

# TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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**The Lord's Day**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 • 10:45 am**

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*Trinity Fellowship Church desires to glorify God by equipping a community of believers to worship God and be witnesses of Him in Central Arkansas and to the ends of the earth.*

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## ◀ PARAMETERS ▶

Liturgical colors have an instructional purpose and point us to the life of Christ and the great acts of redemptive history.

These colored hangings, called paraments, are seen on the pulpit, communion table, and baptismal font.

White represents joy, purity, and victory, and is displayed during the seasons of Christmas and Easter, as well as occasions remembering the joyful and glorious mysteries of our Lord.

<b>Greeters and Ushers</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Nursery Volunteer</b>
Aaron Lindberg <i>and</i> Kurt Lueken	04/30	Sharon Plate
Ed Sartain <i>and</i> Gary Wheat	05/07	Joy Denley
Kevin Breedlove <i>and</i> John Breedlove	05/14	Valerie Plate
Howard Gorter <i>and</i> Lucas Gorter	05/21	Aaliyah Sartain <i>and</i> Kylie Sartain

# Celebration *of* Worship

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## The Greeting and Announcements

*Announcements can be found on page 14.*

## The Prelude

*During this time, be prayerful and reverent in preparation  
for the worship of our holy God in His sanctuary.  
(Please silence all phones and electronic devices.)*

## † The Call to Worship

from Psalm 118

**Leader:** *Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.*

**People:** In our anguish we cried to the LORD, and he answered by setting us free.

**Leader:** *Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.*

**People:** The LORD is our strength and our song; he has become our salvation.

**Leader:** *Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.*

**People:** We will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

**Leader:** *Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.*

**People:** This is the day the LORD has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

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† Please stand, as able

## † The Hymn of Praise

Worship Christ, the Risen King!

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1. Rise, O church, and lift your voic - es, Christ has con - quered death and hell.  
 2. See the tomb where death had laid Him, emp - ty now, its mouth de - clares:  
 3. Hear the earth pro - test and trem - ble, see the stone re - moved with pow'r;  
 4. Doubt may lift its head to mur - mur, scoff - ers mock and sin - ners jeer;  
 5. We ac - claim Your life, O Je - sus, now we sing Your vic - to - ry;

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Sing as all the earth re - joic - es; res - ur - rec - tion an - thems swell.  
 "Death and I could not con - tain Him, for the throne of life He shares."  
 All hell's min - ions may as - sem - ble, but can - not with - stand His hour.  
 But the truth pro - claims a won - der thought - ful hearts re - ceive with cheer.  
 Sin or hell may seek to seize us, but Your con - quest keeps us free.

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Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the ris - en King!  
 Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the ris - en King!  
 He has con - quered, He has con - quered, Christ the Lord, the ris - en King!  
 He is ris - en, He is ris - en, now re - ceive the ris - en King!  
 Stand in tri - umph, stand in tri - umph, wor - ship Christ, the ris - en King!

## † The Prayer of Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

**Unison:** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy 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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## The Call to Confession

from Psalm 145

**Leader:** *The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made. The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.*

## The Corporate Confession of Sin

from Psalm 38

**Unison:** O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath! There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation; there is no health in my bones because of my sin. For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me. I am feeble and crushed; I groan because of the tumult of my heart. For I am ready to fall, and my pain is ever before me. I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin. Do not forsake me, O LORD! O my God, be not far from me! Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

## The Private Confession of Sin

### The Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 32:1-5

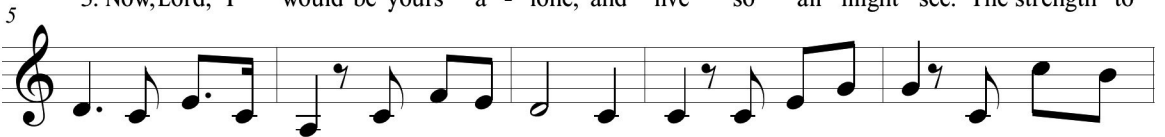
**Leader:** *Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.*

† The Hymn of Assurance

All I Have Is Christ  
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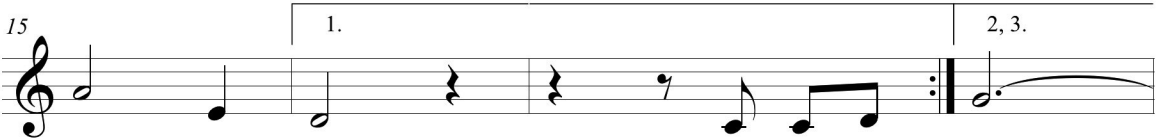
1. I once was lost in dark - est night, yet thought I knew the way. The sin that  
2. But as I ran my hell-bound race, in - dif - ferent to the cost, you looked up -  
3. Now, Lord, I would be yours a - lone, and live so all might see. The strength to



prom-ised joy and life had led me to the grave. I had no hope that you would  
on my help-less state and led me to the cross. And I be - held God's love dis -  
fol - low your com-ands could nev - er come from me. O Fa - ther, use my ran-somed



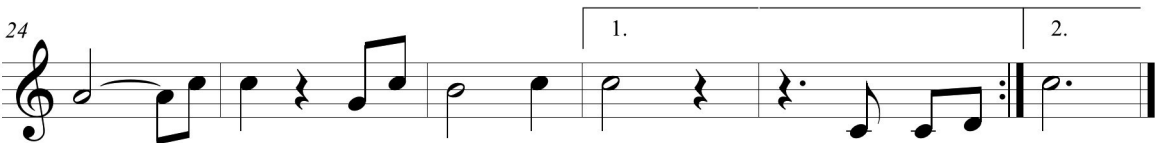
own a reb - el to your will. And if you had not loved me first, I would re-  
played. You suf-ered in my place. You bore the wrath re - served for me. Now all I  
life in an - y way you choose. And let my song for - ev - er be my on - ly



15 fuse know boast you is is still. (to vs. 2) 2. But as I grace. you.



Hal - le - lu - jah! All I have is Christ. Hal - le -



24 lu - jah! Je - sus is my life. (to vs. 3) 3. Now, Lord, I life.

## † The Affirmation of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism, 33-36

**Leader:** *What is justification?*

**Unison:** Justification is an act of God's free grace in which he pardons all our sins and accepts us as righteous in his sight for the sake of the righteousness of Christ alone, which is credited to us and received by faith alone.

**Leader:** *What is adoption?*

**Unison:** Adoption is an act of God's free grace by which we are received into the number and have a right to all the privileges of the sons of God.

**Leader:** *What is sanctification?*

**Unison:** Sanctification is the work of God's free grace by which we are renewed throughout in the image of God and are enabled more and more to die to sin and live to righteousness.

**Leader:** *What benefits in this life accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?*

**Unison:** The benefits in this life which accompany or flow from justification, adoption and sanctification are: assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Spirit, progress in holiness, and perseverance in it to this life's end.

## The Children's Message

*Children are invited to come forward during this time.*

## The Prayers of the People

### The Offertory

*Our offering is an act of worship in which we express our gratitude and reliance on God.*

*For those of you who are guests with us today, giving is not obligatory.*

*We are eager to share with you more about our church and its ministry  
and to invite you to participate with us as you are called by God.*

*If you have filled out a visitor's card, please place it in the plate as it is passed.*

## † The Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all

6  
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly

12  
host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## † The Prayer of Dedication

*This prayer acknowledges that God is the giver of all good gifts  
and that money itself cannot accomplish good in the world without God's blessing*



## † The Reading of Scripture

Philippians 1:3-11

*English Standard Version*

[3] I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, [4] always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, [5] because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. [6] And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. [7] It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. [8] For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. [9] And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, [10] so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, [11] filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

## The Sermon

Rev. Brad DeVries

“Partnership in the Gospel”

### **Discussion and Application**

1. What are some ways you can grow in expressing heartfelt thanksgiving for other people in your life and in the church?
2. What does it mean to be partakers of grace and partner with others in the gospel? How have you, and how has the church experienced this partnership?
3. What, or perhaps who, is it that binds Christians together? How does this make the fellowship of believers different than a local club or community activity?
4. How can Paul express such confidence? How does this encourage you in your Christian walk, and encourage us as a church family? How can prayers for ourselves and others be more reflective of this confidence?

† The Hymn of Response

Blest Be the Tie  
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1. Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in  
 2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our  
 3. We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual  
 4. When we a - sun - der part, It gives us

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Chris - tian love; The fel - low - ship of  
 ar - dent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our  
 bur - dens bear; And of ten for each  
 in - ward pain; But we shall still be

9

kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.  
 aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.  
 oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
 joined in heart, And hope to meet a - gain.

## † The Benediction

## † The Hymn of Sending

## Crown Him with Many Crowns

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Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne; Hark!

5  
how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own: A -

9  
wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And

13  
hail Him as thy match - less King Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## The Postlude

*As you leave the sanctuary today, may you know the hope to which God has called you, experience the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and trust his incomparably great power for us who believe.*

*Please help us love our community by recycling your unneeded bulletins as you leave.*

*A recycling bin is located by the door in the foyer.*



## Announcements

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**Communion** ▶ We are scheduled to celebrate the Lord's Supper next Sunday. Let us therefore follow Paul's admonition in 1 Corinthians 11:27–29 to partake of the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner by examining ourselves before the Lord. The Westminster Shorter Catechism states, "It is required of them that would worthily partake of the Lord's Supper, that they examine themselves of their knowledge to discern the Lord's body, of their faith to feed upon Him, of their repentance, love, and new obedience; lest, coming unworthily, they eat and drink judgment to themselves."

**Bridging the Gap** ▶ Rev. Dan Anderson of Central Presbyterian Church in Little Rock is co-hosting an interdenominational service next Sunday, May 7th, beginning at 5:00 pm at Fellowship Baptist Church (2221 S. Broadway in Little Rock). The purpose of this service is to continue to build relationships across I-630 in hopes of reflecting the Kingdom of God.

**Parents' Night Out** ▶ The next Parents' Night Out will be Saturday, May 13th, from 5:00-8:00 pm. We are in need of volunteers to provide childcare and food. Please sign up using the sheet located in the narthex.

**Nursery Volunteers** ▶ We are in need of volunteers to serve in the nursery on Sunday mornings. A sign up sheet is located in the narthex.

**Men's Bible Study** ▶ The Men's Bible Study meets weekly on Thursdays from 6:00-7:00 am at the church. The downtown Men's Bible Study meets weekly on Tuesdays from 11:30-12:30 at Bookends Cafe (120 River Market Ave). Both groups are studying the book of 1 Timothy.

**Missional Community Groups** ▶ Our Missional Community Groups meet in homes throughout Central Arkansas and are facilitated by the elders of Trinity Fellowship Church. Our current Missional Community Groups are:

### North Little Rock

Darrel Croswell: 501-681-4114

### Jacksonville

Bill Dempsey: 707-338-3489

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Dan Anderson . . . . . Central Presbyterian Church; Little Rock  
Del Farris . . . . . MNA Chaplain Ministries; Little Rock  
Fred Klett . . . . . CHAIM (Reformed Ministry to Jewish People); Philadelphia  
Michelle Hill . . . . . CRU/FamilyLife; Little Rock  
Mike Fennema . . . . . Spring Hill Presbyterian Church; Spring Hill  
Mike Ford . . . . . RUF at the University of Arkansas; Fayetteville  
Mike and Eli Sabin . . . . . MTW; Guam  
Seima and Naoko Aoyagi . . . . . MTW; Tokyo, Japan  
Steve Sanford . . . . . Evangelical Alliance for Immigration Services; Little Rock  
Tom and Karen Mirabella . . . . . MTW; Chiba, Japan  
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