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WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO IS HOLY

Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Chris Polski **Scripture Reader:** Peg Nichols

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Jim Talent

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflections

"Why, Daughter of Eve, that's what I brought you here for. I'm to lead you where you shall meet him," said Mr Beaver.

"Is-is he a man?" asked Lucy.

"Aslan a man!" said Mr Beaver sternly. "Certainly not. I tell you he is the King of the wood and the son of the great Emperor-beyond-the-Sea. Don't you know who is the King of Beasts? Aslan is a lion - the Lion, the great Lion."

"Ooh!" said Susan, "I'd thought he was a man. Is he - quite safe? I shall feel rather nervous about meeting a lion."

"That you will, dearie, and no mistake," said Mrs Beaver; "if there's anyone who can appear before Aslan without their knees knocking, they're either braver than most or else just silly."

"Then he isn't safe?" said Lucy.

"Safe?" said Mr Beaver; "don't you hear what Mrs Beaver tells you? Who said anything about safe? 'Course he isn't safe. But he's good. He's the King, I tell you."

"I'm longing to see him," said Peter, "even if I do feel frightened when it comes to the point." — C.S. Lewis, *The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe*

"The only adequate response for Israel was to fear God, i.e. to reverence Him, by acknowledging His sovereignty. Reverence would express itself in worship and in obedience. There was a close connection between worship and life. Conversely the way of irreverence was the way of death." — J.A. Thompson, *TOTC: Deuteronomy*

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

From Ligonier.com, February 26, 2010

"Fundamental to salvation is the truth that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge" (Prov. 1:7).

The kind of fear that Solomon is talking about is not the same thing as the fear of harm from an enemy or other dangers. To be sure, all unregenerate people should have that kind of fear of the Creator, for His holiness will bring judgment upon all impenitent people (Rev. 21:6-8). Yet the fear of the Lord described in Proverbs 1:7 is the fear of a converted person, a reverent love that understands God's grace toward the sinner who trusts Christ and who wants to do what is pleasing to the Lord. This kind of fear recognizes the Lord's character and His holy love. C.S. Lewis...in The Problem of Pain helps us understand the kind of fear we should have toward our God. His love is not "a senile benevolence that drowsily wishes you to be happy in your own way, nor the cold philanthropy of a conscientious magistrate, nor the care of a host who feels responsible for the comfort of his guests." Instead, it is "the consuming Fire Himself, the Love that made the worlds, persistent as the artist's love for his work and despotic as a man's love for a dog, provident and venerable as a father's love for a child, jealous, inexorable, exacting as love between the sexes." This description of God's love is thoroughly biblical and moves us to see ourselves for who we are, to look for cleansing, and to worship Him in His purity and grace (see Isa. 6:1-5; John 20:24-28).

To those who have such fear, God gives saving knowledge of His kingdom (Matt. 13:10–17). Those who forsake this knowledge are fools who despise wisdom and understanding (Prov. 1:1–7). Such persons are unable to recognize the fullest expression of the Creator's Wisdom in our Savior (1 Cor. 1:24) who is revealed to us in the foolishness of the cross, which is, paradoxically, the wisdom of God unto salvation.

In our casual culture we must take care that we always have a reverent fear of the Lord. While Jesus has made us His friends (John 15:15), we need to remember that His friendship is like none other, for He is worthy of our worship and praise. Meditating on the holiness and grace of God can help us maintain a reverent fear of Him, and we should take care in our speech how we speak of Him. As we reverence Him, He will give us wisdom."

Song of Preparation

We Fall Down



*Call to Worship—Psalm 139 (selected)

Leader: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

People: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Leader: How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

All: Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

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Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Vs. Words by Isaac Watts. Vs. Music by Jon Hatton. Chorus Words and Music by Ed Cash and Keith & Kristyn Getty



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Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Words and Music by Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, and Michael Bleecker



*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Philemon 1:1-21

Philemon's Love and Faith and Paul's Plea for Onesimus

Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our beloved fellow worker and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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—Luke 14:25-27

Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

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: People of God, give thanks to God for His forgiveness

of 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

Hold to God's Unchanging Hand

Jennie Wilson. Arr. by Mason Brown















WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

(Children ages 4yr to 2nd grade may be excused for Children's Church)

Sermon

"The Fear of the Lord" Proverbs 1:7, Isaiah 11:1-3, Jeremiah 32:38-40 Rev. Dr. Paul Kooistra Words and Music by Andrew Peterson and Ben Shive

(Ensemble): Do you feel the world is broken? (Congregation): We do (Ensemble): Do you feel the shadows deepen? (Congregation): We do (Ensemble): But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? (Congregation): We do (Ensemble): Do you wish that you could see it all made new? (Congregation): We do

(Ensemble): Is all creation groaning? (Congregation): It is (Ensemble): Is a new creation coming? (Congregation): It is (Ensemble): Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? (Congregation): It is

(Ensemble): Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (Congregation): It is

(Chorus: All)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
Is He worthy, is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this? He is.

(Ensemble): Does the Father truly love us? (Congregation): He does (Ensemble): Does the Spirit move among us? (Congregation): He does (Ensemble): And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves? (Congregation): He does (Ensemble): Does our God intend to dwell again with us? (Congregation): He does

(Chorus: All)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with His Son
Is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this? He is.
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?

He is. He is

THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Sursum Corda

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the LORD.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

People: It is good and right so to do.

*Confession of Faith

Leader: Christian, in whom do you believe?

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

The third day He arose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right

hand of God the Father Almighty, whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy universal church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and life everlasting. Amen

Words of Institution-Matthew 26:26-29

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

Prayer of Consecration

The Giving of the Bread and Cup

* Upon direction from the ushers, please come forward down the center aisle, keeping six feet between you and the those in front of you. After you receive the elements, please return to your seats via the side aisles. Please hold the elements until we are all able to partake together. After the service, please dispose of your used communion cup.

(Grape juice is in the purple cups, while wine in is the clear. Bread is gluten and nut free)

Communion Song (Ensemble)

Almighty God

Words and Music by Sandra McCracken, Leslie Jordan, and David Leonard

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Sending Song

Doxology
Trinity Hymnal #731

^{*}Benediction

Adult Sunday School

(Beginning Sept. 11)

The Gospel of Matthew

Ruling Elders Jim Talent and Fielding Poe

This class seeks to provide an in-depth study of the book of Matthew by addressing the text and various key doctrines that emerge from its study toward the goal of helping church members develop a deeper and firmer understanding of the fundamentals of the faith while also providing encouragement and instruction for those who may be interested in leading their own bible studies in the future. The ultimate goal is that all who take part will come away with a renewed appreciation for the King of Kings!

Reading the Psalms with Jesus

Dr. Aaron Goldstein

The book of Psalms is the one of the most beloved books of the Bible, featuring oft–memorized and cherished passages. In the Gospels, Jesus quotes or alludes to the Psalms on a number of occasions. In this class, we will explore the Psalms, and as a part of our process, we will learn from the way that Jesus himself takes up the Psalms in his ministry.

Trinity Connect-Exploring Membership at Trinity Church

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

Intersted in becoming a member of Trinity Church or want to learn more about our ministries or the PCA? This class is the first step in becoming a member of Trinity. While it does not commit you to membership, it is a pre-requisite.

Adult Choir

Katie Polski, Director of Music Ministries

Do you enjoy singing? Join us for 8-9 weeks as we prepare songs for upcoming worship services. No experience necessary.

UPCOMING EVENTS

There is **no Sunday school today** due to the holiday weekend. Classes for all ages will meet next Sunday.

Children's Sunday school will resume next Sunday. 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.

Wed. night dinner: Register today for dinner at 5:30 on Wed. This week we will have BBQ from Dalie's. Adult-\$8, Children-\$4. Deadline to register is Tue. at 10am. Go to events in Church Center or email Amy Mitchell.

Jr. Students: meet on Wednesdays from 6-7:15pm. Sr. High meets on Sundays from 6-7:30pm in the lower level youth area.

Men's Bible study meets Wed. at 6pm (they will not meet on Fri. mornings), continuing with a look at the Book of Acts. Women, meet weekly on Wednesdays at 9am or 6pm to study 1, 2, 3 John, or on Tuesdays at 7pm twice a month we will meet to discuss Ecclesiastes at Melissa Jorgensen's home (9/14)

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.

Men's Breakfast: Monthly breakfasts will kick off Sat., Sept. 10 from 8-9:30am in the Narthex. Please RSVP to kirblues2@yahoo.com. Attendance needed for food preparation.

Volunteers today: Ushers: Schaeffer, Schlitt, T. Thompson. Nursery: Moen, McCall, Schmidt, Ridenhour. Next Sunday: Ushers: S. Thompson, Younger, Standerfer, Kocher. Nursery: Younger, Linenbroker, Hendricks, Williamson, SS: Moen, Highmark.

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: James Broughton (jlbroughton12@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 <u>following the link</u>:



ACTION

All Church Things In One Night meets Wednesdays. There will be something for all ages: children's choir, games, lessons (ages 4yr-5th gr.), jr. high, men's and women's bible studies, and nursery (please let the church office know if you have a child 3 and under). We will start with dinner at 5:30 (order thru the weekly email, Church Center, or bring your own), followed by the above ministries from 6-7:15pm. This is a great opportunity for your whole family to grow and enjoy church fellowship!

MISSION UPDATE

Robinson Elementary Food Pantry — September 22

Robinson Elementary hosts a food pantry every month during the school year. They collect and distribute food and supplies to families in need. Trinity Church has partnered with them and assists in greeting, meeting, and providing necessary items to families. During COVID, when public schools were forced to close, Trinity Church hosted the pantry at our location. Since returning to the school, we have the privilege and opportunity to come alongside Robinson Elementary and serve our community.

This month's pantry will be held on Thursday, September 22nd, from 5:20pm – 7:30pm. There is one volunteer slot left. Please register on our events page on the Church Center app.

Praying for MO Missionaries - September 17, 2022

The Concert of Prayer will be hosted by the MTW Committee of the Missouri Presbytery and the MTW Midwest Hub. We will be highlighting some of our missionaries that will be sent out from the MO Presbytery. This will be a time of praying for the regions the missionaries will be serving in, for unreached people, and for our cross-cultural workers. This is a free family friendly event that we hope many families from your churches will consider attending. This event will be held at The Commons (Chesterfield PCA's East campus) at 5:00 PM on September 17, 2022. Registration for this event closes on September 12th. We hope to see you all there. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Pastor Pablo.

Register here:



Mark Your Calendar and Invite Your Neighbors

We will be gathering in the evening of Sept. 24th for some fun on our beautiful property. **Mark your calendar and invite your neighbors.** Here are some things that are happening that you will not want to miss:

- Bouncy House
- Dunk Tank (Dunk a Pastor(s) / Yankees Fan)
- Petting Zoo (Donkey, Goats, Sheep, Rabbits, Piggy)
- Pony Rides (I know what you're thinking...No, grown-ups...not for you!)
- Face painting
- Pig Roast

Oasis BBO has been rescheduled for May 20th 2023. Start praying for good weather.

