

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

August 14, 2022

WORSHIPING THE GOD OF THE CHURCH

Liturgist: Matthew Pannkuk

Scripture Reader: Laurel Elzinga

Pastoral Prayer: J Harrison, Ruling Elder

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflections

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. — Acts 20:28

"The highest honor in the church is not leadership, but service." — John Calvin

"The church is meant to be a working model of what God wants to do with the rest of society." — Donald English

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

"What have been the eras of the Church's greatest influence? What have been the moments of its most powerful impact on the world?

Not the epochs of its visible might and splendor; not the age succeeding Constantine, when Christianity became imperialistic, and all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them seemed ready to bow beneath the specter of Christ; not the days of the great medieval pontiffs, when Christ's vicar in Rome wielded a sovereignty more absolute than that of any secular monarch on the earth; not the later nineteenth century, when the Church became infected with the prevailing humanistic optimism, which was quite sure that man was the architect of his own destinies, that a wonderful utopian kingdom of God was waiting him just round the corner, and that the very momentum of his progress was bound to carry him thither.

Not in such times as these has the Church exercised its strongest leverage upon the soul and conscience of the world: but in days when it has been crucified with Christ, and has counted all things but loss for His sake; days when, smitten with a great contrition and repentance, it has cried out to God from the depths."

— James S. Stewart (1896-1990), Scottish preacher

Song of Preparation

The Church's One Foundation

Words by Samuel Stone. Music by Brian Moss



*Call to Worship—Psalm 100:1-3

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

People: Serve the Lord with gladness!

Leader: Come into his presence with singing!

People: Know that the Lord, he is God!

All: It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his

people, and the sheep of his pasture.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Words by Henry F. Lyte. Music: American folk melody



Agnus Dei



*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Jesus, Founder and Perfecter of Our Faith

By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

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—Psalm 80:4-7

How long, Lord God Almighty, will your anger smolder against the prayers of your people? You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have made them drink tears by the bowlful. You have made us an object of derision to our neighbors, and our enemies mock us. Restore us, God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

Silent Confession and Lament

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Pslam 80:18-19

Then we shall not turn back from you; give us life, and we will call upon your name! Restore us, O Lord God of hosts! Let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Leader: People of God, give thanks be to God for restoring us to

Himself.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

Heal Us Emmanuel

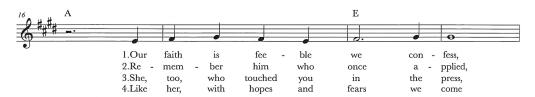
Words: William Cowper (alt. Twit). Music: Kevin Twit and Lucas Morton

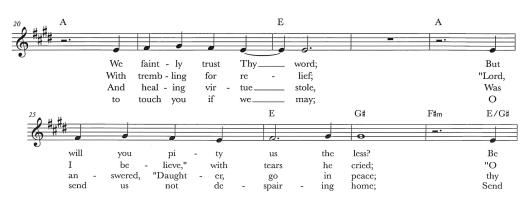


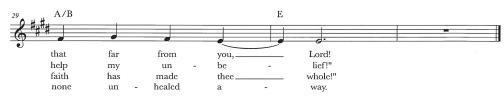












Receiving of New Members

Cynthia Cheatham, Cindy, Beatrice, Eleanor, Penelope, Marjorie, and Henry Cheatham, Cheno Pysar, Mary, Azalea, Elijah, and Calvin Rosales, Emmy Schmidt, Noah Thomason, Jason and Megan Van Deraa, Andy, Beth, Silas, and Nora Williamson

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)

He Is Among Us

Orlando Palmer, Isaac Wardell, Paul Zach, John Swinton, Andy Piercy

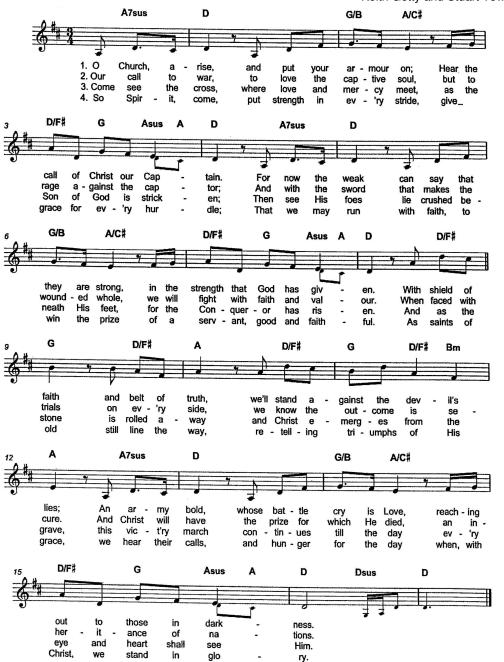
Sermon

"The Ministry of This Local Church"
Part of a Series on The Foundations of the Christian Faith
2 Corinthians 4:5-7
Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

*Song of Response

O Church Arise

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend



UPCOMING EVENTS

No Sunday School today. **Parents, there is an important meeting today** after the worship service for those with children and youth, to discuss plans moving forward for these ministries. You are welcome to bring your children.

Children's Sunday school classes will kickoff on Aug. 28th. We will have 3 classes: Preschool through Kindergarten (must be 3 years old by July 31st and potty trained), 1st through 3rd grade, and 4th through 5th grade.

Volunteer Night: Sun., Aug. 21st from 4:30-6pm. Everyone is encouraged to come out and enjoy free food and hear more information the many opportunities to serve. See today's insert for the QR code to let us know you are coming.

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

ACTION (All Church Things In One Night) will begin on Wed. Aug. 31st. There will be something for all ages: children's choir, games, lessons, men's and women's bible studies, and nursery.

Men's and Women's Bible Studies will be resuming in the coming weeks. Keep an eye out for more info in your weekly email.

Both **Children and Adult Choirs** will be starting up in the next few weeks. The children will meet on Wed. nights during ACTION and the adult choir will meet during Sunday school starting Sept. 11. See Katie Polski if you are interested.

Chesterfield Presbyterian Church is hosting a **Grief Share Support Group** starting Aug. 22nd. It will run for 13 weeks fron 6:30pm to 8:00pm. For more info and to register go to: GriefShare.org.

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), Greeters: Elisa Tharp (elisa.f.tharp@gmail.com), Nursery: Alyce Bava (jimnalyce@yahoo.com). Children's SS: Michelle Goldstein or

Melissa Kocker (medcalf.melissa@gmail.com)

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:



TRINITY WOMEN

Ladies, this is the event you won't want to miss! Join us on Aug. 24th at 6:30pm for appetizers and desserts that are dip worthy (and win a prize for the most delicious). Visit with friends, take a look at the amazing goods and services from our own Trinity sisters at the craft/gift fair, and hear about some exciting events coming soon. Sign up using the QR code, go to Church Center or contact

Center or contact Amy Mitchell.



MISSION UPDATE

Crates For Ukraine

As a church, we have given, received, and packed numerous donations. We coordinated sending 6 footlockers full of medical supplies with a courier from Old Orchard in July. We did this with just a few weeks' notice. On August 23rd, our own Pastor Chris Polski will be flying to Krakow, Poland to deliver our final 6 footlockers. Please begin to pray for him and the safety of his trip. We look forward to getting an update when he returns.

As a Presbytery, by the end of August, we will be responsible for meeting the call from Ukraine by sending a total of 48 footlockers, totaling 2400 pounds. A few churches were able to send their own couriers with supplies. Others have coordinated together. Either way, the Lord provided. It is a beautiful reminder of the early church providing relief for brothers and sisters in Judea. "The disciples, as each one was able, decided to provide help for the brothers and sisters living in Judea. This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul" (Acts 11:29-30).

If you wish to continue to support the Ukrainian mission, please visit https://mtw.org/ukraine-crisis

Coffee of Glenwood

This Friday, August 19th, will be our first Coffee on Glenwood of the school year. Coffee of Glenwood began to show our neighbors, as they pass by our church on Friday mornings, that we are here. We understand that the weeks have been long and there are pressures at school and work. Maybe a smile, a cup of coffee, a croissant, and prayer, will encourage them before the weekend. We want them to know that Trinity Church exists to serve them and not ourselves.

If you would like to volunteer from 6-9am on Friday August 19th, please reach out to Pablo: pablotrosales@gmail.com. Spaces are limited so don't wait! There are only 2 volunteer slots available.

<u>Mark Your Calendar and Invite Your Neighbors</u> – Party of the Lawn, September 24th, 4:30pm

- Bouncy House
- Dunk Tank (Dunk a Pastor(s) / Yankee Fan)
- Petting Zoo (Donkey, Goats, Sheep, Rabbits, Piggy)
- Pony Rides (I know what you're thinking...No, grown-ups...not for you!)
- More information to come...



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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