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# WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO RENEWS THE FAITH OF HIS PEOPLE

**Liturgist:** Rev. Aaron Goldstein **Scripture Reader:** Amy Mitchell

Pastoral Prayer: Jim Talent, Ruling Elder

#### **Quotes and Reflections**

You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. — Isa. 26:3

"Faith always sees the bow of covenant promise whenever sense sees the cloud of affliction." — C.H. Spurgeon

"The bond of the covenant is able to bear the weight of the believer's heaviest burden." — William Plummer

#### **Prelude**

#### Welcome and Announcements

## WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Little did we know, back in 2018 when we embarked on our Capstone building expansion project, how much would happen in the life of our church, and the world, over the next three years!

On the positive side, during these three passed years, none of us anticipated the generous acceleration in giving, the rapid growth of the church, the gift of a potential church planting property, and the enormous number of new covenant children that have been born into our fellowship. These are all evidence of God's good and gracious plan for our church family!

At the same time, none of us anticipated the longer than expected period of construction on the Capstone project, the onset of a global pandemic that physically separated us from one another, the departure of a much-loved Associate Pastor (though for a wonderful reason), the need to cancel several critical ministries and events, and the most tumultuous and controversial set of cultural conflicts that have been witnessed in generations.

These last three years have been remarkable for all of us in so many different ways and for many different reasons.

Right now many pastors are feeling the weight of how they are called to lead their congregations back toward biblical normalcy in such an unusual and difficult time as this and congregants are wrestling with questions concerning when and how to return to normal and worrying about what the new normal will actually be.

We think all these factors are in play for our church as much as they are for most others and so, we as a Session made a decision over the summer to embark upon a season of Covenant Renewal for our church which began with a series of sermons on Acts and which moves toward a climax this week.

For the next five days, we have prepared devotionals that will help us review our membership vows, examine the scriptures that support them and then provide practical ways that we can go about fulfilling the heart of these vows as we commit ourselves again to the work of the kingdom in the life of Trinity Church.

This coming Saturday we will have a day of prayer which will culminate in an evening of song and prayer and then, Sunday morning, we have the great privilege of hearing an exhortation from Dr. Bryan Chapell about what it means to be a church.

We invite you then, to set aside a little time each day this week to reflect on the vows that you have taken or may soon take, and to prayerfully recommit yourself to the work of Trinity Church Kirkwood!

# **Song of Preparation**

#### O, How I Love Jesus Words by Frederick Whitfield



# Call to Worship—Psalm 103 (selected)

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,

bless his holy name!

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits!

Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to

everlasting! For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who

fear him.

People: Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will!

Leader: Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his

dominion.

All: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

# WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

# \*Songs of Adoration

## Hail to the Lord's Anointed

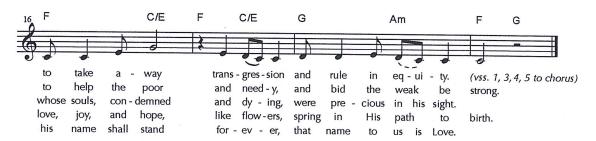
Words by James Montgomery (alt. S. McCracken). Music by Sandra McCracken











## Only A Holy God

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



# \*Prayer of Adoration

#### WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

# Old Testament Reading—Isaiah 42

The covenant faithfulness of the servant of the Lord

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not guench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: "I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you 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

# Call to Confession—Ephesians 2:11-12

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.

#### **Silent Confession and Lament**

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

# Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Eph. 2:13-14

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for bringing us near

to Him and saving us!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

# \*Song of Rejoicing

#### There Is A Fountain



#### 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 (please join when directed)

Take My Life



#### Sermon

"Covenant Renewal"
The Fifth in a Six Part Series on Covenant Renewal
Joshua 24
Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

For today's sermon outline scan here with your phone camera:



\*Song of Response

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Trinity Hymnal #457

<sup>\*</sup>Benediction

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday school classes for all ages meet today.** Children Pre-K-2nd will meet in the Pre-K/K classroom. Children 3rd-5th grade will meet in the 3-5gr./children's church room.

Children's Church is in need of four additional volunteers who could serve once a month. All lessons and materials are prepared and in the classroom prior to your assigned Sunday. Children's Church meets year-round. See Melissa Kocher or Pastor Ben if you are interested.

**Sign up for a Small Group!** Sign up sheets are in the Narthex or go to groups in Church Center.

Men's Bible Study: The men will have the option of attending on Wed. evenings at 6pm or Friday mornings at 6:30am. Pastor Polski is leading a study on the Book of Acts.

Women's Bible Studies: We offer two options- Two Tues. a month a group meets at Melissa Jorgensen's home at 7pm to discuss the Sermon on the Mount (starting 9/14). On Wednesdays we meet at Trinity for a study of 1 & 2 Thessalonians either at 9am or 6pm.

Devotions and Day of Prayer: You will find a Covenant Renewal Devotion on your seat today. Next week we will end the week with a Day of Prayer on Sat, Sept. 18th from 6am-6pm. You can sign up for a 30 minute time slot using the QR code on the right of this page or going to the events tab on Church Center.

Mark your calendars for **An Evening of Prayer & Worship** on Sat., Sept. 18th at 6:30pm.

**Party on the Lawn** on Sat., Sept. 25 from 4:30-7pm. Sign up today using the QR code on the right side of this page.

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.

You can **sign up for all upcoming events** by scanning your phone camera over the QR code and then <u>following the link</u>:



#### WELCOME LUNCH

Welcome Lunch on Sun., Oct. 31st (please note the new date) after Sunday school in the Narthex at 12pm.

New to Trinity? We would love to welcome YOU by inviting you to lunch. Come to learn more about the church and ministry opportunities. RSVP by texting "welcome lunch" to 314-384-2444 by Friday the latest!

Trinity's ministries are organized around the core values in our purpose statement which reads: Trinity Church exists to <b>exalt</b> God's name, <b>establish</b> God's people, <b>equip</b> 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.