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March 13, 2022 Second Sunday of Lent

WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO NEVER ABANDONS US!

Liturgist: Pablo Rosales

Scripture Reader: Ellie Perry

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Steve O'Neal

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflections

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." — Lamentations 3:22-24

"A man were better to say that there is no God than to say that God is unfaithful." — Thomas Brooks

"You can never understand the faithfulness of God by taking the short view."
— Paul Rees

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Delighting in God's Love and Faithfulness- Rev. Scotty Smith (7/19/2021) TGC.com

"I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations. I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself." — Psalm 89:10-12

Heavenly Father, Ethan the Ezrahite gets the credit for this Psalm, but you're the reason it could be written. We begin this today in the uber-steadfastness of your love, and the rock-steadiness of your faithfulness. As fully as possible, we want to delight in both, not merely dabble in them.

Because of what you have done for us in Jesus, we can be certain you won't be using a scorecard, thermometer, or scale to measure our performance today... or forever. Hallelujah, and "Whew!" Because you've raised us to newness of life in Jesus, and have hidden our lives in his, you cannot love us more than you do right now. In fact, every nanosecond you love us just as much as you love Jesus —astonishing...

Even when you discipline us, it's never out of irritation or exasperation, but only by the favor and affection you have lavished on us in Jesus. Such kindness moves us to repentance like nothing else. Such love compels us to worship you, and love others with more compassion and grace.

Lastly, Father, free us to rest more fully in your inviolate sovereignty and unwavering faithfulness. Nothing can alter, deter, or derail your plans for us, and all national, global, and cosmic matters. In Jesus' name, and with tons of gratitude, we pray, "Amen!"

Call to Worship—Psalm 27 (selected)

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I

fear?

People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall

I be afraid?

Leader: One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek

after:

People: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord

and to inquire in his temple.

Leader: And now...I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of

joy;

All: I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

The Lord Is My Salvation

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Nathan Nockles, and Jonas Myrin. Arr. by Dustin Loehrs

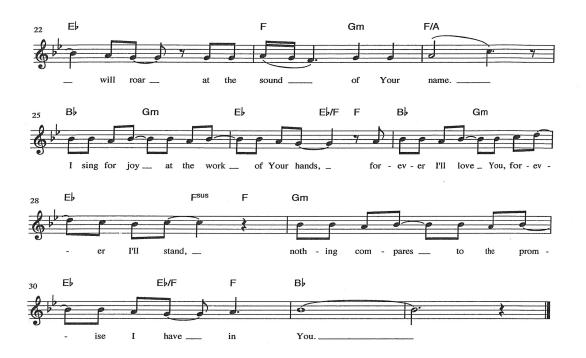




Shout to the Lord

Words and Music by Darlene Zschech





WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Philippians 3:17-4:1

Stand firm in the Lord!

Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

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—James 5:13-16

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

Silent Confession and Lament

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Rom. 4:7-8

"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God for covering our sin!

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

Words by William Cowper. Music: Early America Melody. As performed by Norton Hall Band



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)

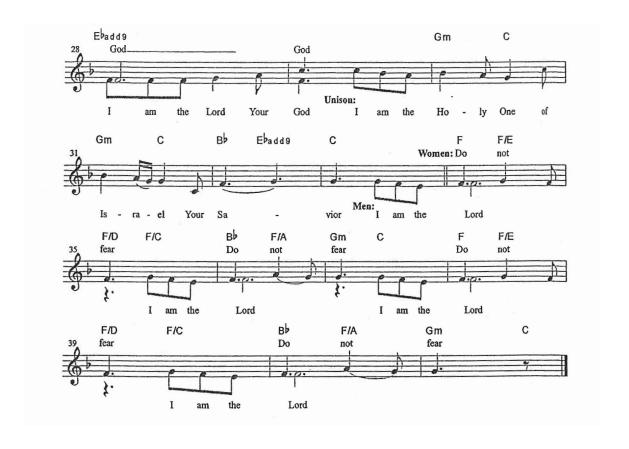
God With Us

Words and Music by Jason Ingram and Leslie Jordan

Sermon

"What Have We Learned?" Genesis 45:21-47:12 Rev. Dr. Chris Polski





*Benediction

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday school classes for all ages meet today. Adult SS options: The Gospel of Matthew (classroom one), The Heart of Evangelism (classroom two), Called to Worship, Exporing Worship at Trinity (fireplace room).

Men's Bible Study: this Wed. at 6pm or Fri. at 6:30am. Pastor Polski will be leading a study of 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 (next gathering: Mar. 8th). The Wednesday studies meet weekly (9am and 6pm) with a look at the Book of Daniel.

ACTION bible studies and children's ministries meet this Wed. If you would like to register for the Chipotle dinner, you must do so on Church Center by Tues. at 10am or email Amy Mitchell.

Men's Night this Wed. at 7:30pm at Chris Freeman's.

Join a Small Group! Sign up on Church Center.

Camp Strong, for students in 4-6th grade will take place April 22-24. Registration is now open. See Pastor Ben for more info.

Holy Week: Maundy Thursday, Apr. 14th at 6pm (please use the QR code to the right to register). Good Friday devotion time, Apr. 15th open from 7:30am to 7:30pm, Easter Services: Apr. 17th at 7am and 9:30am.

Kitchen Team: We are looking for a few volunteers to help on Sunday mornings or for special events. Tasks include putting out coffee, snacks, etc. We hope to have enough volunteers to rotate. This is an easy way to serve your church family! See Amy Mitchell if you are interested.

Volunteers next week: Nursery: Oehlerking, McCall, Bava, Moen. SS: Nichols and Younger. Ushers: Schaffer, T. Thomason, Schlitt. Scripture Reader: Wyse. 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>:



MAUNDY THURSDAY

Make plans to join us on Apr. 14th at 6pm as we share a meal, followed by the Lord's Supper and a time of worship and reflection. You must register by Mar. 27th so we can make preparations. There is no chilcare, but we welcome families to take part! Sign up here:

MISSION UPDATE

The situation is Ukraine is the "elephant in the room" throughout our day. Daily our thoughts are afflicted with the thoughts of the spread of war. While we may not feel the full effects of war here, below is an update of what is at stake immediately on the ground in Ukraine (from voice-of-ukraine.com update):

"Here is what is at stake in this war. If Ukraine is taken over by Russia. Besides all the humanitarian disaster of war:

- Seminary and Church buildings across the country will be confiscated.
- Churches will not meet.
- Pastors and believers will be hunted down and persecuted.
- Seminaries will not meet.

That is HIGH STAKES in this crucial moment of world history. PRAY!"

This week, please commit to praying for one or two of these requests (from voice-of-ukraine.com update):

- Pray for the preparations being made now for response to the long-term effects of this disaster on the Ukrainian people and those helping them, and especially for the vulnerable children:
 - Physically
 - o Psychologically and emotionally
 - Spiritually
- Pray for peace
- Pray for our church members in a number of cities who are spending another night in bomb shelters. For safety and hope and food and water....
- Pray for the refugee response that continues in Lviv, and now is moving further into Western Europe, and for the European churches renting buses to get people on the border.
- Pray that in the midst of this terrible war, many would place their hope in Christ and his eternal kingdom.
- Pray for the spread of the Gospel into western Europe, waking many from sleep
- Pray for the Gospel of Peace to overcome both Ukrainians and Russians
- Pray for the advance in the Kingdom of God, even through disaster
- Pray for financial giving now to enable the ministries to be prepared

To give financially, please visit: mtw.org/ukraine-crisis or scan QR code:





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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