



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

June 7, 2026

WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO IS WORTHY OF OUR HEARTFELT PRAISE

(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): Kim McCall, Michelle Goldstein, Linda Manwaring, Chenoa Pysar

Liturgist: Rev. Tim Jackson

Scripture Reader: Tim Moffitt

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, J Harrison

Welcome and Announcements

Missions Moment

Quotes and Reflection

"Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness." — Ps. 29:2

"The difference between David and Michal is not that one saw the same event positively and the other negatively. The difference is that David saw God, while Michal saw only David." — Anonymous

"To worship God is the highest elevation of the soul; and therefore he who truly worships God can afford to be thought little of by men." — Alexander Maclaren

"The proud man is always looking down on things and people; and, of course, as long as you are looking down, you cannot see something that is above you."
— C. S. Lewis

"A Christian should be an alleluia from head to foot." — Augustine of Hippo

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

For Prep: The Freedom of the Regulative Principle of Worship- Kevin Deyoung (abridged)
(thegospelcoalition.org)

Even though I grew up in a Reformed church, until seminary I was one of the multitude of Christians who had never heard of the regulative principle. It's not been at the core of my identity. But over the years I've come to appreciate the regulative principle more and more.

Simply put, the regulative principle states that "the acceptable way of worshiping the true God is instituted by himself and so limited by his own revealed will" (WCF 21.1). In other words, corporate worship should be comprised of those elements we can show to be appropriate from the Bible. The regulative principle says, "Let's worship God as he wants to be worshiped." At its worst, this principle leads to constant friction and suspicion between believers. Christians beat each other up trying to discern exactly where the offering should go in the service or precisely which kinds of instruments have scriptural warrant. When we expect the New Testament to give a leitical lay out of the *one* liturgy that pleases God, we are asking the Bible a question it didn't mean to answer. It is possible for the regulative principle to become a religion unto itself.

But the heart of the regulative principle is not about restriction. It is about freedom.

- 1. Freedom from cultural captivity.** When corporate worship is largely left to our own designs we quickly find ourselves scrambling to keep up with the latest trends.
- 2. Freedom from constant battles over preferences.** The regulative principle does not completely eliminate the role of opinion and preference. Even within a conservative Reformed framework, worship leaders may disagree about musical style, transitions, volume, tempo, and many other factors. Conflict over preferences will remain even with the regulative principle. But it should be mitigated.
- 3. Freedom of conscience.** Coming out of the Catholic church with its host of extra biblical rituals, newly established Protestant churches had to figure out how to worship in their own way. Some were comfortable keeping many of the elements of the Catholic Mass. Others associated those elements with a false religious system. They didn't want to go back to the mess of rites they left behind, even if by themselves some rites didn't seem all that harmful.
- 4. Freedom to be cross cultural.** It's unfortunate most people probably think worship according to the regulative principle is the hardest to transport to other cultures. And this may be true if the regulative principle is mistakenly seen to dictate style as well as substance. But at its best, the regulative principle means we have simple services with singing, praying, reading, preaching, and sacraments—the kinds of services whose basic outline can "work" anywhere in the world.
- 5. Freedom to focus on the center.** What do we know they (the early Christians) did in their Christian worship services in the Bible? We know they sang the Bible. We know they preached the Bible. We know they prayed the Bible. We know they read the Bible. We know they saw the Bible in the sacraments. So why wouldn't we want to focus on everything we know they did in their services? In other words, the regulative principle gives us the freedom to unapologetically go back to basics. And stay there.

Song of Preparation

40

Based on Psalm 40 | U2

I waited patiently for the Lord
He inclined and heard my cry
He brought me up out of the pit
Out of the miry clay

I will sing, sing a new song (Men)
I will sing, sing a new song (Women echo)
I will sing, sing a new song (Men)
I will sing, sing a new song (Women echo)

How long to sing this song? (Men)
How long to sing this song? (Women echo)
How long to sing this song? (Men)
How long to sing this song? (Women echo)

How long, how long, how long? (Together)
How long, to sing this song? (Together)

He set my feet upon the rock
And made my footsteps firm
Many will see
Many will see and fear

I will sing, sing a new song (Men)
I will sing, sing a new song (Women echo)
I will sing, sing a new song (Men)
I will sing, sing a new song (Women echo)

How long to sing this song? (Men)
How long to sing this song? (Women echo)
How long to sing this song? (Men)
How long to sing this song? (Women echo)

How long, how long, how long? (Together)
How long, to sing this song? (Together)

Call to Worship— Psalm 149 (Selected)

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!

Leader: Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

People: Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

All: For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation. Praise the Lord!

Leader: O Lord, help us today to praise you from the depth of our heart and soul!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

***Songs of Adoration**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Trinity Hymnal #53

Great Are You Lord

Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan, and David Leonard

♩=144

INTRO

A C#m7 B^{sus} 1. 2.

You give

VERSE

6 A C#m7 B^{sus} A

life. You are love. You bring light to the dark - ness. You give hope. You re -

11 C#m7 B^{sus} A C#m7

-store ev - 'ry heart that is bro - ken. — And great are You, —

CHORUS

16 B^{sus} A C#m7

Lord. It's Your breath in our lungs, so we

Last time to Coda ◊

20 B^{sus} A C#m7

pour out our praise, we pour out our praise. It's Your breath in our lungs, so we

INSTRUMENTAL 1

24 B^{sus} A C#m7 B^{sus}

pour out our praise to You on - ly.

29

2, 4. B^{sus} D.S. B^{sus} 3.

You give pour out our praise to You on - ly. It's Your pour out our praise to You

INSTRUMENTAL 2

33

E E^{sus} A^2

on - ly.

BRIDGE

40

E E E^{sus}

And all the earth will shout Your praise. Our hearts will cry, these

45

A^2

bones will sing, — "Great are You, —

48

1, 2. E 3. E D.S. al Coda

Lord!" — And Lord!" — It's Your

52

\diamond Coda B^{sus} **ENDING** A $C\#m^7$

pour out our praise to You on - ly.

56

B^{sus} A $C\#m^7$ B^{sus}

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading—John 4:20-26

Worship in Spirit and Truth

Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

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— Isaiah 29:13

“This people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men.”

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Romans 4:7

“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered;”

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for covering our sins!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

Goodness of God

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

J=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 -



me. All _ my days ____ I've been held in _ Your hands. .
- re. In dark - est night, _ You are close like _ no oth -



- er. From the mo - ment that I wake up un - til I lay
I've known You as a fa - ther, I've known You as



my head, I _ will sing _ of the good - ness of God. _
a friend. I _ have lived _ in the good - ness of God. _

CHORUS



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⁾ 1. A 2. A

Last time to Coda

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

BRIDGE

19 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. —

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

"Genuine Worship"

2 Samuel 6:12-23

Sermon Series, 2 Samuel

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

*Song of Response

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Words by John Newton. Music by Laura Taylor



1. Let us love and sing and won - der,
 2. Let us love sing the Lord who bought us,
 3. Let us sing though fierce temp - ta - tion



Let us praise the Sa - - vior's name,
 Pit - ied us when to en - - e - mies
 Threat - ens hard to bear us down



He has hushed the law's loud thun - der,
 Called us by his grace and taught us
 For the Lord our strong sal - va - tion



He has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame, He has
 Gave us ears and the gave us eyes, He has
 Holds in view the conq - u'r's crown He who



washed us with His blood, He has
 washed us with His blood, He has
 washed us with His blood, He who



washed us with His blood, He has
 washed us with His blood, He has
 washed us with His blood, He who

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)

Christ Be Magnified

Cody Carnes, Cory Asbury, Ethan Hulse. Arr. by Jeff Moore

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

The elementary Sunday school is on hiatus to give our volunteers a little break.

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: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: McCall, Goldstein, Manwaring, Hendricks, Pysar. CC: Doiron, Hendricks, Kwong. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Sweet, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: Kwong, Hendricks, Martir, Harlow, Goldstein. CC: Steele, Schmids.

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!

Ladies Connect THIS TUE. at 6:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's. Also be sure to mark your calendars for a **brunch on July 11th!**

Join us as we bring back **Family Movie Night** - Outdoors! Bring a blanket or lawn chair for seating and your favorite snacks, but we'll supply the popcorn! We'll be watching *The Secret Life of Pets* (rated PG)! All are welcome, so invite your family and friends to join! Let us know you are coming via Church Center or QR code.

The church directory is such a helpful tool for our members and regular attenders. Only YOU can add your info to the directory (which is not shared outside our church). **If you would like help with the directory or need an updated pic,** come to the narthex TODAY and next Sunday.

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.

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. 38. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

A. At the resurrection, believers will be raised up in glory, will be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and will be made perfectly blessed in the full enjoyment of God to all eternity.

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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