the words disintegrate before hitting the ceiling, and you start to wonder, "Is God listening, or am I talking to myself?" Then there's that awful sluggishness. We try to stay up and pray, but like the disciples, no sooner do we shut our eyes and begin, "Dear Lord," before the words hit us like a Benadryl. Or we might find ourselves distracted by tomorrow's cares, and what begins as a petition soon becomes a mental conversation with a coworker. Alas, discouragement sets in: Why am I so bad at praying?

The truth is, we often make things harder than they need to be. Think of prayer as an exercise. You're not always going to feel like praying, and some workouts are more satisfying than others. In exercise, consistency yields results, but you need to make sure you have proper form and realistic expectations. Here are a few simple tips for strengthening the muscle of prayer.

First, repent. God isn't interested in pretend petitions that serve as attempts to cover rebellious hearts. It's no coincidence that before Jesus taught His disciples the Lord's Prayer in the Sermon on the Mount, He gave a series of instructions on how not to pray. To summarize, Jesus warned against being hypocritical and being superstitious (Matt. 6:5-8). Sometimes we use prayer as a mask to hide behind. We say the right words while our hearts are in the wrong place. Prayer is never a means of justifying ourselves before God, nor is it a way of showing off before other Christians. God sees through duplicitous prayers. Nothing dries up the stream of prayer like living in sin. Before you commune with God in prayer, take time to confess your sins to Him. You might just find that the prayer-block you've been experiencing can be traced to your hands.

Next, remember who God is. The Lord's Prayer begins with the words, "Our Father in heaven." In the Greek New Testament, the word "Father" comes first. The right to call God "Father" doesn't belong to all people, but only to those who have been adopted into the family of God through the work of Jesus Christ. Paul said, "For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!'" (Rom. 8:15). Remember that the privileged access you have to the Father came through Jesus the Son. What a marvelous path Jesus has paved for sinners to call upon the Holy One with confidence (see Heb. 4:16). Remembering what God has done helps us rest in our identity as His beloved children and gives us the assurance that He not only tolerates our prayers, but He wants to listen to them as a good father attends to the cries of his kids (Matt. 7:11).

Finally, repeat. You'll never develop a consistent prayer life if you only pray when you're forced to, or when you feel like it. Developing a habit of prayer means purposing to come to God every day, perhaps even at set times, to pray. While vain repetitions are forbidden by Jesus, repetition itself is not condemned. Remember how Jesus commended the persistent widow, with her "continual coming" (Luke 18:5). Knock on the gates of heaven with your prayers as though you were intending to beat them down. When you grow discouraged, remember what John said: "And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us" (1 John 5:14).

Are you praying for God's will to be done in your life, that He might sanctify you, and mold you more into the image of Jesus? Take heart—your knocks will not go unanswered, your requests won't be withheld. That Jesus taught His disciples to pray for "today's bread" means that He expects to hear from you today, each day (Matt. 6:11).

Song of Preparation

God Is So Good

Chords: Eb, Bb, Bb7, Eb

1. God is so good, God is so good,
2. He cares for me, He cares for me,
3. I love Him so, I love Him so,
4. I praise His name, I praise His name,

Chords: Eb, Eb7, Ab, Fm7/C Abm/Cb, Eb/Bb, Bb7, Eb

God is so good, He's so good to me!
He cares for me, He's so good to me!
I love Him so, He's so good to me!
I praise His Name, He's so good to me!

Call to Worship— Psalm 99:1-3

Leader: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

People: He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

Leader: The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

People: Let them praise your great and awesome name!

All: Holy is he!

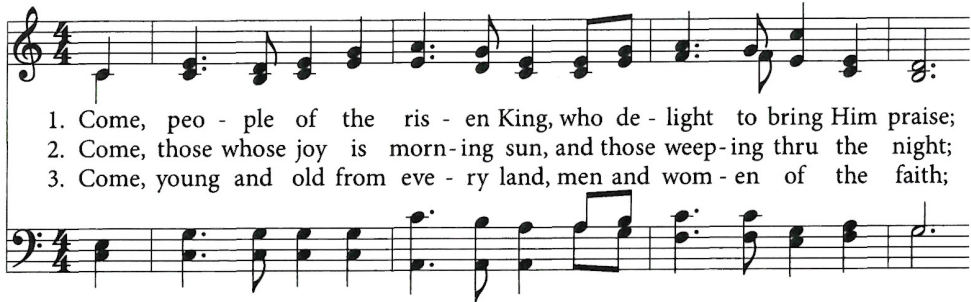
Leader: Now, O God, remind us of the great and awesome things that you have done. Help us to see them and worship you!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

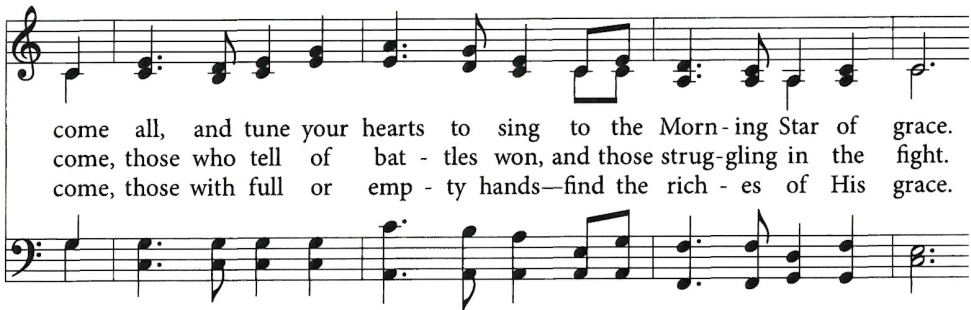
*Songs of Adoration

Come, People of the Risen King

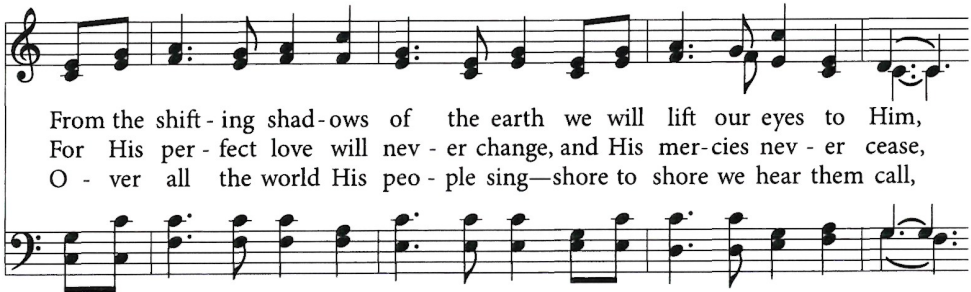
Words and Music by Keith and Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend



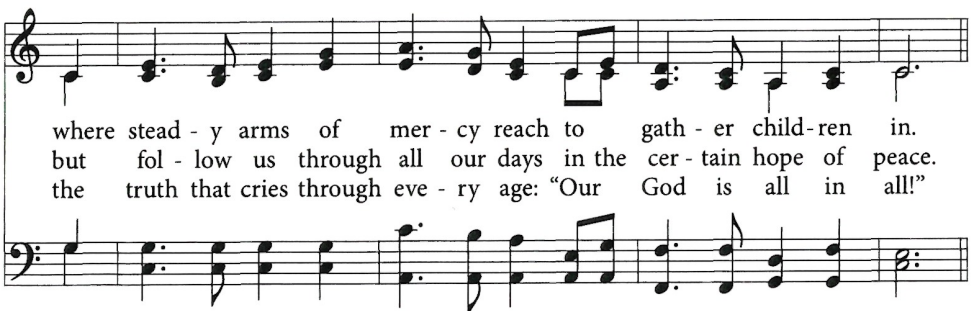
1. Come, peo - ple of the ris - en King, who de - light to bring Him praise;
2. Come, those whose joy is morn - ing sun, and those weep - ing thru the night;
3. Come, young and old from eve - ry land, men and wom - en of the faith;



come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morn - ing Star of grace.
come, those who tell of bat - tles won, and those strug - gling in the fight.
come, those with full or emp - ty hands—find the rich - es of His grace.



From the shift - ing shad - ows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,
For His per - fect love will nev - er change, and His mer - cies nev - er cease,
O - ver all the world His peo - ple sing—shore to shore we hear them call,



where stead - y arms of mer - cy reach to gath - er child - ren in.
but fol - low us through all our days in the cer - tain hope of peace.
the truth that cries through eve - ry age: "Our God is all in all!"



Re - joice! Re - joice! Let eve - ry tongue re - joice!



One heart, one voice; O church of Christ, re - joice!

Behold Our God

Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird, and Stephen Altrogge

1-15 C **VERSE** Em C Em

1. Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand?
 2. Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of His words?
 3. Who has felt the nails upon His hands, bearing all the guilt of sinful man?

5 C Em C

Kings and nations tremble at his voice. All creation
 Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fathom
 God eternal, humbled to the grave, Jesus, Savior,

8 Em7 G **CHORUS** C G/B Am F

rises to rejoice. Behold our God, seated on His throne. Come, let us
 adore Him. Behold our King, nothing can compare, come, let us adore Him!

13 C G C G/B Am F C G C

dore Him. Behold our King, nothing can compare, come, let us adore Him!

19 Em C Em 2.F2 Em F2 G 3.C **FINE**

Him!

Him!

BRIDGE C F/C C F/C Am7

Men: You will reign forever. You will reign forever. You will reign forever.
 Women: Let Your glory fill the earth. Let Your glory fill the earth. Let Your

F Am7 F

ev-er. You will reign forever. Let Your glory fill the earth.

C F Am7 F **DS**

You will reign forever. You will reign forever. Be
 Let Your glory fill the earth. Let Your glory fill,

*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading—Deuteronomy 10:12-22

Circumcise Your Heart

“And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments and statutes of the Lord, which I am commanding you today for your good? Behold, to the Lord your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. Yet the Lord set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen. Your fathers went down to Egypt seventy persons, and now the Lord your God has made you as numerous as the stars of heaven. 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— 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—1 Thes. 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for His sanctifying work!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

Nothing But the Blood of Jesus

Words by Robert Lowry. Arr. by Keith Getty, Fioan de Barra, Dave Cleveland, Ross Holmes, and Matt Menafee

D D A7 D

1. What can wash a - way my sin? Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
2. Noth - ing can for sin a - tone, Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
3. This is all my hope and peace, Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
4. Glo - ry! Glo - ry! this I sing - Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;

5 D D A7 D

What can make me whole a - gain? Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
Naught of good that I have done, Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
This is all my right - eous - ness, Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
All my life, my cry shall be - Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

9 D D/C# Bm7 D/A Em/G Em/F# Em A7

Oh! pre - cious is the flow that makes me white as snow;—

13 D D/C# D/C Bm7 Em7 Gma7 A7 D

No oth - er fount I know, noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

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)

Good God

Jessica Ray Langdon, Taylor Leonhardt, and Leslie Jordan

Sermon

"Responding to the Covenant-Keeping God"

2 Samuel 7:18-29

Sermon Series, 2 Samuel

Clark Emerson

UPCOMING EVENTS

The elementary Sunday school is on hiatus to give our volunteers a little break. The adult SS will resume next week.

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: Oehlerking, Moen, Hays, Broughton. Nursery: Moen, Hendricks, Schmidts. CC: Standerfer, Jacksons. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Alexander. Nursery: Carcamo, Highmark, Poe, Standerfer. CC: Mitchell.

Summer Co-Ed Bible Study on Titus: Join Pastor Polski for a Bible Study on the book of Titus. We will meet at 6:15 pm on: 6/10, 6/17, 7/1, and 7/15. Come on your own, with your spouse, or bring a friend. Anyone in Junior High and up are welcome!

Young Adult Small Group: Join us on the 4th Fri. of the month at Trinity from 6-7:30pm (childcare available). Our first meeting will be on Jun. 24. See Abby or Jackson Roberts for details.

Worship in the round is a unique and intimate way to experience praise and connection where we sit in a circle, 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. The theme is "Come to Me." Join us on July 8 at 6pm. Register via QR code.

Jr. & Sr. High will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6-8pm this summer, beginning Jun. 24th. Pickleball Tournament: Jun. 27, 6-8pm-sign-ups are on the round table in the narthex.

Ladies, let's meet for brunch on July 11. Details coming soon!

The next **Community Sunday Potluck Lunch** is July 5th.

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:](#)



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.

Local Mission News
Featuring Harambee Youth Training
Part of Restore St. Louis
Aaron Jones, Director

Harambee Youth Training is a Christian youth job training program serving young people ages 12-18 in St. Louis. Through the year-round After School Program and 8-week Summer Program, youth learn practical trade skills while serving low-income homeowners through free tuckpointing services.

Their goal is not only to help youth develop strong work habits, responsibility and leadership skills, but ultimately to share the hope of the gospel and encourage young people to grow in wisdom, purpose, and faith. Through this work, youth gain practical job skills while serving low-income homeowners, many of whom are elderly or widowed and unable to afford these repairs.

10-year impact (2016-2025)

- 475 youth participated in job training
- \$1,574,440 earned in educational stipends
- 253 homeowners served
- \$2,713,819 in free repairs provided

Praise God - He has provided all the crew leaders needed for their summer program. He is faithful and committed to providing for their needs. The 15 crew leaders began May 26 and have spent the last two days preparing. The oldest youth will arrive May 27, and they will begin tuckpointing work on the first five job sites.



If you would like to donate, see the link. <http://restorestlouis.org/harambee/>

CATECHISM QUESTION
OF THE WEEK

Q. 88. What are the outward and ordinary means by which Christ imparts to us the benefits of redemption?

A. The outward and ordinary means by which Christ imparts to us the benefits of redemption are his ordinances, especially the Word, the sacraments, and prayer; all of these are made effectual to his chosen ones for salvation.

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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