



**TRINITY**

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023  
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

# RETURN FROM EXILE

E Z R A & N E H E M I A H



## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;  
to all who mourn and long for comfort;  
to all who struggle and desire victory;  
to all who sin and need a Savior;  
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;  
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come,  
this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## CALL TO WORSHIP | PSALM 95:1-3

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;  
***let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!***  
Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;  
***let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!***  
For the LORD is a great God,  
***and a great King above all gods.***

# A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

Words and Music: Martin Luther Scottish Psalter 1635

A mighty fortress is our God  
A bulward never failing  
Our helper He, amid the flood  
Of mortal ills prevailing;  
For still our ancient foe  
Doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great  
And armed with cruel hate  
On earth is not his equal

Did we in our own strength confide  
Our striving would be losing  
Were not the right Man on our side  
The Man of God's own choosing  
Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is He  
Lord Sabaoth, His name  
From age to age the same  
And He must win the battle

And though this world, with devils filled  
Should threaten to undo us  
We will not fear, for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph through us  
The prince of darkness grim  
We tremble not for him  
His rage we can endure  
For lo, his doom is sure  
One little word shall fell him

That Word above all earthly powers  
No thanks to them, abideth  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
Through Him who with us sideth  
Let goods and kindred go  
This mortal life also  
The body they may kill  
God's truth abideth still  
His kingdom is forever

## We Listen to His Word | PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

### We Confess our Sins

*O Merciful Father, You have freed me from the dominion of the devil and from the guilt of my sin, bestowing to me the riches of Christ, yet I confess to You the power and allure that sin still has in my life. O God, all of my affections, motives, and desires need to be refined in the fire of Your purity! Let not Your Spirit depart from me. Hide me in Christ, my Savior and Advocate, my strength and my shield, that I would not hear the voice of the charmer, and might be delivered from his lusts. Help me to take everything I can see and use it for Your eternal, unseen purpose, so that Christ would truly be glorified in my life.*

**SILENT CONFESSION** *Please pause for a moment of silent confession.*

## We Hear Words of Assurance and Pardon | COLOSSIANS 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the Kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ know that you're forgiven and be at peace.

**Thanks be to God!**



# 10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

**Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul**  
**Worship His holy name**  
**Sing like never before, O my soul**  
**I'll worship Your holy name**

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Worship Your holy name  
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

**I'll worship Your holy name**  
**I'll worship Your holy name**

## ANCIENT OF DAYS

Words & Music: Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren and Jesse Reeves

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall  
There is still one King, reigning over all  
So I will not fear, for this truth remains  
That my God is the Ancient of Days

**None above Him, none before Him,**  
**All of time in His hands**  
**For His throne, it shall remain and ever stand**  
**All the power, all the glory**  
**I will trust in His name**  
**For my God is the Ancient of Days**

Though the dread of night, overwhelms my soul  
He is here with me, I am not alone  
Oh His love is sure, and He knows my name  
For my God is the Ancient of Days

Though I may not see, what the future brings  
I will watch and wait for the Savior King  
Then my joy complete, standing face to face  
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

## We Ask for God's Help

## We Confess our Faith | HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, QUESTION 1

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

***That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself, but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of His own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that He protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit His purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.***

## We Greet Others with Peace | COLOSSIANS 1:19-20

For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

***And also with you!***

***TrinityKids:*** During the Greeting of Peace, children 5 & 4 may be dismissed to walk to TrinityKids. They will be led by a teacher to return to worship with us before the Lord's Supper.

# We Are Changed by God's Word | EZRA 1:1-5 & NEHEMIAH 1

## *Ezra 1:1-5 (ESV)*

[1] In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing:

[2] "Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. [3] Whoever is among you of all his people, may his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and rebuild the house of the LORD, the God of Israel—he is the God who is in Jerusalem. [4] And let each survivor, in whatever place he sojourns, be assisted by the men of his place with silver and gold, with goods and with beasts, besides freewill offerings for the house of God that is in Jerusalem."

[5] Then rose up the heads of the fathers' houses of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and the Levites, everyone whose spirit God had stirred to go up to rebuild the house of the LORD that is in Jerusalem.

## *Nehemiah 1 (ESV)*

[1] The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah.

Now it happened in the month of Chislev, in the twentieth year, as I was in Susa the citadel, [2] that Hanani, one of my brothers, came with certain men from Judah. And I asked them concerning the Jews who escaped, who had survived the exile, and concerning Jerusalem. [3] And they said to me, "The remnant there in the province who had survived the exile is in great trouble and shame. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates are destroyed by fire."

[4] As soon as I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days, and I continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven. [5] And I said, "O LORD God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, [6] let your ear be attentive and your eyes open, to hear the prayer of your servant that I now pray before you day and night for the people of Israel your servants, confessing the sins of the people of Israel, which we have sinned against you. Even I and my father's house have sinned. [7] We have acted very corruptly against you and have not kept the commandments, the statutes, and the rules that you commanded your servant Moses. [8] Remember the word that you commanded your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples, [9] but if you return to me and keep my commandments and do them, though your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there I will gather them and bring them to the place that I have chosen, to make my name dwell there.' [10] They are your servants and your people, whom you have redeemed by your great power and by your strong hand. [11] O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants who delight to fear your name, and give success to your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man."

This is the Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God!***

## "THE GOSPEL IN EZRA & NEHEMIAH" | REV. BLAKE ALTMAN

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## We Give Regularly, Joyfully and Sacrificially | [GIVE.TRINITYOWASSO.COM](http://GIVE.TRINITYOWASSO.COM)

There are six ways to give at Trinity:

1. Online: [give.trinityowasso.com](http://give.trinityowasso.com)
2. Trinity Owasso App
3. Text "trinityowasso" to 77977
4. Offering basket during worship
5. Mail your gift to the church office
6. Stock or cash gifts through a foundation like the PCA Foundation, [pcfoundation.com](http://pcfoundation.com)

(Please take a moment to fill out the Trinity Connect Card & place it in the offering basket when it is passed down the aisle. If you miss the offering basket, please leave your Trinity Connect Card or tithe in a connect-card box in the lobby.)

## We Celebrate Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

***And with your spirit.***

Lift up your hearts!

***We lift them up to the Lord!***

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

***It is right to give Him thanks and praise.***

It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name; evermore praising You, and singing:

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

## NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD

Written: Robert Lowry 1876 / Arrangement: Andy Cherry 2012

What can wash away my sins,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
What can make me whole again,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

**Oh, precious is the flow,  
That makes me white as snow  
No other fount I know,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus**

And nothing can for sin atone,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
And it's not of good that I have done,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

**Because the blood of Jesus  
is enough for me  
Oh, the blood of Jesus is enough**

And this is all my hope and peace,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
And this is all my righteousness,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

## God sends us out with His good Word | ZEPHANIAH 3:17

The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

## We go into the world for His glory

Let us go forth to serve our neighbors and the world as those who love our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

***Thanks be to God! Amen!***

# Welcome to Trinity!

*We are so glad you're here!*

Connect with us: [tpcok.cc/connect](https://tpcok.cc/connect)

Learn more about how we connect kids to during worship time: [tpkoc.cc/kidsandworship](https://tpkoc.cc/kidsandworship)

## TRINITYKIDS | Babies - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

SUN. 9AM & Special Events

Sunday | Barnes Elementary

Contact - Text Mishelle: 918-991-9860

## TRINITY YOUTH | 6<sup>th</sup> Grade - Sr. High

SUN. 9AM; WED 6:30PM

Sunday | Barnes Elementary

Wednesday | Trinity House

Contact - Text Nathan: 314-662-6488

See **GroupMe** for special events throughout the week.

## ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

SUN. 9AM | Classes Rotate Seasonally  
Current Classes:

- **Westminster Larger Catechism** with Trinity Elders
- **Church History** with Pastor Blake & Fr. John Thorpe

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY** | Bible Studies, Events, & Meetups throughout the year.

Join Women's GroupMe!

For more information, text Caity at 918-812-0247



**MEN'S MINISTRY** | Bible Study & Events

WED. 6:15AM at Panera in Owasso

WED. 6:45 pm PM at 10517 N. Sheridan, Sperry OK

Contact - Jon Nadig: 719-576-8956

## WHERE WE MEET EACH WEEK

Barnes Elementary [7809 East 76<sup>th</sup> St N Owasso]  
Sunday 9AM & 10AM

Trinity House: 9210 N Garnett, Owasso

- Houses our Staff Offices & Meeting Space
- Various Ministries Throughout the Week

<b>WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES FOR FALL 2023</b> 	<i>Starting</i>	
	SEPT 19	<b>TUESDAYS   10AM TULSA</b>
	SEPT 19	<b>TUESDAYS   7PM COLLINSVILLE</b>
	SEPT 20	<b>WEDNESDAY   10AM OWASSO</b>
	SEPT 21	<b>THURSDAYS   6:30AM OWASSO</b>

WE WILL CELEBRATE

# Baptisms

October 1

GATHERED WORSHIP

## How to Respond to Today's Service?

### 1. SEEK STILLNESS FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

**TODAY.** You may want to pray something like this:

#### *Prayer for Those Searching for the Truth:*

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads me to the life you promise. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Amen.

*Prayer of Belief:* Lord Jesus Christ, I confess that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dare imagine, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dare dream. Thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness and making me righteous before my Heavenly

Father. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Prayer of Commitment:* Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship through membership in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

**2. READ SCRIPTURE.** Read the sermon passage again and reflect on what the Holy Spirit called to mind. How might you apply it with God's help?

**3. JOIN US AT A COMMUNITY GROUP or REGISTER FOR AN UPCOMING EVENT.** We want you to be a part of us.

**4. FILL OUT A CONNECT CARD.** Let us know how to pray for you and get you the information you seek.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY!

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