



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

September 20, 2026

WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO IS OUR KINGLY HOPE

(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): Chenoa Pysar, Jessica Hendricks, Heather Davis, Nora Williamson

Liturgist: Clark Emerson

Scripture Reader: Megan Hawley

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Chris Freeman

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry Moment

Young Life

Quotes and Reflection

"They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful."
— Revelation 17:14

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'" — Matthew 25:31-34

"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

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Adapted from R.C. Sproul at Ligonier Ministries.

When Yahweh said to David's Lord, "Sit at My right hand," He was saying, "Be seated in the highest place of authority in the universe." Psalm 110 is a prophetic psalm, and David was saying by the Holy Spirit that when the Messiah had finished His labor in this world, He would be exalted to heaven and enthroned at the right hand of God. We declare that these things took place when we recite the Apostles' Creed, which affirms that Jesus "ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God." This was the early church's confession of belief in the importance of the session of Christ.

What does this mean for us? In simple terms, it means everything. We Americans pride ourselves on living in a democracy, but as Christians we live in a kingdom, one that is actively ruled by the King of kings. His reign is ongoing. Jesus is King at this moment. He is on His throne even now.

Song of Preparation

Jesus I am Resting, Resting

Words by Jean Sophia Pigott. Music by David Hampton

$\text{♩} = 108$

F B $\flat$ C/E F2

1 Je - sus, I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the
 2 Oh, how great Thy lov - ing kind - ness, vast - er,
 3 Sim - ply trust - ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, I be -

3 B $\flat$ C/E F/A

joy of what Thou art. I am
 broad - er than the sea. Oh, how
 hold Thee as Thou art. And Thy

5 B $\flat$ C2/E F2 B $\flat$ maj7 C

find - ing out the great - ness of Thy lov - ing heart.
 mar - vel - ous Thy good - ness lav - ished all on me.
 love so pure, so change - less sat - is - fies my heart,

8 F B $\flat$ maj7 C2/E F2/A

— Thou hast bid me gaze up - on Thee, and Thy
 — Yes, I rest in Thee, Be - lov - ed, know what
 — sat - is - fies its deep - pest long - ings, meets, sup -

11 Dm C B $\flat$ maj7

beau - ty fills my soul for by
 wealth of grace is Thine, know Thy
 plies its ev - 'ry need, com - pass -

13 **B^b2/D** **C/E** **F/A** **B^b** **C**

Thy trans - form - ing pow - er, Thou hast made me whole.
 cer - tain - ty of prom - ise and have made it mine.
 eth me 'round with bless - ings, Thine is love in - deed.

16 **F** **B^bmaj7** **C/E** **F/A**

Je - sus, I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the

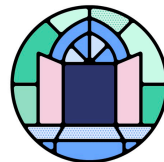
19 **Dm** **Am/C** **B^b** **B^b2/D** **C2/E**

joy of what Thou art. I am find - ing out the great -

22 **F2/A** **B^bmaj7** **C** **F**

ness of Thy lov - ing heart.

Call to Worship— Psalm 86:3-6 (selected)



Leader: Be gracious to us, O Lord, for to you do we cry
all the day.

People: Gladden the soul of your servants, for to you, O Lord,
do we lift up our souls.

Leader: For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in
steadfast love to all who call upon you.

All: Give ear, O LORD, to our prayer; listen to our plea for
grace.

Leader: Now, we call upon you, O God of grace, help us to
worship and know you this morning.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD



*Songs of Adoration

Across The Lands

Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

4 D G D

1. You're the Word of God the Fa - ther, — from be - fore the world be -
 (2. Yet You) left the gaze of an - gels, — came to seek and save the
 (3. With a) shout You rose vic - to - rious, — wrest - ing vic - t'ry from the

8 A G G⁶ D/F# Em G

-gan; — Ev - 'ry star and ev - 'ry pla - net — has been fash - ioned by Your hand. All cre -
 lost, — and ex - changed the joy of heav - en — for the an - guish of a cross. With a
 grave, — and as - cend - ed in - to heav - en — lead - ing cap - tives in Your wake. Now You

9 D G D A

-a - tion holds to - geth - er — by the pow - er of Your voice: — Let the
 prayer You fed the hung - ry, — with a word You stilled the sea. — Yet how
 stand be - fore the Fa - ther — in - ter - ced - ing for Your own. — From each

13 G G⁶ D/F# Em G A^{sus} G

CHORUS

skies de - clare Your glo - ry, — let the land and seas re - joice! — You're the au - thor of cre -
 si - lent - ly You suf - fered — that the guilt - y may go free. —
 tribe and tongue and na - tion — You are lead - ing sin - ners home. —

18 D D/F# G A² Bm Bm/A G G/A

-a - tion, — You're the Lord of ev - 'ry man; — And Your cry of love rings

22 1, 2. 3.

Bm⁷ A D Bm⁷ A D

out a - cross the lands. — 2. Yet You out a - cross the lands. —
 3. With a

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Matt papa, Matt Boswell, and Michael Bleecker. Arr. by Dan Kreider

1. Come be - hold the won - drous my - stery, in the
 2. Come be - hold the won - drous my - stery, He the
 3. Come be - hold the won - drous my - stery, Christ the
 4. Come be - hold the won - drous my - stery, slain by

4 dawn - ing of the King. He the theme of hea - vens
 per - fect Son of the Man. In His li - ving in His
 death the God of life. But no grave could ru - ined
 e'er re -

7 prai - ses, robed in frail hu - man - i - ty. In our
 suf - fering, Ne - ver trace nor stain of sin. See the
 sin - ners, hangs the lamb in vic - tor - y. See the
 strain Him. Praise the Lord; He is a - love! What a

10 long - ing and in bet - our dark - ness, Now the
 true of taste our re - de - dam - ption. come to
 price fore - the of de - li - verence. see the
 fore - taste of de - li - verence. How un -

12 light of life has come. Look to Christ, who con - de -
 save the hell - bound man. Christ to the great and sure ful -
 Fa - thers plan un - fold! Bring - ing in ma - ny sons to sur -
 wa - ver - ing our hope! Christ in po - wer re - sur -

15 scen - ded took on flesh to ran - som us.
 fill - ment of the law; in Him we stand.
 glo - ry grace un - mea - sured, love we told.
 rec - ted as we will be when he comes.

***Prayer of Adoration**



WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD



Scripture Reading—1 Peter 1:3-9

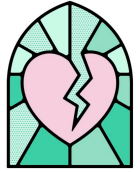
Born Again to a Living Hope

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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— Ephesians 2:1-3

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE
AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace— Eph. 2:4-7

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.



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

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 and Music by Robert Lowry. Arr. by Keith Getty, Fionan 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 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) *Like a Child with Its Mother (Psalm 131)*

Caroline Cobb Smith

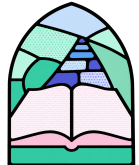
Sermon

"Our Kingly Hope"

Psalm 2

Rev. Dr. Tom Gibbs

President of Covenant Theological Seminary



*Song of Response

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Chords: F D A7 D A 7 D G D A7 0

1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

Chords: A7 D A D G D A7 D

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

Chords: A7 D G D A7 D G D

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:
 Prone to wan - der—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:

Chords: A7 D A F D G D A7 D 7

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

*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.



FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL

God in Action - Ruling Elders, Jim Talent & Fielding Poe (Room 110)

We will be studying our favorite episodes or chapters of the Bible, including the Lord's encounters with Nicodemus and the Samaritan woman (from John 3 and 4), Paul's wonderful letter to Philemon, God's rebuke of Sennacherib (from 2 Kings, 2 Chronicles, and Isaiah), and much more. Come and see God in action; and learn about His character from His great saving works. We love these parts of the Bible, and you will too!

How does God save sinners? The person and work of Jesus Christ- Clark Emerson (Room 111)

Jesus Christ is the center of the Christian faith, yet many of the doctrines surrounding His person and work are often misunderstood or overlooked. Who is He, and what did He accomplish? Throughout history the church has wrestled with these questions because they are essential to understanding the gospel itself. In this class we will explore what Scripture teaches about the person and work of Christ—from His incarnation and atoning work to the salvation He accomplished for His people. Along the way, we will examine the biblical foundations and historical development of these doctrines, seeking to understand not only what the church has confessed throughout the centuries, but why. Whether you are new to theology or have studied it for years, our aim is to deepen your understanding of Christ so that you trust, worship, and love Him more.

Trinity Choir - Abby Roberts & Katie Polski (Fireplace room)

The Trinity Choir begins meeting during the Sunday school hour on Sept. 6th. Together we'll learn music that helps lead our church in worship throughout the semester. Whether you're a seasoned singer or have never sung in a choir before, you're welcome. All you need is a heart for worship and a desire to sing.

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 class for all ages meet today. See previous page for info on the upcoming classes.

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, Brown. Nursery: Pysar, Williamson, Hendricks, Davis. SS: Broughton. CC: Waldrons, Goldstein. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Schaffer, Thomason, Schlitt, Roberts. Nursery: Kwong, Schmidt, McCall. SS: Mitchell. CC: Ridenhour, Hawley.

Women's Bible Study meets weekly on Wednesdays at 9am or 6:15pm. Childcare is available for the morning study. We are studying the Book of Ecclesiastes this fall.

Men's Bible Study will begin on **Wed., Sept. 30** at 6:15pm. The men will meet on the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Wed. of the month. Pastor Polski will lead a study of the Psalms.

Jr & Sr. High Youth meets on Sundays from 6-8pm.

Small Groups are a wonderful way to get connected. You can sign up on Church Center, on the table in the narthex, or contact the church office.

Kingdom Kids (3yrs-5th gr.) will meet on the 2nd & 4th Sun. from 4:30-6pm (Sep. 27).

Church Work Day: Sat., Oct. 3 at 9am. Come help us care for our church building and grounds.

Interested in being a part of this year's Christmas concert? We would love to have you join us for a (brief) informational meeting immediately following SS **TODAY** in the fireplace room.

The next **Men's Breakfast** is Sat., Oct. 10th from 8-9:30am. Sign up on Church Center or see Kyle Roberts.

Once a month Trinity partners with Robinson Elementary by offering volunteers (and donations) for their food pantry. **The next Food Pantry is Thur., Oct. 15th from 5:30-7pm.** Volunteers Needed! Sign up today on Church Center or use the QR code to the right.

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

Sep. 27 Hope Church Launch
Sep. 27 Kingdom Kids 4:30-6pm
Oct. 3 Church Workday 9am
Oct. 10 Men's Breakfast
Oct. 10 Youth Bonfire
Oct. 14 Joint Youth Group @ Covent.
Oct. 15 Robinson Food Pantry
Oct. 19 Ladies Connect
Nov. 8 Mark Akin Concert 2pm
Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Service
Dec. 5 Christmas Craft Party
Dec. 9 Women's Wreath Event
Dec. 19 & 20 Christmas Concert

Local Mission News
Featuring Young Life
Rebecca Arthur, Mission Staff

What is Young Life?

Young Life's mission statement is to introduce adolescents to Jesus Christ and to help them grow in their faith. We do this in unique ways by showing up where middle schoolers and high schoolers are, we spend time in their world. We foster relationships with students to pave a way for authentic conversations about who Jesus is and what a relationship with him looks like.

We're excited for a new semester of pursuing kids with the best news in the world - that they are fiercely loved by the One who created them and made on purpose for a purpose. We can't wait to see what the Lord has in store!

WyldLife (Middle School)

Two years ago a group of parents and volunteers launched Wyldlife, Young Life for middle schoolers, here in Kirkwood. The goal is to introduce 6th-8th graders to Jesus and help them grow in their faith. Our 13 WyldLife leaders (parents and high schoolers) run Club twice a month, show up at kids' games and musicals, read the Bible with them, and take them to camp. Cheering students on, building relationships with them and sharing the love of Jesus is at the heart of everything we do.

Young Life (High School)

Young Life Club meets three times a month. High schoolers will often say it's the best night of their week! Club nights are high energy - filled with games, skits, laughter and a gospel message that's shared on their level. Our 7 adult and college-aged leaders are on campus and at football games, leading Campaigners (Bible studies), and faithfully pursuing kids.

You're invited to our Annual Celebration and Fundraising Banquet!

Thursday, October 8th at 6:30 PM | Free dinner & program

Come hear how God is moving through Mid-County Young Life and how you can be part of it!

If you'd like to get involved:

We'd love to connect about becoming a donor, leader, or supporter.

Contact: Jill Beaumont, Area Director : younglifemo23@gmail.com

Follow Along on Instagram @ **pioneer_younglife** and **midcounty_wyldlife**

With gratitude,

The Mid-County Young Life & WyldLife Team

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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