

# ON THE ROAD WITH JESUS

The Gospel of Matthew

*"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross."* Matthew 16:24



# *Welcome to Trinity Presbyterian Church*

*April 11, 2021 – Second Sunday of Easter*

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## *To Our Guests:*

Visiting a church can be an intimidating experience, especially in this time of a pandemic! We are glad that you are here, and we hope to remove as much of that awkwardness as we can from your visit to Trinity.

Our Sunday service usually lasts about an hour, and this bulletin is designed to help you navigate it. There are short paragraphs on the following pages to explain each part. The goal of the service is to help each of us to see Jesus more clearly and understand more fully how he makes a difference in our lives. Our hope is that every part of the service is accessible to you, whether you've spent years in the church or you've never been to a church service in your life.

If you are new to Trinity or just visiting, we would love to meet you! If you can, please hang around for a few minutes after the service so we can get to know you. If you have any questions about Trinity, Pastor Geoff Ziegler would enjoy hearing from you (you can email him at [geoff@trinityhinsdale.com](mailto:geoff@trinityhinsdale.com)).

Our weekly e-newsletter is full of information about Trinity events and ways to get involved in our church life. To find out more information about our church or sign up for our e-newsletter, visit our website, [www.trinityhinsdale.com](http://www.trinityhinsdale.com).

## Welcome

### **Call to Worship:**

*The primary actor in Christian worship is not us. It's God. He is the one who has forgiven us and lovingly enables us to worship him. The Call to Worship reminds us that no matter what our economic or social status is, no matter how much we have failed or how inadequate we might feel, God welcomes us to draw near.*

### **Call to Worship – Psalm 93:1-4**

The LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty;  
the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength;  
indeed, the world is established, firm and secure.

**Your throne was established long ago; you are from all eternity.**

The seas have lifted up, LORD, the seas have lifted up their voice;  
the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.

**Mightier than the thunder of the great waters,  
mightier than the breakers of the sea—  
the LORD on high is mighty.**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

Come, let us worship our God!

## **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

Words: Joachim Neander.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All you who hear, now to His temple draw near;  
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires all have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth!

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the amen sound from His people again;  
Gladly forever adore Him!

## **Confession of Faith - Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1**

Christian, what is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I am not my own, but belong— body and soul,  
in life and in death— to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.  
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,  
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.**

**He also watches over me in such a way  
that not a hair can fall from my head  
without the will of my Father in heaven;  
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,  
assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing  
and ready from now on to live for him. Amen.**

## **All I Have Is Christ**

Words and Music: Jordan Kauflin.

I once was lost in darkest night,  
Yet thought I knew the way.  
The sin that promised joy and life  
Had led me to the grave.  
I had no hope that you would own  
A rebel to your will.  
And if you had not loved me first,  
I would refuse you still.

But as I ran my hellbound race,  
Indifferent to the cost,  
You looked upon my helpless state  
And led me to the cross.  
And I beheld God's love displayed,  
You suffered in my place.  
You bore the wrath reserved for me,  
Now all I know is grace.

### **Chorus**

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ.  
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.

Now Lord I would be yours alone,  
And live so all might see,  
The strength to follow your commands  
Could never come from me.  
O Father, use my ransomed life  
In any way you choose,  
And let my song forever be  
My only boast is you.

*More information can be found in our Life at Trinity e-newsletter.*

## Announcements

*Prayer is one of the primary ways we fulfill our calling to love God and neighbor. We are given the privilege of asking our gracious God to care for the needs of each other and the world around us. And as we pray together, we reorient ourselves to the greatness of our God, learning to depend on him in expectant hope.*

### Prayers of the People

Father in heaven, you know how forgetful we can be. Our vision can be filled by tragic news stories, and unresolvable controversies, by our own endless responsibilities and inadequacy in keeping up with life, and we can despair. Yet through Christ's resurrection, you have turned everything upside down. Please fill our hearts with the confident knowledge that all authority is given to Jesus, and that in his kingdom all things are being made new. By your Spirit, enable us to live and love in the hope of the gospel.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Guided by this hope we pray for those in our congregation especially facing challenges in this time. We ask your mercy upon those with ongoing health issues, those enduring loneliness, those with unemployment or uncertain income, those who are grieving, those weighed down by depression. Father, help us as a congregation to carry each other's burdens. We ask that you would alleviate their suffering and ease their present situation. And even more as we groan together, we pray that you would give us endurance strengthened by our hope in you.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Father it can be an easy thing to feel hopeless about our world. And yet in often hidden ways you are powerfully at work in it. We praise you for how especially in areas of persecution you are preserving and even growing your Church. We pray for these Christians facing persecution in areas such as China, North Korea, and the Middle East. Continue to give them boldness and faithfulness, as they proclaim Christ's authority. And please help us to follow their example: please give us the opportunity and the courage to speak of the hope that we have in Jesus. Bring your salvation to many who do not know you.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

And with churches throughout the world we pray together, as your Son taught us to pray, saying:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,**

**and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

*Jennifer Ziegler*

*At the very heart of worship is not our speech, but God's. We express our loving faith in God first and foremost by listening carefully to him.*

## **Scripture Reading – Matt 28:16-20**

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

*Pastor Nick Owens*

## **Sermon – "Kingdom Mission"**

**Confession of Sin:**

*Our loving Father welcomes us into his presence to confess how we have sinned against him and our neighbors. This allows us to speak about our sin truthfully, both publicly and privately.*

**Community Confession of Sin**

**Good News of the Gospel – Revelation 1:5-6**

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood,  
<sup>6</sup> and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, you are loved, you are forgiven, and you are graced and dignified by your Father to share in his mission to the world.

**Thanks be to God!**

## The Lord's Supper

God welcomes us to his table, promising to nourish believers spiritually in Christ through these signs of his loving commitment to us, his church. All baptized believers in Christ are invited to participate in this family meal and have their faith strengthened. If you have not yet professed your faith in Christ, we ask that you instead use this period as a time of reflection and prayer. We invite you to use any of the prayers printed below.

### Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

*Lord God, I don't really know who you are. Please show yourself to me. The Bible says that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. If this is true, please help me to see this and accept Jesus as your Son, no matter what that might cost me. Help me to know you.*

### Prayer of Belief and Repentance

*Lord Jesus Christ, I confess to you that I am deeply sinful and desperately need your help. I believe what you have said in your Word: that you love me and have died for me to bring me back home to God. I turn from my old way of life, from being my own master, and I place my trust in you. You are now my king. You are now my savior who has forgiven me. I promise to follow you wherever you lead me.*

### Prayer for Those Overcome By Doubt and Sin

*Lord God, I'm no longer sure that I believe in you or that any of this is real. And I realize that my life doesn't reflect a faith in you. I feel like something is missing, but I don't know what to do. Please have mercy on me and lead me back to you.*

## **All Glory Be to Christ**

Words: Dustin Kensrue.

Should nothing of our efforts stand,  
No legacy survive;  
Unless the Lord does raise the house,  
In vain its builders strive.  
To you who boast tomorrow's gain,  
Tell me what is your life?  
A mist that vanishes at dawn,  
All glory be to Christ!

### **Chorus**

All glory be to Christ our King!  
All glory be to Christ!  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing,  
All glory be to Christ!

His will be done, His kingdom come,  
On earth as is above;  
Who is Himself our daily bread,  
Praise Him the Lord above.  
Let living water satisfy,  
The thirsty without price;  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet,  
All glory be to Christ!

When on the day the great I am,  
The faithful and the true;  
The Lamb who was for sinners slain,  
Is making all things new.  
Behold our God shall live with us  
And be our steadfast light;  
And we shall ere his people be,  
All glory be to Christ!

## **Gloria Patri**

Text: 2nd Century

Music: Henry Greatorex, 1851

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.

## How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place

Words: Isaac Watts.

How sweet and awesome is the place  
With Christ within the doors,  
While everlasting love displays  
The choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs  
Join to admire the feast,  
Each of us cries, with thankful tongue,  
Lord, why was I a guest?

Why was I made to hear your voice,  
And enter while there's room,  
When thousands make a wretched choice,  
And rather starve than come?

'Twas the same love that spread the feast  
That sweetly drew us in;  
Else we had still refused to taste,  
And perished in our sin.

Pity the nations, O our God,  
Constrain the earth to come;  
Send your victorious word abroad,  
And bring the strangers home.

We long to see your churches full,  
That all the chosen race  
May, with one voice and heart and soul,  
Sing your redeeming grace.

*Just as we gather for worship at God's initiative, so also do we finish our time with God's Word. Together we hear and receive God's blessing upon us as we go and seek to worship him in our lives throughout the week.*

## Benediction

### Musicians:

David Barshinger – acoustic guitar  
Erik Swanson – electric bass  
Susan Dudek – flute  
Liz Powers – vocals  
Ian Barshinger – piano  
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To be Christ's beautiful church for the good of the world.

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### **Community Groups**

Community groups are one of the chief ways we team up to care for each other and seek the good of our neighborhoods. We currently meet in the following locations:

Downers Grove • Elmhurst • Hinsdale East • Hinsdale West • Lisle/Woodridge  
Western Springs North • Western Springs South • Wheaton/Glen Ellyn

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