

God's Strange Kindness

THE BOOK OF RUTH



Welcome to Trinity Presbyterian Church

May 19, 2019 - Fifth Week of Eastertide

To Our Guests:

Visiting a church can be an intimidating experience. 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 75 minutes, and the following is designed to help you navigate it. There are short paragraphs on the next page 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 know that you were here. We have folders at the end of each row on the center aisle: we call these "friendship folders". The sheets inside are a way for you to let us know whatever information you feel comfortable sharing and to request any information from us that you might need. If you have any other questions, Pastors Geoff Ziegler and Brent Stutzman are both available and would enjoy hearing from you.

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.

Childcare:

Children of all ages are welcome in the service. Nursery is also provided for children under age three. At our Hinsdale site, midway through the service, children 3 years old through 1st grade are invited to attend "Children's Church," a time where children explore the gospel in a way specially designed for their age.

Community Life:

After the Service

Each week, we linger to get to know each other better. Please join us for refreshments after the service.

During the Week

In addition to weekly worship, we gather together in smaller groups (community groups, men's and women's discipleship groups) that meet throughout the week. We want all of our members and regular attenders to be intentional about building trusting and meaningful spiritual relationships.

Come To Me

Music: Jodee Lewis &
Steve Hendershot, 2007

1. Come to me all who are wear - y; Come to me all who are bur - dened.

8 And I will give you rest, I will give you rest.

17 2. Take my yoke up - on you. Learn from me for I am gen - tle.

24 and you will find rest for your souls, rest for your souls.

32 *chorus* My yoke is eas - y, and my bur - den is light.

40 My yoke is eas - y, and my bur - den is light.

Welcome

Call to Worship:

God himself gathers and calls worshipers worldwide not to go to church, but to be the Church. The Call to Worship protests the dividing lines of social or economic status, success, power, piety, or lack thereof and proclaims to the world the call to worship the one true God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Call to Worship – Psalm 57:8-11

Awake, O harp and lyre!
I will awake the dawn!

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;
I will sing praises to you among the nations.

**For your steadfast love is great to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.**

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!
Let your glory be over all the earth!

(silent reflection & prayer)

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

Come, let us worship our God!

And Can It Be

Words: Charles Wesley, 1738&
Music: Thomas Campbell, 1825



1.And can it be that I should gain an in - t'rest in the
2.He left His Fa - ther's throne a - bove; So free, so in - fi -
3.Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay fast bound in sin and
4.No con - dem-na - tion now I dread. Je - sus and all in

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Sav - ior's blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain?
nite His grace. Emp - tied Him - self of all but love,
na - ture's night; Thine eye dif - fused a quick - 'ning ray,
Him is mine. A - live in Him my liv - ing Head,



For me, who Him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love! how
and bled for Ad - am's help - less race. 'Tis mer - cy all, im -
I woke, the dun - geon flamed with light. My chains fell off; My
and clothed in right - eous - ness di - vine. Bold I ap - proach th'e -

19



can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
mense and free, for, O my God, it found out me.
heart was free I rose, went forth and fol - lowed Thee.
ter - nal thone And claim the crown through Christ my own.



A - maz - ing love! how can it be that Thou, my God shouldst die for me?

Confession of Faith

When we participate in reading the historic creeds and catechisms of the Christian faith we are reminded that we do not stand alone, but are connected to the historic Church. As we stand as one professing our beliefs we protest a post-modernism that would have us believe there is no truth to be told or held besides our very own. We profess these truths to keep us centered on the gospel.

Confession of Faith - Apostles Creed

**We believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

He Will Hold Me Fast

Words & Music Ada Haberson & Matt Merker

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1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
 2. Those he saves are his de - light, Christ will hold me fast;
 3. For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;

5
 When the temp - ter would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
 Pre - cious in his ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.
 Jus - tice has been sa - tis - fied; He will hold me fast.

9
 I could ne - ver keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;
 He'll not let my soul be lost; His prom - is - es shall last;
 Raised with him to end - less life, He will hold me fast

13
 For my love is of - ten cold; He must hold me fast.
 Bought by him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
 'til our faith is turned to sight, When he comes at last!

18
 He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

22
 For my sa - vior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

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

Community Life and Prayer

We pray as our Lord has taught us to pray

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 for ever.

Amen.

Offering:

The offering proclaims the economics of the Kingdom of God characterized by grace and mercy. It suggests that we ought to give away our money freely and openhandedly. It is not a transaction to purchase or consume anything – especially not favor with God.

Worship Through Giving

Please take a moment to sign our “Friendship Folder” and pass it to those worshipping near you. Thank you.

Children 3 years old through 1st grade will be dismissed for our Children’s Church program before the Scripture Reading. If this will be your child’s first week in Children’s Church, please accompany your child to the room so you can see where we have Children’s Church and meet this week’s teachers. All parents please pick up your children after the service. Thank you.

Scripture Reading – Ruth 4

Now Boaz had gone up to the gate and sat down there. And behold, the redeemer, of whom Boaz had spoken, came by. So Boaz said, “Turn aside, friend; sit down here.” And he turned aside and sat down. ² And he took ten men of the elders of the city and said, “Sit down here.” So they sat down. ³ Then he said to the redeemer, “Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land that belonged to our relative Elimelech. ⁴ So I thought I would tell you of it and say, ‘Buy it in the presence of those sitting here and in the presence of the elders of my people.’ If you will redeem it, redeem it. But if you will not, tell me, that I may know, for there is no one besides you to redeem it, and I come after you.” And he said, “I will redeem it.” ⁵ Then Boaz said, “The day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you also acquire Ruth the Moabite, the widow of the dead, in order to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance.” ⁶ Then the redeemer said, “I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I impair my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it.”

⁷ Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging: to confirm a transaction, the one drew off his sandal and gave it to the other, and this was the manner of attesting in Israel. ⁸ So when the redeemer said to Boaz, “Buy it for yourself,” he drew off his sandal. ⁹ Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, “You are witnesses this day that I have bought from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and to Mahlon. ¹⁰ Also Ruth the Moabite, the widow of Mahlon, I have bought to be my wife, to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brothers and from the gate of his native place. You are witnesses this day.” ¹¹ Then all the people who were at the gate and the elders said, “We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman, who is coming into your house, like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you act worthily in Ephrathah and be renowned in Bethlehem, ¹² and may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, because of the offspring that the Lord will give you by this young woman.”

¹³ So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. And he went in to her, and the Lord gave her conception, and she bore a son. ¹⁴ Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without a redeemer, and may his name be renowned in Israel! ¹⁵ He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has given birth to him.” ¹⁶ Then Naomi took the child and laid him on her lap and became his nurse. ¹⁷ And the women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

¹⁸ Now these are the generations of Perez: Perez fathered Hezron, ¹⁹ Hezron fathered Ram, Ram fathered Amminadab, ²⁰ Amminadab fathered Nahshon, Nahshon fathered Salmon, ²¹ Salmon fathered Boaz, Boaz fathered Obed, ²² Obed fathered Jesse, and Jesse fathered David.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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 – Romans 8:10-11**

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

In Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven and you have been made alive!

Thanks be to God!

The Lord's Supper**Receiving the Lord's Supper**

God welcomes us to his table, promising to spiritually nourish believers in Christ through these signs of his covenant promises to his church. All baptized believers in Christ are invited to partake and have their faith strengthened. If you have not yet professed your faith in Christ or you are not a member in good-standing at a gospel-proclaiming church, we ask you instead use this period as a time of reflection.

Following the Invitation

Come forward to receive the elements (bread, then juice or wine) along the center aisle. When you receive the elements, do not partake of them at that time, rather, return with the bread and cup to your seats – by way of the side aisles. Feel free to sing or pray during this time while you wait for instruction for us to partake of the elements together.

Note: *The juice is white grape and the wine is red.*

Gluten-free wafers are available at the table.

Please let your request be known to the communion server.

How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place

Words: Isaac Watts, 1707
Music: Old Irish melody



1. How sweet and awe - some is the place with
2. While all our hearts and all our songs join
3. "Why was I made to hear your voice, and
4. 'Twas the same love that spread the feast that
5. Pi - ty the na - tions, O our God, con -
6. We long to see your church - es full, that



Christ with - in the doors, while ev - er - last - ing
to ad - mire the feast, each of us cries, with
en - ter while there's room, when thou - sands make a
sweet - ly drew us in; else we had still re -
strain the earth to come; send your vic - tor - ious
all the cho - sen race may, with one voice and



love dis - plays the choic - est of her stores.
thank - ful tongue, "Lord, why was I a guest?
wretch - ed choice, and why rath - er starve than come?"
fused to taste, and per - ished in our sin.
Word a - broad, and bring the strang - ers home.
heart and soul, sing your re - deem - ing grace.

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.

Standing on the Promises

Words & Music: Russell Kelso Carter, 1886

Arr. Tim Stafford, 2012

V.1 Standing on the promises of Christ my King
through eternal ages let His praises ring
Glory in the highest I will shout and sing
Standing on the promises of God

Chorus

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God

V.2 Standing on the promises that cannot fail
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail
By the living Word of God I shall prevail
Standing on the promises of God

V.3 Standing on the promises I now can see
Perfect present cleansing in the blood for me
Standing in the liberty where Christ makes free
Standing on the promises of God

V.4 Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord
Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's Sword
Standing on the promises of God

V.5 Standing on the promises I cannot fall
List'ning ev'ry moment to the Spirit's call
Resting in my Savior as my All in All
Standing on the promises of God

Benediction

Liturgist – Brent Stutzman

Scripture Reader – Jennifer Ziegler

Musicians:

Brent Stutzman – acoustic guitar

David Barshinger – piano

Erik Swanson – electric bass

Susan Dudek – flute

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*To experience & extend the life-changing love of Jesus Christ
in our homes, workplaces, and communities.*

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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:

Clarendon Hills • Elmhurst • Hinsdale East • Hinsdale West • Lisle/Woodridge
Western Springs North • Western Springs South • Wheaton/Glen Ellyn

For more information about our ongoing ministries and community life, subscribe to our e-newsletter at www.trinityhinsdale.com, or you can email us with any questions at office@trinityhinsdale.com.

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