



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

July 18, 2021

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.



WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

SUNDAY

9:30am worship
Jr. High Youth | 5:30pm

MONDAY-FRIDAY
VBS | 5:30-7:30pm

WEDNESDAY
Men's Night | 8pm

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WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO MAKES A WAY

Liturgist: Rev. Chris Polski

Scripture Reader: Kathy O'Neal

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Fielding Poe

Quotes and Reflections

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

— Ephesians 3:20-21

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Today we worship the God who makes a way! Surely, most of us wondered how He could make a way for Nate and Erin when they began their fundraising for Scotland in the midst of a global pandemic. And yet, here we sit on Nate and Erin's last Sunday, and the Lord has made a way!

With that in mind, I'd like to offer a special prayer of thanksgiving for Nate and Erin and their children as they head off to Scotland:

O Great God of unfathomable provision, though we are ashamed to admit it, you have surprised us all by doing immeasurably more than all that we could ever ask or imagine by providing for your beloved servants, Nate and Erin, as they prepare to serve you in Scotland! For this we offer you our deep thanksgiving and along with this we pray that you will continue to provide for the Taylor family as they prepare to begin their more literal journey to Scotland in the coming weeks.

We pray for their marriage, that you would keep them tightly bonded together to one another and to you, like a chord of three strands. We pray for their children, Ruby, Lucy and Ollie, that you will give them peace in the midst of all the change and that you will provide them with good schools and good friends as they settle in Scotland. We pray for Nate's relationship with the leaders in the Scottish church as he begins his mission of coming alongside them in the prayerful effort to plant more churches in a land that once teemed with them but is now virtually bereft of those that honor you truly. We pray for Nate and Erin's relationship with fellow members of their MTW team, that they will be a great resource of encouragement to one another in a difficult place for gospel work. We pray for a good work-rest rhythm in the Taylor's lives as they adjust to a new culture and new friends. We pray for their relationship with their own families back here in the states, that in parting there will be joy and a deep sense of gospel-based understanding in the calling that the Taylors have received. We pray for the believers in Scotland, that they will receive the Taylors with open arms and that they will join with them, as they are able, in the gospel enterprise being undertaken in their land. We pray for Nate and Erin's friends here at Trinity and in St. Louis, friends that will miss them very much, that you will comfort them too and give them a sense of spiritual partnership in the Taylor's work overseas. We pray for Trinity Church as it seeks a new pastor to join the team, that you will lead us to the right person who can continue on in many of the ways that Nate has served, in blessing the congregation here.

And now Father, as we look to you, we end this prayer with the words that the Apostle Paul registered for his dear friends in the church at Ephesus, claiming these same words for Nate and Erin and Ruby, Lucy and Ollie:

¹⁵ For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸ having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

— Pastor Chris, on behalf of the whole congregation of Trinity Church

Song of Preparation

My Worth Is Not In What I Own

Words and Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Graham Kendrick

VERSE

4 C² F/C C² G/C C² F/C

1. My worth is not in what I own; not
 (2. My) worth is not in skill or name; in
 (3. As) sum - mer flow'rs we fade and die; fame,
 (4. I) will not boast in wealth or might, or
 (5. Two) won - ders here that I con - fess: my

7 C² F C² F/C C² G G#° Am F Last time to Coda

in the strength of flesh and bone. But in the cost - ly wounds of love at the
 win or lose, in pride or shame. But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the
 youth and beau - ty hur - ry by. But life e - ter - nal calls to us at the
 hu - man wis - dom's fleet - ing light. But I will boast in know - ing Christ at the
 worth and my un - wor - thi - ness. My val - ue fixed, my ran - som paid at the

11 1, 3. C² F/C C² F/C 2, 4. C² F/C C²

cross. 2. My cross.
 cross. 4. I cross.

I re-joyce in my Re - deem - er. Great - est treas - ure, well-spring of my soul.

19 F² G Am C/E F G

I will trust in Him, no oth - er; my soul is sat - is - fied in Him a -

22 C² F/C C² F/C D.S. al Coda

-lone.

3. As
 5. Two

Call to Worship—Psalm 89 (selected)

Leader: I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to
all generations.

**People: Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, your
faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!**

All: Blessed be the Lord forever! Amen and Amen.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

***Songs of Adoration**

How Firm a Foundation
Trinity Hymnal #94

I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)

Words and Music by Charles Hutchinson Gabriel. Arr. by Chris Tomlin



1. I stand a-mazed in the pres - ence of Je - sus — the Naz - a -
(2. He) took my sins and my sor - rows, He made them — His ver - y



-rene, and won - der how He could love — me, a
own, He bore the bur - den to Cal - va - ry, and

Last time to Coda Φ

CHORUS



sin - ner — con-demned, un - clean. Sing-in!: How mar - vel-ous! How won-der-ful!
suf - fered — and died a -



And my song shall ev - er be: How mar - vel-ous! How won-der-ful!



Is my — Sav - ior's love for me. 1. I love for



love for me. 3. And with the ran - som'd in glo - ry, His



face I at last shall see. It will be my joy through the ag - es, to

CHORUS



sing of — His love — for me. Ev - ry-bod - y sing - in!: How mar - vel - ous!

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Ephesians 2:11-22

Who we are in Christ!

Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

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—Mark 6:53-56

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Isaiah 40:2

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for His pardoning 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

Oh Give Thanks! (Psalm 107)

Wendell Kimbrough

1. We were wan - d'ring in the de - sert with our souls
2. We were locked out of the gar - den and our backs
3. We were fools in our re - bell - ion with our hun -
4. We were far out on the o - cean ma - king wealth

so starved and weak; we were hun - gry for a home - land we did not
bend down with pain in the sha - dow of death's dark - ness we were slaves
- ger strike of pride; we were sick and grow - ing clos - er to the death
and cha - sing dreams but the waves of great de - struc - tion brought us trem -

know how to seek, but we lif - ted up our voi -
to sin and blame Then we cried out in our la -
we should have died, Then he heard of our con - di -
- bling to our knees, and we cried like our drun - ken sai -

- ces to the on - ly One who hears and the God
- bor to the on - ly One who hears and the God
- tion and He called us by our names and the God
- lors to the on - ly One who hears and the God

of mer - cy came and brought us near. Oh give thanks to the Lord
of mer - cy wiped a - way our tears.
of glo - ry took a - way our shame.
of com - fort took a - way our fears.

for His love en - dures fo - re - ver! We were wan - der - ing and lost and our Fa -

- ther brought us home to a safe dwe - lling place, to a feast

of joy and laugh - ter. Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

(Children ages 4yr to 2nd grade may be excused for Children's Church)

Offertory Song (Ensemble)

Jesus, Lead Me To Your Healing Waters

David Crowder, Mark Waldrop, Mike Didson, Mike Hogan, and Jack Parker

Sermon

"What's In Your Hand?"

Exodus 4:2

Rev. Nate Taylor

*Song of Response

Is He Worthy?

Words and Music by Andrew Peterson and Ben Shive

(Ensemble): Do you feel the world is broken? (Congregation): *We do*
(Ensemble): Do you feel the shadows deepen? (Congregation): *We do*
(Ensemble): But do you know that all the dark won't
stop the light from getting through? (Congregation): *We do*
(Ensemble): Do you wish that you could see it all made new?
(Congregation): *We do*

(Ensemble): Is all creation groaning? (Congregation): *It is*
(Ensemble): Is a new creation coming? (Congregation): *It is*
(Ensemble): Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst?
(Congregation): *It is*
(Ensemble): Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (Congregation): *It is*

(Chorus: All)
*Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
Is He worthy, is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this? He is.*

(Ensemble): Does the Father truly love us? (Congregation): *He does*
(Ensemble): Does the Spirit move among us? (Congregation): *He does*
(Ensemble): And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves?
(Congregation): *He does*
(Ensemble): Does our God intend to dwell again with us?
(Congregation): *He does*

(Chorus: All)
*Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with His Son
Is He worthy, is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this? He is.
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
He is. He is*

*Benediction

Please be seated following the benediction for a very brief congregational meeting to vote to dissolve Nate Taylor from his pastoral relationship with the congregation of Trinity Church and to recommend him to the care of MTW. We will then have a reception in the Narthex.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday school is on Summer hiatus and will return for all ages on Sept. 12.

Please be sure to **sign the Trinity Hymnal** in the Narthex for the **Taylors and Louise Jones**.

Men's Night Wed. at 8pm at Chris Freeman's.

The **Men's & Women's Bible Studies** are taking a short break for the Summer.

Ladies Connect: Mon., July 26th at 7:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's.

We are in **need of a few more folks to join our sound crew**. No experience necessary. See Dan Bailey or Katie Polski for more info.

Save the Date: Make plans to join us for Party on the Lawn on Sat., Sept. 25.

Women's Ministry Fall Kick-Off-Friday, Aug. 27th from 7-8:30pm. Dessert contest, laughter, fellowship, and more!

If you do not receive our **weekly email updates** on Tuesday mornings, please send your email address to amymitchell@trinitystlouis.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 (PaulSchaffer1012@gmail.com), **Children's Church:** Melissa Kocher (medcalf.melissa@gmail.com), **Greeters:** Elisa Tharp (elisa.f.tharp@gmail.com), **Nursery:** Sarah Oehlerking, Deborah Moen, Alyssa Hall, and Ruth Harlow (nursery@trinitystlouis.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.

We are now using Church Center ONLY for our directory. **You need to go to your app and allow viewing of your information to be included if you would like our Trinity family to be able to contact you.** Feel free to see Amy Mitchell or your weekly email if you need assistance.

Congregational Meeting Today

The Session of Trinity Church, pursuant to BCO 23, is calling a congregational meeting **today at 11:00am** for the purpose of dissolving the pastoral relationship between Nate Taylor and the congregation of Trinity Church Kirkwood and recommending Nate, with great joy and thanksgiving for his service at Trinity, to the care of Mission to the World as he pursues his calling to overseas missions. Join us for a reception in the Narthex.

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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