



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

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WORSHIPING THE GOD OF MIRACLES

Liturgist: Rev. Nate Taylor

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Duncan Highmark

Scripture Reader: Ruling Elder, Steve O'Neal

Quotes and Reflections

How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion endures from generation to generation. — Daniel 4:3

"That God normally operates the universe consistently makes science possible; that He does not always do so ought to keep science humble." — D.A. Carson

"Only if atheism were proved to be true could one rationally deny the possibility of miracles." — William Lane Craig

"Do not attempt to water Christianity down. There must be no pretense that you can have it with the supernatural left out. So far as I can see, Christianity is precisely the one religion from which the miraculous cannot be separated."
— C.S. Lewis

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

Reflect quietly and prayerfully on these words as we prepare to enter into worship.

From John Frame's *Systematic Theology* (133):

"Are miracles probable? Of course they are unlikely, because they are by definition extraordinary. But that fact does not reduce their probability to zero. Probability like possibility, is determined by God. In a Christian-theistic worldview, our question becomes how likely it is that God will bring about miracles. To answer that question, we must know something about God, particularly about his intentions and goals. God announced to Noah that the course of nature would proceed in a way that is generally regular (Gen. 8:22). But God's higher intention is to redeem a people for himself, and to do that, it is appropriate for him to perform unusual works, to accomplish salvation, apply it, and attest it. If the world were governed by impersonal forces, there would be no reason to expect departures from the basic functions of those forces. But ours is a world ruled by a person, and he seeks fellowship with us. This is sufficient reason to expect that he will identify himself in the natural order, as the ruler of that order. And since he has ordained miracles as a mark of his lordship and an attestation of his revelation, we can say that miracles are significantly probable."

Song of Preparation

Be Thou My Vision
Trinity Hymnal #642 (vv. 1, 2, 5)

***Call to Worship—Psalm 116 (selected)**

Leader: I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

People: Therefore, I will call on him as long as I live.

Leader: What shall we render to the Lord for all his benefits to us?

People: We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,

All: We will pay our vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

"Worship alone of all the activities of the believer, will continue in heaven and will occupy the redeemed host forever!" — Robert Rayburn

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

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



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



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



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



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

11 Gm Eb

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

13 Gm Eb

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

15 F Bb

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

17 F Gm Eb

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

It Is Well with My Soul

Trinity Hymnal #691

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Matthew 14:13-21

Jesus miraculously feeds a great crowd

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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—Genesis 18:9-15

They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." The Lord said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied it, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "No, but you did laugh."

Silent Confession and Lament

"Many people would learn from their mistakes if they weren't so busy denying them." — Harold O. Smith

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for justifying us by faith in Him!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

The Lord Is My Salvation

Words and Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Nathan Nockles, and Jonas Myrin

F#m D E Sus E F#m D E Sus E

1. The grace of God has reached for me, And pulled me from the rag - ing sea.
 2. I will not fear when dark - ness falls, His strength will help me scale these walls.
 3. My hope is hid - den in the Lord, He flow'rs each pro - mise of His Word.
 4. In times of wait - ing, times of need, When I know loss, when I am weak.

4 D/F# E/G# A A/C# D Bm7 E 1.3. D/A E/A

And I am safe on this sol - id ground: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.
 I'll see the dawn of the ris - ing sun: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.
 When win - ter fades, I know spring will come: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.
 I know His grace will re - new these days: The Lord is my sal - va -

2.4. Refrain D/A E/A A E D A/C# E D A/C#

tion. Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faith - ful in love. My

13 F#m E/G# A A/C# D A/C# Bm7 E 1. [to verse] 2. D/A E/A D/A E/A

debt is paid and the vic - tory won: The Lord is my sal - va - tion. tion.

F#m D Esus E F#m D Esus E

5. And when I reach my fi - nal_ day, He will not leave me in the grave.

D/F# E/G# A A/C# D Bm7 E D/A E/A A

But I will rise, He will call me home: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.

Refrain
E D A/C# E D A/C#

Who is like the_ Lord our God? Strong to save, faith - ful in love. My

F#m E/G# A A/C# D A/C# Bm7 E A **Bridge**

debt is paid and the vic - tory won; The Lord is my sal - va - tion. Glo - ry

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

be to God, the Fa - ther, - Glo - ry be to God, the Son, - Glo - ry

D A/C# C#m F#m Bm7 Esus ^{1.} Asus A

be to God, the Spi - rit; - The Lord is our sal - va - tion. Glo - ry

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Sermon

Why should I believe in miracles when I have science?

The Fourth Sermon in the Series on "Honest Questions"

Luke 5:1-12

Rev. Chris Polski

"Witnessing is not just something a Christian says, but what a Christian is!"

— Richard Halverson

*Song of Response

Our Great God

Fernando Ortega

Voice

A Em Em7 A Em Em7

Verse 1 & 2

A Em Em7

1. E - ter - nal God, un - chang - ing, mys - te - rious and un -
 2. Lord we are weak and frail help - less in the

A A Em Em7

known. Your bound - less love un - fail - ing, in grace and mer - cy
 storm.. Sur - round us with Your an - gels, hold us in Your

A F#m D2

shown. Bright ser - a - phim - in end - less flight a -
 arms. Our cold and ruth - less en - e - my, his

F#m D2 A Em

round - Your glo - rious throne, They raise their voic - es day and night in
 pleas - sure is our harm. Rise up, oh Lord and he will flee be -

Chorus

Em7 A A Em

praise to You a - lone. Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry -
 fore our Sov - 'reign God.

D A A

be to our great - God Ha - le - lu -

Em 1. D

jah! glo - ry be to our great

32 A Em A A 2.D
 God Lord, be to our great

Instrumental

37 A Em A Em A Em
 God

Verse 3

43 A A A Em Em7
 3. Let ev - ry crea - ture in - the sea, and ev - ry fly - ing

48 A A Em Em7
 bird, let ev - ry moun - tain, ev - ry field, and val - ley of the

52 A F#m D2
 earth, let all the moons and all the stars in

55 F#m D2 A
 all the u - ni - verse sing prais - es to the

Chorus 2

58 Em Em7 A A
 liv - ing God, who rules them by His Word. Ha - le - lu -

62 Em D 1. A 2. A
 jah! glo - ry be to our great God! Ha - le - God

***Benediction**

We will dismiss by rows following the 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 • 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.

- **Sunday school** classes are on Summer hiatus.
- **Men's Bible Study** this Friday at 6:30am. The men are looking at the Book of Judges.
- **Ladies**, 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.
- **Ladies Connect is back!** Join us **Sun., Jun. 28th at 6pm** in Jessica Doiron's backyard. Bring your own lawn chair, snack, and beverage.
- Each Sunday evening from 5:30-7pm **students grades 6th-12th** are invited to join us for our **Sunday Summer Study**. We will have a time of fellowship and games, as well as discussion on the Sermon on the Mount. **Students bring your own dinner**, and we will provide bottled water. Email Pastor Ben for more information @ ben.e.tharp@gmail.com.
- Each Wednesday evening from 7-8:30pm at the church, unless otherwise stated, **students grades 6th-12th** are invited to join us for our **Wednesday Fun Day**. This is a time of fellowship and fun where we get to build friendships and community. Email Pastor Ben @ ben.e.tharp@gmail.com to be added to our communication list, so you are up to date with when and where these events will occur.
- 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.
- 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
- **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.

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.