



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

July 19, 2020

WORSHIPING THE GOD OF GOOD NEWS

Liturgist: Rev. Nate Taylor

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Tom Schmidt

Scripture Reader: Ruling Elder, Fielding Poe

Quotes and Reflections

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." — Luke 2:10-11

"The blindness of unbelievers in no way detracts from the clarity of the gospel; the sun is no less bright because blind men do not perceive its light."
— John Calvin

"There is nothing attractive about the gospel to the natural man; the only man who finds the gospel attractive is the man who is convicted of sin."
— Oswald Chambers

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

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

It's hard to believe that it has been 8 years since we moved into this building and nearly 13 years since this church began. When we moved into this building we were a group of about 200 people total. Now, we are a congregation with almost 350 souls involved as members or regular attenders, with much of that growth occurring in the last two years. Because of this, as I sat down to contemplate our plans for summer preaching way back in January, I thought that it would be wise to take some time to review the core values of our church. Little did we know at the time that we would still be dealing with the implications of the Covid-19 pandemic. And yet, in spite of the fact that so many of our people are still not physically present with us, it seemed to me that it would still be a good practice to go back and look again at the things that we are especially committed to as a church in order to lay a renewed foundation for moving forward together when the pandemic is finally behind us. Our prayer in undertaking this series is that more than anything else we will all be able to renew our faith and trust in the Lord who provides so well even in times of trial, and that together we will find a renewed sense of purpose to move forward together. — Pastor Chris

Song of Preparation

Lead Us Back

Words and Music by Bobby Gilles and Brooks Ritter

8 D D Bm G A^{sus}

1. Fall - ing down up - on our knees, shar - ing now in com - mon
 2. Lord, we fall up - on our knees, we have shunned the weak and
 3. Lord, you've caused the blind to see; we have blind - ed them a -

12 D D Bm G A^{sus}

shame. We have sought se - cu - ri - ty, not the cross that bears your
 poor. Wor - shipped beau - ty, court - ed kings, and the things their gold af -
 - gain with our man - made laws and creeds, ea - ger, read - y to con -

16 D F#m Bm G A^{sus}

name. Fen - ces guard — our hearts and homes, com - fort sings a si - ren
 -fords. Prayed for those — we'd like to know; fav - or sings a si - ren
 -demn. Now, we plead — be - fore your throne; pow - er sings a si - ren

20 D D Bm G A^{sus} D

tune. We're a val - ley of dry bones. Lead us back to life in you.
 tune. We've be -
 tune. We've been

25 D Bm G A^{sus} D D

- come a tal - ent show. Lead us back to life in you. throw - ing heav - y

37 D Bm G A^{sus} D D D

We're a val - ley of dry
 - come a tal - ent

43 Bm G A^{sus} D D

bones. Lead us back to life in you. We've be - you. We've been
 show. Lead us back to life in

47 D Bm G A^{sus} D

throw - ing heav - y stones. Lead us back to life in you.

***Call to Worship—Psalm 100:1-4**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness!

People: We will come into his presence with singing!

Leader: Know that the Lord, he is God!

People: It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

All: We will give thanks to him; we will bless his name!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

***Songs of Adoration**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Trinity Hymnal #302

"We must rejoice in God, but still with a holy trembling." — Matthew Henry

B \flat B \flat (sus4) B \flat B \flat F B \flat

Come re -

Bridge

B \flat B \flat /D E \flat B \flat F

joice now O my soul for His love is my re - ward Fear is

1.2. 3. **D.S. al Coda**

B \flat B \flat /D E \flat F B \flat B \flat B \flat /D

gone and hope is sure Christ is mine for-ev-er more Come re -more And mine are

B \flat F B \flat F B \flat

more Christ is mine for-ev-er more Christ is mine for-ev-er more Guitar melody

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading—Psalm 139:1-17

Search me, O God, and know my heart

O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue,
behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.

You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is high; I cannot attain it.

Where shall I go from your Spirit?

Or where shall I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there!

If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me.

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light about me be night,"

even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

For you formed my inward parts;

you knitted me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works;

my soul knows it very well.

My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes saw my unformed substance;

in your book were written, every one of them,
the days that were formed for me,
when as yet there was none of them.

How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!

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

"We shall never know what sin really is until we learn to think of it in terms of our relationship with God." — J.I. Packer

Call to Confession—Matthew 13:1-9

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear."

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon—Romans 5:20-21

Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Song of Pardon

All I Have is Christ

Music and Words by Jordan Kauflin; piano arr. Dan Kreider

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 - f'rent 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. G^{sus} 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. G^{sus} G C F CHORUS 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!

***The Passing of the Peace**

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for His never-ending mercies!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

The Sacrament of Covenant Baptism (8:45 service)

Selah Eowyn Akin

Baptismal Song (8:45 service)

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

Trinity Hymnal #189

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Song (Ensemble)

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Words by Samuel Trevor Francis. Music by Bob Kauflin

"The purpose of preaching is to humble the sinner, exalt the Savior and promote holiness." — Charles Simeon

Sermon

"A Not for Ourselves Church"

The First Sermon in a Series on Trinity's Core Values

2 Corinthians 4:5

Rev. Chris Polski

*Song of Response

Facing a Task Unfinished

Words by Frank Houghton. Music by Samuel Wesley. New Words and Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Ed Cash, and Fionan de Barra

C $\text{\textcircled{X}}$ C G^{sus} G F G C C/E

1. Fac - ing a task un - fin - ished, that drives us to our knees. A need that, un - di -
 2. Where oth - er lords be - side Thee hold their un - hin - dered sway; where for - ces that de -
 3. We bear the torch that, flam - ing, fell from the hands of those who gave their lives pro -
 4. O Fa - ther who sus - tained them, O Spi - rit who in - spired, Sav - iour, whose love con -

6 F Dm7 G/B C F C/E

min - ished, re - bukes our sloth - ful ease. We, who re - joice to know Thee, re -
 fied Thee, de - fy Thee still to - day. With none to heed their cry - ing for
 claim - ing That Je - sus died and rose. Ours is the same com - mis - sion, the
 strained them to toil with zeal un - tired. From cow - ar - dice de - fend us, from

11 Am Dm7 C/G C/F F Dm7 G^{sus} G

new be - fore Thy throne the so - lemn pledge we owe Thee - to go and make Thee
 life, and love, and light, un - num - bered souls are dy - ing and pass in - to the
 same glad mess - age ours; fired by the same am - bi - tion, to Thee we yield our
 leth - ar - gy a - wake! Forth on Thine er - rands send us to la - bour for Thy

16 C F/A F C

known. night. }
 2. Where powers. } We
 sake. } sake.

2.3.4. Refrain



21 G G/F C G G/F C F G

go to all the world, with king - dom hope un - furled. No oth - er name has

3rd time to CODA ♪

26 Em7 Am Dm7 G7sus C

power to save but Je - sus Christ The Lord.

30 F/A F D.S. ♯

3. We
4. O

♩ CODA Last Refrain

Cadd9 G G/F C Dm C/E

Lord. We go to all the world, His

35 G G/F C F G Em7 Am Dm7 G7sus

king - dom hope un - furled. No oth - er name has power to save but Je - sus Christ The

40 C F/A F C5

Lord.

***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.
- 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.
- **Men's and Women's bible studies** are on a short break for the summer. Stay tuned for information on coming studies.
- 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.
- **We are temporarily offering two morning services** (8:45 and 10:45). We ask that you sign up for one of the services or let us know if you are flexible (if you haven't already done so). This will allow us to maintain social distancing, while allowing those that are able to once again worship in person on a weekly basis. You may **sign up on the Church Center app under the events tab, or call or email Amy Mitchell** (amymitchell@trinitystlouis.org) at the church office.
- 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.