

I am the  
resurrection  
& the life

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# WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

Today, as we draw near to the end of John's gospel, we see Jesus re-engaging Peter on his call to discipleship. In a sense, all of us are called to regularly re-engage the importance of our call to follow Jesus Christ. This was something that the German Pastor, Dietrich Bonhoeffer was constantly evaluating as is seen by this excerpt of an article written by Stephen Nichols on the Desiring God website which is a fresh call to all of us regarding how we see our own identity.

In 1936, Bonhoeffer published *Nachfolge*. It would be later published in English as *The Cost of Discipleship*. In it he declares, "When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die."

In Christ, we are dead. The old self and the old way is dead. And, in Christ, we are alive. After the Valkyrie plot, Bonhoeffer could write simply, "Jesus is alive. I have hope." To be in Christ means, we are not only united to him in his death; we are united to him in his life.

Bonhoeffer once preached a sermon on Colossians 3:1-4 where Paul reminds us that we are dead, that we are alive in Christ, and that our lives are "hidden with Christ in God" (Col. 3:3). Bonhoeffer notes, "Our true life is hidden — but it is grounded firmly in eternity."

While he was in prison, Bonhoeffer worked on what would be his magnum opus, *Ethics*. He was unable to finish it, though he wrote most of it. It was published posthumously. In this book, Bonhoeffer spoke of the Christian life as the *Christusleben*, the life-in-Christ. This is truly living, truly being what God intended us to be. Sending us into the stratosphere, Bonhoeffer writes, "So heaven is torn open above us humans, and the joyful message of God's salvation in Jesus Christ rings out from heaven to earth as a cry of joy. I believe, and in believing I receive Christ. I have everything. I live before God."

Bonhoeffer's contentment, even joy, while being in a Nazi prison cell was rooted in the reality that he was dead and that he was raised to new life in Christ. He could live in the world and for the world, because he lived from the cross. He lived from his identity in Christ. ([www.desiringGod.org](http://www.desiringGod.org) May 18, 2018)

# WORSHIPPING THE GOD WHO CALLS US TO FOLLOW HIM

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## Song of Preparation

## *Still, My Soul, Be Still*

Words and Music by Keith & Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend

A D F#m A/C# D D/F# E/G#

1. Still, my soul, be still and do not fear though winds of change may rage to-mor-row.  
2. Still, my soul, be still; do not be moved by less-er lights and fleet-ing shad-ows.  
3. Still, my soul, be still; do not for-sake the truth you learned in the be-gin-ning.

A D F#m A/C# D D/F# E/G#

God is at your side; no long-er dread the fires of un-ex-pect-ed sor-row.  
Hold on to His ways, with shield of faith a-against temp-ta-tion's flam-ing ar-rows.  
Wait up-on the Lord, and hope will rise as stars ap-pear when day is dim-ming.

**Refrain**  
F#m E/G# A Bm F#m D Esus E

God, You are my God, and I will trust in You and not be shak-en.

F#m E/G# A Bm F#m D E  
 Lord of peace, re-new a stead-fast spir-it with-in me to rest in You a  
 lone.  
 F#m7 Dma<sup>9</sup> F#m7 Dma<sup>9</sup> A  
 last time

## \*Call to Worship—Psalm 31 (selected)

Leader: We trust in you, O Lord; We say, "You are our God."

**People: Our times are in your hand; rescue us from the hand of our enemies.**

Leader: Make your face shine on your servants; save us in your steadfast love!

**People: Blessed be the Lord, for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to us.**

Leader: Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!

**All: In you, O Lord, do we take refuge; let us never be put to shame!**

## WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

**\*Songs of Adoration**

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Trinity Hymnal #302

# For All the Saints

Text by William How, 1864. Music by Ralph Vaughan, 1906

G D Em C D G

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
 2. Thou wast their Rock, their fortress and their might;  
 3. O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
 4. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,

D/F# D G/B Asus7 D

who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed;  
 Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;  
 We feeb - ly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine;  
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song,

G/B G C G D

Thy name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
 Thou, in the dark - ness dread, their one true Light.  
 yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.  
 and hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.

5. But then there breaks  
 a still more glorious day:  
 the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
 the King of glory passes on His way.

6. From earth's wide bounds,  
 from ocean's farthest coast,  
 through gates of pearl  
 streams in the countless host,  
 in praise to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

G/B C Bm Em G/D C D7 G

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## **\*Prayer of Adoration**

### WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

#### **New Testament Reading—Acts 7:51-60**

*Stephen bears witness to Jesus as the Son of God and suffers for it*

“You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”

Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Reader: The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever!

**People: Amen!**

# WE CONFESS OUR UTTER UNWORTHINESS BEFORE GOD

## **Call to Confession—John 6:60-67**

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father." After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. So Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?"

## **Silent Confession and Lament**

# WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

## **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—1 Peter 2:9-10**

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for making us His people by mercy!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

**People: And also with you!**

# \*Song of Rejoicing

## Thy Mercy My God Is the Theme of My Song

Sandra McCracken

1. Thy mer - cy my God is the theme of my song the  
 out thy sweet mer - cy I could not live here;  
 mer - cy is more than a match for my heart which  
 fath - er of mer - cies thy good - ness I own and the

3 joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue thy free grace a - lone from the first  
 Sin would re - duce me to ut - ter des - pair; but through thy free good - ness my spir -  
 won - ders to feel its own hard - ness de - part; dis - solved by thy good - ness I fall  
 cov - e - nant love of thy cruc - i - fied son; all praise to the spi - rit whose whis -

6 — to the last hath won my af - fec - tions and bound my soul fast  
 its re - vive and he that first made me still keeps me a - live.  
 — to the ground and weep for the praise of the mer - cy I've found.  
 - per di - vine seals mer - cy and par - don and right - eous - ness

11 2. With mine. All praise to the spir - it whose whis - per di vine seals  
 3. Thy  
 4. Great

17 mer - cy and par don and right - eous - ness mine.



WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Special Music**

*Steadfast*  
Sandra McCracken

**Sermon**

"Who Do You Love?"

John 21:15-24

Rev. Chris Polski

# \*Song of Response

## Cornerstone

Words by Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan, Eric Liljero, and Edward Mote. Music by Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan, Eric Liljero, and William Batchelder Bradbury

$\text{♩} = 71$

INTRO

C

Am



4

F

G



VERSE 1

7

C

F



1. My hope is built on noth - ing less, than Je - sus' blood and

10

G

Am

Am/G



right - eous - ness. — I dare not trust the sweet - est frame,

13

F

G

1.  
C



but whol - ly trust in Je - sus' Name. \_

16 2. C C<sup>sus</sup> C CHORUS F Am G C/E

- sus' Name. Christ a-lone. Corn-er-stone. Weak made

20 F Am G C F Am G

strong in the Sav-iour's love. Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of

24 C VERSE 2 & 3 C

all. 2. When dark-ness seems to hide His face,  
3. When He shall come with trump-et sound,

28 F G Am

I rest on His un-chang-ing grace. In ev-ry high and  
oh may I then in Him be found. Dressed in His right-eous-

31 Am/G F 2nd time to Coda G C F G

storm-y gale, my an-chor holds with-in the veil. My an-chor holds with-in -  
ness a-lone. Fault-less stand be-fore

35 C CHORUS F Am G C/E

the veil. Christ a-lone. Corn-er-stone. Weak made

## \*Benediction

**These are just announcement highlights. If you'd like to know more about Trinity, connect with us in one of the following ways...**

• 314/821-7311 • [www.trinitychurchkirkwood.org](http://www.trinitychurchkirkwood.org) • Facebook: Trinity Church Kirkwood

Worship and General Church Information

**Please look for communication mid-week about ongoing activities at church. We will let you know if there is a change to any of the activities below.**

- **Adult Sunday school class:** Spiritual Formation in an Anxious Age — With the presence of a pandemic, grim economic news, stir-crazy isolation, and the quest for new routines, it can be easy to simply try to get by. The temptation is to press pause on our spirituality as many other aspects of life stand still. What if, instead, we took some time to ask ourselves, "Who am I becoming?" We're all scrambling to find practices that will sustain us through tough times, but what if we thought this way about all of life? We'll be asking what it means to cultivate the habits of love and disciplines of grace as we seek to be conformed to the image of Christ, even in the midst of a very anxious time. **Pastor Nate will be recording the lessons and distributing them via email and social media.**
- The **church office** is closed temporarily, but please don't hesitate to contact your elder or a staff member if you need anything.
- **Ladies, we have two opportunities for you to "get together"** (via Zoom): Join us Tuesday evenings at 7:30 for weekly testimonies, fellowship, and a time of prayer. We also hope you will join us for *Steadfast*, a devotional bible study on the Book of James on Wednesdays at 9am and 7:30pm. Check your email for Zoom links.
- Did you know you can use the **Church Center app** for online giving, to sign up for events, connect with your small groups, bible studies, etc? Contact the church office for assistance.
- If you do not receive our **weekly email updates** on Tuesday mornings, please send your email address to [amymitchell@trinitystlouis.org](mailto:amymitchell@trinitystlouis.org).
- If you would like one of our **pastors stop by for a front porch visit** or to give you a phone call, please email [info@trinitystlouis.org](mailto:info@trinitystlouis.org)
- **Sign up for the Diaconal Care group** by going to Church Center, click the tab that says "Groups" then scroll till you find "Service," click that tab and search for diaconal care group.
- Now more than ever, it is important we stay in touch. **Please help us to keep our online directory up to date.** Pass along your contact info and picture to Amy Mitchell.