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# WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO BRINGS US INTO COMMUNITY

Liturgist: Rev. Nate Taylor

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Greg Boehne

Scripture Reader: Amy Mitchell and Mickie Schmidt

#### **Quotes and Reflections**

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!
It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!
It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore. — Psalm 133

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. — Acts 2:42-47

"Love says: I've seen the ugly parts of you and I'm staying." — Matt Chandler

"The person who loves their dream of community will destroy community, but the person who loves those around them will create community."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

#### **Prelude**

#### Welcome and Announcements

# Song of Preparation

Be Still, My Soul Trinity Hymnal #689

# \*Call to Worship—Psalm 77:11-15

Leader: I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will

remember your wonders of old.

People: I will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds.

Leader: Your way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our

God?

People: You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might among the peoples.

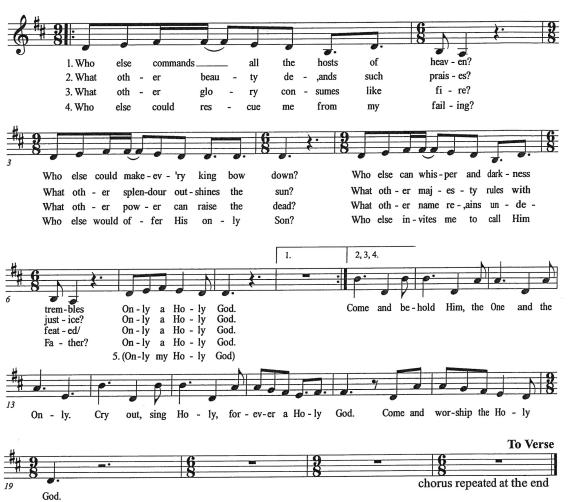
All: You with your arm redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph.

# WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

# \*Songs of Adoration

# Only A Holy God

Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, Dustin Smith, and Rich Thompson



#### How Great Is Our God

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, and Ed Cash



## \*Prayer of Adoration

#### WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

# Old Testament Reading—Psalm 8

The glorious work of God on behalf of creation

O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
you have established strength because of your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,

all sheep and oxen,

and also the beasts of the field,

the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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—Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

These are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders of the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon...It said: "Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare."

#### Silent Confession and Lament

# WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Jer. 29:10-14

"For thus says the Lord: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you, declares the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile."

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for restoring our

fortunes!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

# \*Song of Rejoicing

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# Faith's Review and Expectation



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#### WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

# **Pastoral Prayer**

#### **Tithes and Offerings**

Offertory Song (Please join in singing the chorus)



#### Sermon

"A Church Committed to Life Together"
The Sixth Sermon in a Series on the Core Values of Trinity Church
1 Peter 2:4-10
Rev. Nate Taylor

\*Song of Response

Be Thou My Vision Trinity Hymnal #642 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.

- Pastor Polski is sharing a **Sunday school series** on the Apostle's Creed on our Trinity Church Kirkwood Facebook page.
- Our Online Learning Assitance Ministry is still in need of volunteers and paid learning assistants. Please email olam@trinitystlouis.org if you are interested.
- No Men's Bible Study this Friday. The study takes place on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Friday of each month at 6:30am, using a hybrid format. The men will continue to work through the Book of Judges.
- The Wednesday Women's Bible study will begin on Sept. 9th using a hybrid format in the morning (9am), allowing those who would like to attend in person to do so, with the option of a live Zoom stream. We will also offer a Zoom study at 7:30pm. Please sign up on the Church Center app under "groups" or email Amy Mitchell. The ladies will be studying 1 & 2 Samuel this fall and spring.
- Ladies Connect: In years past the words "back to school" brought joy and sadness. This year there seems to be many other emotions associated with this phrase. Whether you are super excited about remote learning, joyful about in person school, freaked out about so, so many things, or concerned about the children in our community, this is an event for you. Please join us to pray and socialize about the coming school year. You don't have to be a mom to appreciate the craziness of this time of year so anyone is welcome to join us. Please bring a chair and whatever you would like to eat and drink, to Sugar Creek Park (435 Des Peres Road, 63131) TOMORROW (Aug. 24) at 7pm.
- Ladies, our Tues. evening study will begin on Sept. 15th. This semester we will be going through Tim Keller's book, Generous Justice. More details to come.
- Middle School Summer Study: Sunday evenings from 5:30-7pm in the Student Ministries area. We will be continuing our study called Life in 6 Words: The Gospel Explored. Students need to bring a mask.
- **High School Summer Study:** Wednesday nights from 7-8:30pm in the Student Ministries area. We will be continuing our study called Life in 6 Words: The Gospel Explored. Students need to bring a mask.
- Small Group information is coming this week. Keep an eye out for an email with all the details.
- 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.

Trinity's ministries are organized around the core values in purpose statement which reads: Trinity Church exists to exal name, establish God's people, equip God's church and er God's world, in the power of the Holy Spirit and for the sake Risen King, Jesus Christ.	lt God's ngage