

TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

May 29, 2022

WORSHIPING THE GOD OF THE CHURCH

Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

Scripture Reader: Beth Kling

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, J Harrison

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflections

To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

— Eph. 3:8-10

"The welfare of the church is inseparably connected with the righteousness of God." — John Calvin

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest your tents will be our home.
Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong;
and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

— Ernest Shurtleff

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

As we hear today from our guest preacher Rev. Ryan Laughlin about what it means for the church to be a royal priesthood, and as we ordain Pablo Rosales to the gospel ministry, it might be helpful to reflect further on the mission of the church in the world. To do that, we are excerpting a portion of a 2012 interview that Tim Keller gave to The Gospel Coalition.

Trevin Wax: There is a current discussion going on in gospel-centered circles about the “mission of the church,” and particularly, the nature of “making disciples.” What aspects of this discussion have encouraged you? How would you weigh in and speak to some of the deficiencies you see in this discussion?

Tim Keller: I’m good with saying that the mission of the church is basically to “make disciples.” I like it because it safeguards the centrality of what the church alone can really do—bring people to faith in Christ. But I might differ with others on what those disciples look like.

I’d say you haven’t discipled someone if they only have been equipped to evangelize and bring people to church. If they are truly discipled, they must be motivated and equipped to love their neighbors, to do justice and mercy. And they also must be equipped to integrate their faith with their work, namely, to engage culture.

One problem I see is that many churches that insist that the church’s job is to only make disciples do virtually nothing to help disciples grow in these areas, even though it is clearly part of the biblical job description for individual believers. Put another way—the job of the institutional church gathered is not to change social structures/culture, but to create disciples (who comprise the ‘organic’ church dispersed) who will change social structures and the culture.

Song of Preparation

How Great Is Our God

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, and Ed Cash

G **Em7**

1. The splen - dor of the King, 7 clothed in maj - es - ty;
 (2. And) age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;

4 **C2**

— Let all the earth re - jice, all the earth re - jice. He wraps —
 — Be - gin - ning and the End, Be - gin - ning and the End. The God -

7 **G** **Em7**

— Him - self in light, and dark - ness tries to hide, —
 head, three in one, 7 Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son, —

10 **C2**

— and trem - bles at His voice, and trem - bles at His voice. How great —
 — the Li - on and the Lamb, the Li - on and the Lamb. How great —

13 **G** **Em7**

— is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God! —

Last time to Coda

16 **Cmaj7** **D** **G2**

— And all will see how great, how great is our God! — 2. And

***Call to Worship—Psalm 97 (selected)**

Leader: The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

People: Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

Leader: The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.

All: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Come, People of the Risen King

Words and Music by Keith and Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend

B \flat ² E \flat 2(no3) B \flat ²/D E \flat 2(no3) B \flat ²/D

1. Come peo - ple of the Ris - en King, who de - light to bring Him
 (2. Come) those whose joy is morn - ing sun, and those weep - ing through the
 (3. Come) young and old from ev - 'ry land, men and wom - en of the

4 F E \flat 2(no3) B \flat ² E \flat 2(no3) Gm⁷ E \flat 2(no3)

praise; Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morn - ing Star of
 night; Come those who tell of bat - tles won, and those strug - gling in the
 faith; Come those with full or emp - ty hands—find the rich - es of His

8 B \flat ² E \flat 2(no3) B \flat ²/D E \flat 2(no3) B \flat ²/D

grace. From the shift - ing shad - ows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to
 fight. For His per - fect love will nev - er change, and His mer - cies nev - er
 grace. O - ver all the world, His peo - ple sing—shore to shore we hear them

12 F E \flat 2(no3) B \flat ² E \flat 2(no3) Gm⁷ E \flat 2(no3)

Him, where stead - y arms of mer - cy reach, to — gath - er chil - dren
 cease, but fol - low us through all our days, with the cer - tain hope of
 call the truth that cries through ev - 'ry age, "Our — God is all in

CHORUS

16 B \flat ² F E \flat 2(no3)/F F

in. Re - joice, re - joice! Let ev - 'ry tongue re -
 peace. all."

20 E \flat 2(no3) B \flat ⁴/D F Gm⁷ E \flat 2(no3) B \flat ²/D Cm FSus F

-joice! One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, re -

24 1, 2. B \flat ²

-joice!

King of Kings

Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, and Scott Ligertwood. Arr. by Dan Galbraith

D/F# G



1. In the dark - ness — we were wait - ing, with - out hope, .
(2.) the king - dom com - ing and to re -

2 A D D/F# G



— with-out light, — till from Heav - en You — came run - ning. There was mer -
- con-cile the lost, — to re - deem — the whole — cre - a - tion You did not —

4 A D D/F# G



- cy in — Your eyes. — To ful - fil — the law — and pro - phets, to a vir -
- des - pise — the cross. — For — e - ven in — Your suf - fring, You saw to —

6 A D D/F# G



- gin came — the Word — from a throne — of end - less glo - ry to a cra -
- the oth - er side. — Know-ing this — was our — sal - va - tion, Je - sus, for —

8 A D D



- dle in — the dirt. — Praise the Fa - ther,
— our sake — You died. —

12 G Bm A^{sus} A D



praise the Son, praise the Spir - it, three in one. God of Glo - ry,

16 G Bm G A D



maj - es - ty, praise for - ev - er to the King of Kings.

20 1. 2. VERSE 3
 Bm G

2. To re-veal 3. And the morn - ing that - You rose - all of heav

23 A D Bm G

- en held - its breath - till that stone - was moved - for good, - for the Lamb .

25 A D Bm G

- had con - quered death. - And the dead - rose from - their tombs, - and the an -

27 A D Bm G

- gels stood - in awe, - for the souls - of all - who'd come - to the Fa -

29 A D D/F# G VERSE 4

- ther are - re - stored. - 4. And the Church - of Christ - was born, - then the Spir

- it lit - the flame. - Now this Gos - pel truth - of old - shall - not kneel, .

33 A D D/F# G

- shall - not faint. - By His blood - and in - His Name, - in His free

35 A D D/F# G A

- dom I - am free, - for the love - of Je - sus Christ - who has res - ur - rect - ed me. .

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Acts 20:17-38

Paul and the Ephesian Elders

Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship.

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—Revelation 2:1-7

To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: 'The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.

“I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'”

Silent Confession and Lament

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God for cleansing us from our sins!

People: Thanks be to God!

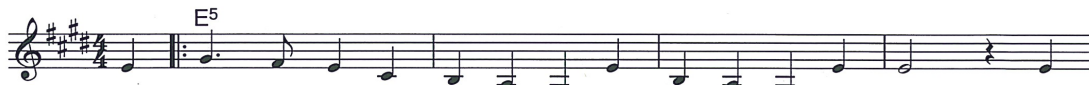
Leader: Now may the peace of Christ be with you all!

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

Lift High the Name of Jesus

Words and Music by Keith Getty, Fionan de Barra, and Ed Cash



1. Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our King. Make
 2. Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our Lord. His
 3. Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our Light. No



known the pow - er of His grace, The beau - ty of His peace. Re -
 pow'r in us is grea - ter than, is grea - ter than this world. To
 oth - er name on earth can save, can raise a soul to life. He



mem - ber how His mer - cy reached and we cried out to Him. He
 share the rea - son for our hope, to serve with love and grace, that
 o - pens up our eyes to see the har - vest He has grown. We

Refrain



lift - ed us to so - lid ground, to free - dom from our sin.
 all whosee Him shine through us might bring the Fath - er praise. } Oh
 la - bor in His fields of grace as He leads sin - ners home. }



sing my soul and tell all He's done till the earth and hea - vens are



filled with His glo - ry.

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

(No Children's Church on the 5th Sunday of the month)

Sermon

"Give the World a Bridge!"

1 Peter 2:1-12

Rev. Ryan Laughlin

Sr. Pastor, McLean Presbyterian Church

1. Our Connection

A. To God

B. To each other

2. Our Calling

A. Offer sacrifices

B. Offer praise

*Song of Response

The Church's One Foundation

Words by Samuel Stone. Music by Brian Moss

♩. = 54

Lead

E A C#m B_{sus} B_{sus} E

1. The church's one foundation
lect from every

E/G# A B_{sus} B E E/G#

da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord, she is His new cre - a - tion by
na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth; her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one

A B_{sus} F#_{sus7} E/G# A B_{sus} B

wa - ter and the Word. From heav'n He came and sought her to be His ho - ly bride; With
Lord, one faith, one birth. One ho - ly name she bless - es, par-takes one ho - ly food, And

A/C# E/G# A B E A C#m7 B_{sus}

His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died. 2. E -
to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en -

F#_{sus7} E/G# A B_{sus} F#_{sus7} E/G# A B_{sus} E5

dued. 3. Mid - toil and trib - u -

B/E E5 A

la - tion, and tu - mult of her war, she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er

B_{sus} F#_{sus7} E/G# A B_{sus} A/C#

more. Till with the vi - sion glo - ri - ous, her long - ing eyes are blest, And the great church vic -

2nd time hits: resume rhythm

E/G# A B E E/G# A B_{sus} E

tor - ious shall be the church at rest. Till rest.

SERVICE OF ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF PABLO ROSALES

Explanation of Ordination

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski, Trinity Church

Questions for Ordination

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *Confession of Faith* and the *Catechisms* of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will on your own initiative, make known to your Presbytery the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of Biblical polity?
4. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
5. Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to seek the office of the holy ministry from love to God and a sincere desire to promote His glory in the Gospel of His Son?
6. Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in maintaining the truths of the Gospel and the purity and peace and unity of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?
7. Do you engage to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as a Christian and a minister of the Gospel, whether personal or relational, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before the flock of which God shall make you overseer?

Questions to the Session

1. Do you, the Session of Trinity Church, continue to profess your readiness to receive Pablo Rosales, whom you have called to be the assistant pastor of this congregation?
2. Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love?
3. Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?
4. Do you engage to continue to him while he is the assistant pastor of this congregation that competent worldly maintenance which you have promised, and to furnish him with whatever you may see needful for the honor of religion and for his comfort among you?

The Laying on of Hands and Prayer of Ordination

The Right Hand of Fellowship

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

I now pronounce and declare that Pablo Rosales has been regularly elected, ordained, and installed as assistant pastor of this congregation, agreeable to the Word of God, and according to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America; and that as such he is entitled to all support, encouragement, honor, and obedience in the Lord: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Charge to the Ordinand

Professor Jerram Barrs, Covenant Theological Seminary

Charge to the Session and Congregation

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

*Ordination Hymn

Take My Life, and Let It Be

Words by Frances R. Havergal, 1874. Music by Henri A. Cesar Malan, 1827

1. Take my life, and let it be con - se -
2. Take my feet, and let them be swift and
3. Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a
4. Take my will and make it Thine; it shall

cra - ted, Lord, to Thee. Take my hands and
beau - ti - ful for Thee. Take my voice and
mite would I with - hold. Take my mo - ments
be no long - er mine. Take my heart, it

let them move at the im - pulse of Thy love,
let me sing al - ways, on - ly for my King,
and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise,
is Thine own; it shall be Thy roy - al throne,

at the im - pulse of Thy love.
al - ways, on - ly for my King.
let them flow in cease - less praise.
it shall be Thy roy - al throne.

* Benediction

Rev. Pablo Rosales

UPCOMING EVENTS

No Sunday school classes today. Please join us for a reception for Pablo and his family following the service.

Nursery workers NEEDED! Volunteering in one of our two nursery rooms is such a great way to care for your church family. Please see Sarah Oehlerking if you are interested.

Men's Bible Study will resume on Fri., Jun. 10 (we will not meet on Wednesdays in the summer).

Student Ministry midweek schedule: We will resume youth group THIS Wed. **New Summer times:** Jr High from 5:45-7pm. and Sr High from 7-8:30pm

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

VBS: registration is now open for this Summer's VBS, July 11-15 from 6-7:30pm for kids pre-k through 5th gr. Register on Church Center.

Volunteers next week: Nursery: Bava, Linenbroker, Moen. **Ushers:** Roberts, Maglione, Wong, O'Neal.

Missionaries, Hatem and Lisa Botros will be in St. Louis with their two children Jul. 18-Aug. 31st. They are looking for a place to stay during that time. Please contact the church office if you are able to help.

Trinity Ladies: Be sure to take home the Summer Schedule of fun events. If you didn't get one on your way in, pick one up at the welcome table.

Mom's Ministry: Dinner at Rosalita's on Mon., Jun. 6th at 6:30pm.

OASIS Coffee: Oasis has partnered with Cherry Street Roasters in Illinois to provide a smooth, Fairtrade Sumatra bean coffee. Bags of coffee are available to purchase directly from our new coffee area through the QR code. ALL of the proceeds go directly to support Oasis' work with newly-arriving refugees right here in St. Louis.

New Small Group: join us on the 1st & 3rd Thurs. from 10-11:130am at Trinity, beginning Jun. 2nd. Contact the church office for more info.

Officer **nominations for elder or deacon** can be filled out here through May 29, 2022:



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 [following the link](#):



SUMMER DISCUSSION SERIES

Join us for three Wednesday night discussions on critically important contemporary issues in the Christian Church. 6:15-7:30pm (no childcare).

June 1: Woke-ism and CRT within the Evangelical Church

June 29: Continuing Responsibilities of Being Pro-Life if Roe v. Wade Falls

July 27: Walking through the 12 Statements in the PCA Report on Human Sexuality

MISSION UPDATE

Ukraine Update:

Please read this most recent update from MTW Ukraine Country Director Jon Eide (5/16/22):

“It’s hard to know what’s harder in this crisis, hearing the individual stories of suffering or seeing the scale that the suffering encompasses. Individual stories like the one our Ukrainian pastor in Mikolaev tells about water. Because of the war, the city of Mikolaev (population 500,000) has been cut off from water for over a month. The pastor’s wife and children evacuated to Romania, and he has been taking in displaced Ukrainians from the now-Russian-controlled areas and has been feeding and housing them on their way west. The last group he took into his home used almost all of his saved-up water, and as he told the story he said, “But it’s ok. God provided rain the next day and I filled up all my containers.” It’s an amazing story, but the hard part is that the scale of the war produces thousands of such stories, and hundreds of thousands of recounted instances of suffering.

By God’s grace, and through your gifts we’re able to provide water, to Mikolaev, along with food, medical supplies, shelter, fuel, and other greatly needed material goods that are saving lives all across the country of Ukraine.

Thank you for not forgetting the widows and children of Ukraine and for allowing us to empower our churches in Ukraine to respond with life-giving assistance within their communities, to their people in great crisis that this war is producing.”

A few months ago, Trinity Church Missions sent financial relief to MTW for the aid of His church. If you feel led to donate individually, please visit: <https://mtw.org/projects/details/ua-ukraine-crisis-church-fund>. Or scan the QR code here:



Please pray for the situation in Ukraine even though it has faded from front-page news. There are several prayer requests that will be sent out in a Church Family email this week.

Trinity Gifts Survey

We would love to know what your gifts are. We want to pray for you and encourage you in using the unique gifts that God has blessed you with. "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them" (Eph 2:10).

We have made a "Trinity Gifts Survey" available for every member to fill out. Please take 5 minutes...just 5 minutes, to fill it out. Our goal is to create a gifts inventory, sort of like the way Joseph stored up the grain. When/If needs arise within the church or in the local community, we will know who is gifted in the areas of need so we can better serve one another and be a blessing to the world. (We completely understand that when a need arises you may not be available and that is completely okay).

The instructions are very simple.

(1) Scan the QR code below or click on link in the upcoming email.

(2) Find your area of gifting and click/fill in the boxes that apply.

*If you do not see your area of gifting listed, please fill in your gift near the bottom of the survey.

(3) Submit survey

(4) Pray with us that the Lord would guide Trinity Church in walking in the works that he would have for us.



Please contact Pablo with any questions, comments, or problems accessing the survey.

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.



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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