

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

November 14, 2021

WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO WATCHES OVER HIS PEOPLE

Liturgist: Jerome Merritt

Scripture Reader: Amy Mitchell

Pastoral Prayer: Jim Talent, Ruling Elder

Quotes and Reflections

"God has no problems, only plans." — Corrie Ten Boom

"God's cause is never in danger; what he has begun in the soul or in the world he will complete unto the end." — B.B. Warfield

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

As each of us face difficulties and obstacles in our lives, it can be quite helpful to lean in to the witness of scripture in the lives of those people who the Lord inspired to write His perfect words to us, one of which was the Apostle Paul. His ministry was riddled with opposition and it seems that at every turn there was some major obstacle in his way. And yet, in God's good providence he was able to see, even in the midst of opposition and difficult, the abiding hand of God's presence.

Reflect on this remarkable little passage in 2 Corinthians 6:2-10 as you consider the difficulties in your own lives.

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

Song of Preparation

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me Trinity Hymnal #500 (vv. 1, 3, 4)

Call to Worship—1 Chronicles 16:8-10

Leader: Oh, give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;

People: (We will) make known his deeds among the peoples!

Leader: Sing to him, sing praises to him;

People: (We will) tell of all his wondrous works!

Leader: Glory in his holy name;

All: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee

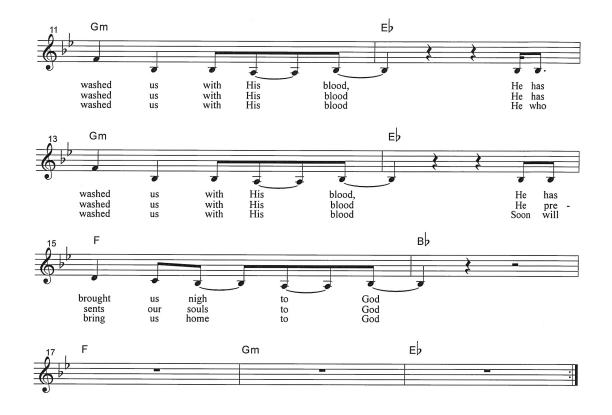
Words by Henry Van Dyke. Music by Ludwig van Beethoven and Edward Hodges



Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Words by John Newton. Music by Laura Taylor





- 4. Let us wonder grace and justice
 Join and point to mercy's store
 When through grace in Christ our trust is
 Justice smiles and asks no more
 He who washed us with His blood
 He who washed us with His blood
 He who washed us with His blood
 Has secured our way to God
- 5. Let us praise and join the chorus Of the saints enthroned on high Here they trusted Him before us Now their praises fill the sky Thou hast washed us with Thy blood Thou hast washed us with Thy blood Thou hast washed us with Thy blood Thou art worthy Lamb of God

*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading—1 Samuel 2:1-10

Hannah's Prayer

And Hannah prayed and said,

"My heart exults in the Lord; my horn is exalted in the Lord. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation.

"There is none holy like the Lord: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.

Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth;

for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.

The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble bind on strength.

Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger.

The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn.

The Lord kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and he exalts.

He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them he has set the world.

"He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness,

for not by might shall a man prevail.

The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces;

against them he will thunder in heaven. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth;

he will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed."

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—Hebrews 10:11

And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Heb. 10:12-14

But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

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

grace!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) Words and Music by John Newton, Chris Tomlin, and Louie Giglio

















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)

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Tom Douglas. Arr. by Dan Galbraith

Sermon

"How Dare You? How Dare YOU!?" Genesis 30:25-31:55 Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

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

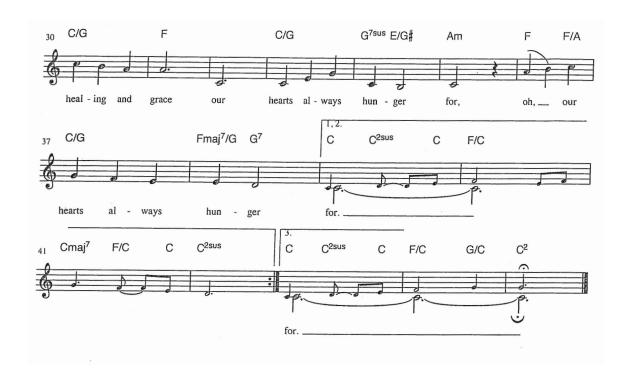


*Song of Response

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Words and Music by Dawn Rodgers and Eric Wyse





*Benediction

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday school classes for all ages meet today at 11am. Children Pre-K-2nd grade meet in the Pre-K/K room. Grades 3rd-5th meet in the 3-5th classroom.

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

Interested in becoming a member of Trinity? Join us for our new members Sunday school class, Trinity Connect, in the fireplace room.

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 (11/9). On Wednesdays we meet at Trinity for a study of 1 & 2 Thessalonians either at 9am or 6pm.

Volunteers are needed for the Christmas Craft Party! There are many ways you can help (you do NOT need to be crafty). Sign up sheets for volunteer opportunities are on the round table in the narthex. See Jason Van Deraa or Amy Mitchell with any questions.

Save the Date: Our Service of Thanksgiving will be on Wednesday, Nov. 24th at 5:30pm. Join us to decorate for Advent and Christmas Sat., Nov. 27th at 9am. Trinity's annual Christmas Concert will be on Sunday, Dec. 19th at 6:30pm. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: Dec. 24 at 5pm.

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>:



CHRISTMAS CRAFT PARTY

Our Christmas Craft Party will take place on Sat., Dec. 4th from 9am to 12:15pm. Children ages 4yrs thru 5th grade will make gifts, sing Christmas Carols, hear a story by Pastor Polski, and enjoy lunch. Registration is limited and will close once full. **Sign up will TODAY**. Scan the QR code above.



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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