

But as for me, it is good to be near God.

MORNING WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, April 19, 2015 ▪ 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

The Silent Meditation upon Entering the Sanctuary

*The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen
His glory,*

glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

*For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came
through Jesus Christ.*

~ John 1:14, 17

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS [8:25/10:55A.M.]

THE PRELUDE "Morning Has Broken" arr. Dale Wood

THE STRIKING OF THE HOUR

THE CHRISTIAN GREETING

† **THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE** "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him Who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

† **THE CALL TO WORSHIP** Mr. Pendley

Minister: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every
spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

People: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused
us to be born again to a living hope through the
resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

† **THE HYMN** "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But down-ward bends His burning eye at mysteries so bright.

**Crown Him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and
praise:**

**His reign shall know no end; and round His pierced feet
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.**

**Crown Him the Lord of Years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime;
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou has died for me:
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.**

† **THE CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH** **The Apostles' Creed**
[See the inside front cover of the *Trinity Hymnal*]

† **THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

† **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON **Corinthians 6:9-11; Romans 1:26-27; Ephesians 3:14-19**
Pages 1214, 1195, 1243 in the Pew Bible

THE MORNING OFFERING

The Meditation **John 1:17**
**The Organ Offertory "O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts" arr. David
Cherwien**

† **THE HYMN OF PREPARATION** **"Speak, O Lord" (insert)**

*Dear Mom and Dad,
This morning, due to the content of the sermon and the
issues to be addressed, children sixth grade and younger
will be dismissed at this time. Preschoolers four years to
Kindergarten will attend their regular Children's Church,
while the older children will attend a Bible study led by one
of our ministers, Rev. Michael Howell. We humbly ask that
all children sixth grade and younger be dismissed without
exception. This will lessen any confusion and disunity in
our church family if we can all be in agreement. If, after
hearing the sermon, as a parent you feel your child should
hear the content, then by all means, do so as a family in
the privacy of your own home via the website where you
can provide your children with immediate answers to their
questions. Thank you for your cooperation. God bless
you, dear brother and sister, as you parent through the
tumultuous waters of our present-day culture. ~ Mr. Mac*

THE SERMON **Mr. McRoberts**

THE MORE EXCELLENT WAY
God's Definition of Marriage (2)
IV. Marriage and Family

I Corinthians 6:9-11; Romans 1:26-27; Ephesians 3:14-19

THE MORNING PRAYER

ON “IMPUDENT PRAYER”

“I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs.” Luke 11:8
“Impudence” is the key word. Other versions show “importunity,” “persistence,” “boldness,” “shamelessness,” and “brazen insistence.” All good translations. The word is *anaideia*. That’s the negative prefix *an* + *aideia* (“shame, respect, modesty”). Souter glosses it as “shameless persistence (e.g. in greed).” The ESV translates it “impudence.” More casually, we might call it “nerve.” Jesus is teaching us to pray impudent prayers. God likes it. Doors start opening up. Matthew Henry: “We prevail with men by impudence because they are displeased with it, but with God because He is pleased with it.” We can have the nerve to ask God for what we really long for. We don’t have to settle for polite prayers that bore us and change nothing. ~ Ray Ortland

† **THE HYMN**

“O Church, Arise” (insert)

† **THE BENEDICTION**

Minister: Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.

People: AMEN!

† **THE QUIET MEDITATION AND APPLICATION OF GOD’S WORD**

† **THE POSTLUDE** Plainchant and fugue on the *Kyrie* Francois Couperin

† Indicates the congregation standing, as able

The sanctuary flowers this Lord’s Day are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Betty and Bill Gordy by the Dubina and McKinney families.

HELPFUL RESOURCES

The following resources were compiled from our ministers to provide the congregation with a list of helps in trying to understand and form a biblical view of homosexuality. The list is far from exhaustive but a helpful start in answering some of the most basic questions one may have. As we conform daily more and more into the image of Christ, bringing every thought captive, may He increase and we decrease; and further may we grow in our understanding of grace and truth. The following resources may be accessed at www.trinitypca.org.

I. Focus on the Family

A. Thriving Values

1. "What Does the Bible Say about Homosexuality?" by Joe Dallas
2. "HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND: *An Exhortation to the Church on Loving the Homosexual*" by Joe Dallas
3. "Understanding Male Homosexuality" by Jeff Johnston

B. "A Strong Delusion: Confronting the 'Gay Christian' Movement" by Joe Dallas

C. "Is God Anti-Gay? (Questions and Answers)" by Sam Allberry

D. "The Bible and Homosexual Practice: Texts and Hermeneutics" by Robert A.J. Gagnon (a scholarly work)

II. All resources at Harvest USA.

III. "Is Homosexuality a Sin for New Testament Believers?"

IV. Desiring God Ministries

"AN OVERVIEW OF CENTRAL CONCERNS: *Questions and Answers* by John Piper and Wayne Grudem" (Chapter 2; pages 56ff; especially pages 76ff)

VI. The Gospel Coalition ~ "A Panel Discussion on Homosexuality and the Church"

VII. "First Things" is a Roman Catholic website with much to say about cultural issues with whom we would agree

The following are suggested books:

- "What Does the Bible Really Teach about Homosexuality?" by Kevin DeYoung
- "Same-Sex Marriage: A Thoughtful Approach to God's Design for Marriage" by Sean McDowell
- "Hide Or Seek: When Men Get Real with God about Sex" by John Freeman
- "God and the Gay Christian? (A Response to Matthew Vines)" by R. Albert Mohler, Jr.
- "The Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert (an English professor's journey into Christian faith)" by Rosaria Champagne Butterfield

Before the eyes of the Lord and in the presence of God

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

6:00 P.M.

PRELIMINARY PREPARATION • 5:45

In the Sanctuary ~ Prelude Music

In the Westminster Room ~ Prayer for the Service with the Ministers

Gathering Scripture Calling Us to Worship ~ Romans 8:37-39

Hymn No. 465 – “Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord”

Prayer of Invocation of the Lord *Full of Grace and Truth* Mr. McRoberts

Scripture Reading ~ Luke 7:36-50

Page 1099 in the Pew

The Testimony of God's Grace

Mr. Brent Woodall

Hymn Medley

“Jesus Is Lord” [handout]

“O Great God” [handout]

Hymn No. 674 ~ “I Need Thee Every Hour” [st. 1, 3, 5 in four-part harmony as able]

Evening Prayer

Quiet Meditation *Children are dismissed to attend their classes.*

Homily

Mr. Curles

“Eating with Jesus: Getting Jesus”

Luke 7:36-50

Closing Chorus of Commitment – “May the Mind of Christ My Savior”

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,

By His love and pow'r controlling all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,

So that all may see I triumph only through His pow'r.

**May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.**

**May His beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel, seeing only Him.**

Benediction

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Trinity Church Prayer Focus of the Week*Evening Worship: new sermon series,
Spirit-filled service, and good fellowship***Missionary Focus of the Week***Mark and Bridgette ... Third Millennium,
Middle East***OUR CHURCH THIS LORD'S DAY, April 19**

8:30 AM Early Morning Worship
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Morning Worship
12:15 PM New Member Luncheon in Westminster
5:00 PM Youth Choir
6:00 PM Evening Worship
7:00 PM Senior High Fellowship at the Coopers'

FOR PRAYER AND PARTICIPATION, April 20-25**Monday**

12 Noon Men's Bible Study Lunch in the Spires

Tuesday

6:45 AM Prayer Breakfast in Trinity Hall
1:00 PM WIC Study in the Westminster Room

Wednesday

6:30 AM Men's *Search the Scriptures* in the John
7:00 AM Men's Bible Study Breakfast in Westmi
10:00 AM VBS Training in Room 218
12 Noon WIC Study in Room 203
5:00 PM *Relax* • Church Family Supper
5:40 PM *Renew* • Prayer, Sharing, Singing
6:00 PM *Refresh* • Something for Everyone
6:00 PM VBS Training in Room 218
6:00 PM Youth and Children's Choirs' Dress Reh
7:00 PM Chancel Choir
7:00 PM Session Meeting in the Westminster Ro
and the John M. Ward Session Room

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