



# TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

*2 CORINTHIANS 4:5*

September 19, 2021  
Covenant Renewal Sunday

# 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.



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# WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO RENEWS COVENANT WITH HIS PEOPLE

**Liturgist:** Rev. Chris Polski

**Scripture Reader:** Beth Thorpe

**Pastoral Prayer:** Steve O'Neal, Ruling Elder

## Quotes and Reflections

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore, he instructs sinners in the way. <sup>9</sup> He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble his way. <sup>10</sup> All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. — Psalm 25:8-10

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

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Trinity Church began in the Fall of 2006 with a deep desire to be a church that was committed to the faithful exposition of God's word, a deep investment in pastoral care and a profound longing to impact its community with the gospel of grace. The original group of about 75 people began worshipping on Sunday evenings in October of 2006 and by the spring of 2007 called Pastor Polski to the post of founding pastor, beginning morning worship services in the summer of 2007. By the Fall of 2008 Trinity had particularized and seated its first elders and deacons.

At about this time Trinity sensed the Lord's leading to establish a set of strategic objectives to guide its ministry efforts which included a commitment to historical worship--freshly expressed, intergenerational ministry, worship in a single worship

service, not growing beyond 300 regular morning worshippers and planting churches to manage future growth within these parameters.

In late 2009 the Lord led Trinity to the Glenwood Lane property in Kirkwood and gave it the ability to purchase both the 7 acres and the abandoned Osage School located on the property for the bargain basement price of \$500,000. Shortly thereafter Trinity embarked on its first building campaign "Let us Love and Sing and Wonder" in which it raised \$1.2 million dollars to restore and renew the Osage School property to make it suitable for a church. At about the same time Trinity launched the Engage St. Louis outreach and tutoring ministry in partnership with South City Church, a partnership that lasted until just before the pandemic struck.

By 2016 Trinity had grown to the extent that it needed to make good on its core values at which time it decided to embark on a second campaign, "Capstone," to finalize the shape of the facility to accommodate the 300 weekly worshippers and set the church up for its next step of church planting. The congregation raised about \$800k toward this effort and the work was completed in early 2020 with the facility scheduled for dedication in March of that year. At about this same time Trinity was given the gift of 3 acres in south county which had explicitly been set aside for the purpose of future church planting.

In God's sovereign plan, the pandemic closed the facility for several weeks in the Spring of 2020 and because of the lingering struggles of the pandemic only recently enabled the facility to begin being used in its fullest sense.

Over the course of Trinity's fifteen-year history the Lord has blessed us with steady and consistent growth from a group of about 75 folks to a group of well over 300 members and regular attenders spread very evenly across generational lines and poised to take its next steps into the future. We are not a perfect church, but we are God's redeemed sons and daughters called to proclaim His excellencies to a watching world.

All along, Trinity's theme verse has come from 2 Corinthians 4:5, "For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants, for Jesus' sake."

May the Lord make the next season in our history as rich and vibrant as the first and may He use this week's season of Covenant Renewal toward that end!

Soli Deo Gloria!

# Song of Preparation

*As the Deer*  
Words and Music by Martin Nystrom

♩ = 74

C G/B Em/G G7 Am F6/A F/G C/G G7sus C/G

1 As the deer pant - eth for the wa - ter, so my  
2 You're my friend and You are my broth - er e - ven  
3 I want You more than gold or sil - ver, on - ly

3 F G7sus G7 C2sus C G/B Em/G G7

soul long - eth af - ter Thee. You a - lone are my  
though You are a King. I love You more than  
You can sat - is - fy. You a - lone are the

6 Am F6/A F/G C/G G7sus C/G F Fmaj7 G F/G C C/B

heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship Thee.  
an - y oth - er, so much more than an - y - thing.  
real joy - giv - er and the ap - ple of my eye.

9 Am Am/G F Dm6/F C/E F Am/E

You a - lone are my strength, my shield; To You a - lone may my

12 Dm Dm7 Esus E E/D C G/B Em/G G7

spir - it yield. You a - lone are my

15 Am F6/A F/G C/G G7sus C/G F Fmaj7 G F/G C

heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship Thee.

## **Call to Worship—1 Chronicles 16 (selected)**

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

**People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him!**

Leader: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth; yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

**People: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"**

Leader: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it!

**All: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!**

## **WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD**

**\*Songs of Adoration**

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*  
Trinity Hymnal #296 (vs. 1, 3, 5, 6)

# Oh Give Thanks!

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 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.

## \*Prayer of Adoration

# WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

## New Testament Reading—1 Peter 2:1-10

*God's Call and Promise for His Chosen People*

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,”

and

“A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

## **Litany of Covenant Renewal**

*Please note that there are separate parts for the pastor, officers (elders and deacons) and the congregation.*

Pastor: Oh Lord, we rejoice in your goodness to us in allowing us to return to worship and resume the fellowship of the body of Christ after a long season of separation!

**All: We give you thanks, Oh Lord!**

Pastor: We lament together the challenges and difficulties we and so many other churches have experienced over the last two years, some of which have strained relationships and created distance between brothers and sisters in Christ.

**All: Forgive us Lord, for those ways in which we have responded selfishly or acted without love toward our brothers and sisters in Christ during these difficult days.**

Pastor: And yet Lord, in spite of our weakness and sin, we give thanks to you that you continue to love us, and in that love, cover us with your mercy and generous care.

**All: We give you thanks, Lord Jesus!**

Pastor: Oh Lord, as we now look to the future, we ask in faith that you might:

**Congregation: Deepen our love for You, Oh Lord!**

Officers: Grow our love for this body of believers...

Pastor: Strengthen our desire for your word...

**Congregation: Stir our commitment to your church...**

Officers: Widen our ability to care for your people within this church...

**All: Increase our desire to spread the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ in our community and beyond...**

Pastor: Awaken our empathy for the difficulties our neighbors are experiencing...

**Congregation: Remove our anxieties about the future...**

Officers: Empower our creative energies in leading this congregation...

**All: Show us your favor and increase our strength to serve and worship you!**

Pastor: Oh Lord, cause us to encourage one another in the blessed hope of Jesus' return and to not forsake our meeting together, all to the glory and praise of the Lord Jesus Christ! And all God's people said...

**All: Amen!**

*"The church upon its knees would bring heaven upon the earth." — E.M. Bounds*

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

**Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—  
Deuteronomy 26:17-19**

"You have declared today that the Lord is your God, and that you will walk in his ways, and keep his statutes and his commandments and his rules, and will obey his voice. And the Lord has declared today that you are a people for his treasured possession, as he has promised you, and that you are to keep all his commandments, and that he will set you in praise and in fame and in honor high above all nations that he has made, and that you shall be a people holy to the Lord your God, as he promised."

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for making us His treasured possession!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

**People: And also with you!**

# \*Song of Rejoicing

Cornerstone

Words and Music by Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan, Eric Liljero, Edward Mote, William Batchelder Bradbury

♩=71 **INTRO**

C Am



4 F G



**VERSE 1**

7 C F



1. My hope is built on noth - ing less, than Je - sus' blood and

10 G Am Am/G



right - eous - ness. — I dare not trust the sweet - est frame,

13 F G

1. C



but whol - ly trust in Je - sus' Name. —

16 2. C C<sup>sus</sup> C CHORUS F Am G C/E

- sus' Name. \_ Christ a - lone. Corn - er - stone. Weak made

20 F Am G C F Am G

strong in the Sav - iour's love. \_ Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of

24 C VERSE 2 & 3 C

all. 2. When dark-ness seems to hide His face,  
3. When He shall come with trump-et sound,

28 F G Am

I rest on His un - chang - ing grace. \_ In ev - 'ry high and  
oh may I then in Him be found. \_ Dressed in His right - eous -

31 Am/G F 2nd time to Coda G C F G

storm - y gale, -ness a-lone. my an - chor holds with-in \_ the veil. \_ My an-chor holds with-in \_  
Fault-less stand be - fore \_

35 C CHORUS F Am G C/E

\_ the veil. \_ Christ a - lone. Corn - er - stone. Weak made

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)

*Psalm 150 (Praise to the Lord)*

Matt Boswell and Matt Papa. Arr. by Grant Wall

**Sermon**

"The Power that Transforms the Church"

Romans 12:1-2

Dr. Bryan Chapell,

Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church in America

# \*Song of Response

# Facing a Task Unfinished

Original Words and Music: Frank Houghton and Samuel Wesley. New Words and Music: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Ed Cash, and Fiona de Barra

C  $\text{\textcircled{C}}$  G<sup>sus</sup> 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 Dm<sup>7</sup> 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 Dm<sup>7</sup> C/G C/F F Dm<sup>7</sup> G<sup>sus</sup> 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

1. 16 C F/A F

known. night.  
 2. Where powers. } We  
 sake. }  
 2.3.4. Refrain  
 C



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 Em<sup>7</sup> Am Dm<sup>7</sup> G<sup>7</sup>sus C

power to save but Je - sus Christ The Lord.

## A Service of Building Dedication

### Scripture Reading—Psalm 92:12-15

The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon. They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God. They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green, to declare that the Lord is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.



## Corporate Litany of Building Dedication

*Please note that there are parts for the pastor, officers, men and women, and the congregation.*

Pastor: To You, God and Father of Jesus Christ, our Lord:

**All: We dedicate this house.**

Pastor: To You, eternal Son of God, Redeemer of Your people and Head of the church:

**All: We dedicate this house.**

Pastor: To You, Spirit of God, Lord and Giver of life, our Teacher, Sanctifier and Comforter:

**All: We dedicate this house.**

**Congregation: For the worship of God in praise and prayer; For the preaching of the gospel of the grace of God; For the celebration of the holy Sacraments:**

**All: We dedicate this house.**

Elders: For the diffusion of sacred knowledge; For the promotion of righteousness; For the extension of the kingdom of God:

**All: We dedicate this house.**

Deacons: For release of the captives; For recovering of sight to the blind; For rest to the heavy laden:

**All: We dedicate this house.**

Men: For comfort to those who mourn; For strength to those who are tempted; For assurance to those of little faith:



**All: We dedicate this house.**

Women: For the sanctifying of the family; For the nurture of the young; For the perfection of believers:

**All: We dedicate this house.**

Pastor: In gratitude for the gracious keeping of the divine covenant throughout past generations; In reliance upon the promise that the gates of hell shall not prevail against the church; In the hope of the eternal glory of the Church Triumphant:

**All: We dedicate this house.**

## **Prayer of Dedication**

### **\*Song of Dedication**

*Lead On, O King Eternal*  
Trinity Hymnal #580

### **\*Benediction**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday school classes will not meet today**, but will resume next Sunday.

**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 9/28). On Wednesdays we meet at Trinity for a study of 1 & 2 Thessalonians either at 9am or 6pm.

**Mom's Taco Night!** Are you a mom of preschoolers or younger? If so, you deserve a night out! Come to Alyce Bava's home on Monday, Sept. 20th at 6:30pm. To RSVP, text or call 636-485-5834

**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.

**Ladies Connect:** Monday, Sept. 27th in Mickie Schmidt's backyard at 7:30pm.

Parents of little ones (preschool and under), join us for a **play date at Trinity** on Sat., Oct. 2 from 9:30-11am.

The **Kirkwood-Des Peres Area Life Chain** will take place on Sunday, Oct. 3 from 2-3pm at the intersection of Manchester and Ballas Roads.

If you do not receive our **weekly email updates** on Tuesday mornings, please send your email address to [amymitchell@trinitystlouis.org](mailto:amymitchell@trinitystlouis.org).

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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](mailto:PaulSchaffer1012@gmail.com)), **Children's Church:** Melissa Kocher ([medcalf.melissa@gmail.com](mailto:medcalf.melissa@gmail.com)), **Greeters:** Elisa Tharp ([elisa.f.tharp@gmail.com](mailto:elisa.f.tharp@gmail.com)), **Nursery:** Sarah Oehlerking, Deborah Moen, Alyssa Hall, and Ruth Harlow ([nursery@trinitystlouis.org](mailto:nursery@trinitystlouis.org)).

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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.

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You can **sign up for all upcoming events** by scanning your phone camera over the QR code and then [following the link](#):



## 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 **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.