



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

August 9, 2026

WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO CALLS US HIS FRIENDS

(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, Nora Williamson

Liturgist: Clark Emerson

Scripture Reader: Megan Hawley

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Shaun Thomason

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

"What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer."

— Joseph M. Scriven, *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

"A friend is unique in not quite being the same as a brother or a sister, and not being quite the same as a spouse, but being...a comrade in shared vision as you pull together for some significant cause...this kind of friendship is why Jesus always sent out his emissaries – his apostles and workers – two by two...in other words, this kind of friendship is crucial for us in life and ministry."

— John Piper, *Desiring God*

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

One of the greatest gifts God gives his children is the gift of friendship. In a culture marked by isolation, hurried schedules, and shallow connections, deep and enduring friendships can feel increasingly rare. Yet Scripture reminds us that we were never created to walk the Christian life alone.

The book of Proverbs paints a beautiful picture of faithful friendship: "A friend loves at all times" (Prov. 17:17), and "there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother" (Prov. 18:24). True friendship is not sustained merely by shared interests or similar personalities. It is cultivated through intentional love, strengthened by sacrifice, and rooted in a shared love for Christ.

Like a garden, friendship requires tending. Without time, attention, and care, even the healthiest relationships begin to wither. Faithful friends choose to pursue one another, not because it is always convenient, but because love is active. They listen, encourage, forgive, bear burdens, and rejoice together. Such friendships reflect the self-giving love of Christ.

Ultimately, every lasting friendship finds its source in Jesus himself. On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus told his disciples, "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends... I have called you friends" (John 15:13, 15). These words are astonishing. The eternal Son of God does not merely rescue us from sin or call us servants; through his sacrificial death, he welcomes us into the intimate fellowship of friendship with himself.

Every earthly friendship, then, is meant to point beyond itself. Even the sweetest companion cannot satisfy our deepest longings. Only Christ can. The best of friends will continually lead one another back to him - to his Word, his promises, his grace, and his presence.

As we gather for worship today, may we rejoice that in Jesus we have the truest Friend, one who always loves us, laid down his life for us, and promises never to leave or forsake us. And may his faithful friendship shape the way we love one another.

Song of Preparation

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Trinity Hymnal #629



Call to Worship— Psalm 90 (Selected)

Leader: Teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

People: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

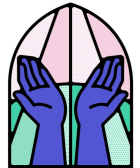
Leader: Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil.

People: Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

All: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands.

Leader: O Lord, grant us your grace to worship you in Spirit and in truth.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD



*Songs of Adoration

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past
Trinity Hymnal #30

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 Lord who bought us,
3. Let us sing the though fierce temp - ta - tion

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

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

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

9 Em C
washed us with His blood, He has
washed us with His blood, He has
washed us with His blood, He who

11 Em C
washed us with His blood, He has
washed us with His blood, He has
washed us with His blood, He who

13 **Em** **C**

washed us with His blood, He has
washed us with His blood, He pre-
washed us with His blood, He pre-

15 **D** **G**

brought us nigh to God
sent our souls to God
bring us home to God

17 **D** **Em** **C**

brought us nigh to God
sent our souls to God
bring us home to God

4. Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more
He who washed us with His blood
He who washed us with His blood
He who washed us with His blood
Has secured our way to God

5. Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us
Now their praises fill the sky
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou art worthy Lamb of God

*Prayer of Adoration



WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD



Scripture Reading—John 15:9-17

Love One Another

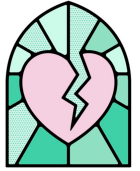
"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another."

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

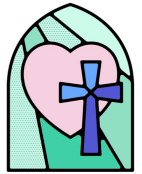


Call to Confession— Proverbs 20:6

Many a man proclaims his own steadfast love, but a faithful man who can find?

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE
AMAZING GRACE OF GOD



Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace— Rom. 5:6-8

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to the Lord for sending Christ to die for us.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

King of Kings

Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, and Scott Ligertwood. Arr. by Dan Galbraith

1. In the dark - ness we were wait - ing, with - out hope, .
(2.) the king - dom com - ing and to re -

2 A D D/F# G
— with-out light, — till from Heav - en You — came run - ning. There was mer -
— con-cile the lost, — to re - deem — the whole — cre - a - tion You did not —

4 A D D/F# G
- cy in — Your eyes. — To ful - fil — the law — and pro - phets, to a vir -
— des - pise — the cross. — For — e - ven in — Your suf - fring, You saw to —

6 A D D/F# G
- gin came — the Word — from a throne — of end - less glo - ry to a cra -
— the oth - er side. — Know-ing this — was our — sal - va - tion, Je - sus, for —

8 A D D
- dle in — the dirt. — Praise the Fa - ther,
— our sake — You died. —

12 G Bm A^{sus} A D
praise the Son, praise the Spir - it, three in one. God of Glo - ry,

16 G Bm G A D
maj - es - ty, praise for - ev - er to the King of Kings.



2. To re-veal

3. And the morn - ing that - You rose - all of heav



- en held - its breath -

till that stone - was moved - for good, - for the Lamb .



- had con - quered death. -

And the dead - rose from - their tombs, - and the an -



- gels stood - in awe, -

for the souls - of all - who'd come - to the Fa -

VERSE 4



- ther are - re - stored. -

4. And the Church - of Christ - was born, - then the Spir



- it lit - the flame. -

Now this Gos - pel truth - of old - shall - not kneel, .



- shall - not faint. -

By His blood - and in - His Name, - in His free-



- dom I - am free, - for the love - of Je - sus Christ - who has res - ur - rect - ed me. .

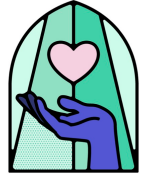
WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

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)

Friend in Jesus

Jason Ingram, Madison Bain, & Taylor Matz. Arr. by Grant Wall

Sermon

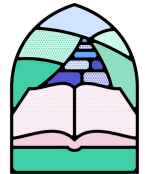
"Deep Friendship"

Proverbs 17:17, 18:24, John 15:13-15

Sermon Series on the Book of Proverbs

Dr. Dan Doriani

Professor of Biblical and Systematic Theology,
Covenant Theological Seminary



1. Friendship in Proverbs and in life
2. The Lord as Friend
 - Self-disclosure
 - Helpful presence
3. Marks of a friend in Scripture
 - Love, Perseverance, Help, Comfort, Correction
4. Jesus as supreme friend

*Song of Response

All I Have Is Christ

Jordan Kauflin

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G Am F

1. I once was lost in dark - est night, yet thought I knew the
 (2. But as I) ran my hell-bound race, in - dif-frent to the
 (3. Now, Lord, I) would be Yours a - lone and live so all might

4 C Dm F G C

way; The sin that prom - ised joy and life had led me to the grave. I had no
 cost, You looked up - on my help-less state and led me to the cross. And I be -
 see the strength to fol - low Your com - mands could nev - er come from me. O Fa - ther,

9 Cmaj7

hope that You would own a reb - el to Your will, and if You
 -held God's love dis - played, You suf - fered in my place; You bore the
 use my ran-somed life in a - ny way You choose, and let my

13 Am7 F 1. Gsus G C

had not loved me first I would re - fuse You still. 2. But as I
 wrath re-served for me; Now all I know is
 song for - ev - er be: My on - ly boast is

18 2, 3. Gsus CHORUS G C F C G Am

grace! Hal - le - lu - jah! All I have is Christ! Hal - le -
 You.

24 F Am G 1. C 2. C D.S.

-lu - jah! Je - sus is my life! 3. Now, Lord, I life!

*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

Sunday school is on hiatus. We will return with classes for all ages on Sep. 6th.

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: Heintz, Standerfer, Smith. Nursery: Linenbroker, Schlitt, Bava, Williamson. CC: Doiron, Williamson, Ridenhour. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Moen, Oehlerking, Barker, Hays. Nursery: McCall, Sinclair, Manwaring, Goldstein. CC: Standerfer, Schmidts.

Ladies Connect: Mon., Aug. 10th at 6:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's home.

Women's Bible Study will meet weekly on Wednesdays beginning Aug. 26th at 9am or 6:15pm. Childcare is available for the morning study. We will be looking at the Book of Ecclesiastes in the fall. The **Men's Bible Study** will resume in Oct.

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

Jr. & Sr. High meets in the summer on Wednesdays from 6-8pm.

Children's Ministry Volunteers, please stay for an informative lunch on Sun., Aug. 16. We want to thank you for your gifts of time, instruction, care, and more while also seeking to better equip all of our volunteers through this meeting.

Volunteers Needed: We are looking for a few helpers on Sundays: Coffee, putting out snacks, and greeting at the Welcome Table. See Amy Mitchell if willing to help.

The **next Men's Breakfast** is Sat., Sep. 12th from 8-9:30am.

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

Aug. 10 Ladies Connect @ Mickie's 6:30
Aug. 11 Youth to Cards Game
Aug. 17 Women's Book Discussion
Aug. 26 Women's Bible Studies begin
Aug. 28 Young Adult Small Group
Sept. 6 Sunday School Resumes
Sept. 12 Men's Breakfast 8-9:30am
Sept. 13 Kingdom Kids Resumes
Sept. 19 Party on the Lawn
Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Service
Dec. 5 Christmas Craft Party
Dec. 9 Women's Wreath Event
Dec. 19 & 20 Christmas Concert

Global Mission News
Featuring Rebecca Diboll
Serving with Serge in Missionary Care

Serge (/sərj/) – joining together rough edges to form a smooth seam

We see God weaving together our own weakness and the frayed edges of our tattered world with His goodness, creating something beautiful. It's here we see His **Grace at the Fray** — in our life and in our work.

For over 40 years

Serge has been helping individuals and churches **engage in global mission**. Yet even as their missionaries first stepped out to fulfill this calling, they faced their own failings. Their clay feet, lack of faith, and broken relationships alienated the very people they came to reach.

They quickly came to realize that becoming a missionary didn't exempt you from the trials and failings of being a sinful, broken person. So early in their history, through the work of their founder Dr. Jack Miller and others, they developed a singular focus on the need for the gospel in their own lives, even as they reached out to take the message of God's grace to others.

As they seek to make the gospel known to others, they want this same grace to continually renew their lives.

Today, their work consists of sending and caring for missionaries, mentoring & equipping ministry leaders around the world, and developing resources for on-going spiritual renewal.

Serge's Values

Centrality of the Gospel
Ministry from weakness

Kingdom-Centered Prayer
Love for People

Rebecca and her team recently came back from a week serving in London. The team was from Red Mountain Church. They joined 75 other Americans for LEAP week. Each morning, they began with training from Serge Missionaries as well as intentional kingdom prayer before they were sent out to support four different church plants across London. They saw fruit from this work; Serge church leaders have shared testimonies of new connections and increased church attendance. Praise the Lord!

She is home now in Birmingham, Alabama and has a strong desire to send teams back to London in the coming years. For the time being they will conduct prayer walks in the neighborhoods and church. Their prayer is that God will give them the lenses to see their own city the way He does.

CATECHISM QUESTION
OF THE WEEK

Q. 39. What is the duty that God requires of mankind?

A. The duty which God requires of mankind is obedience to his revealed will.

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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