



PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:

- ❖ *"If not me, who? If not now, when?" - Activist, Emma Watson*
- ❖ *No fact of history is more amazing than the spread of the influence of Jesus.*
- Kenneth Scott Latourette
- ❖ *The difference between what we do and what we are capable of doing would suffice to solve most of the world's problems. - Mohandas Gandhi*

SONG: *Rise Up O Saints of God (music at end of bulletin)*

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Christ is arisen!

People: Christ is arisen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: Christ goes ahead of us into the world.

People: We will follow the risen Christ!

OUR CONFESSION:

C: God, we are aware of the state of the world and our part in it. We watch the news with little surprise at the violence and destruction that arises every day. We confess that if we are not a part of the solution, we are a part of the problem. Grant us the will to make a difference in our corners of the world, so that we might be a light in the darkness as representatives of your light. Amen.

L: It is a time of change. May we be agents of change as a forgiven people, living in the promise of God's love.

CONFESSION RESPONSE: *I Saw What I Saw*

READING:

Acts 3:12-19 and 4:1-4

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors

has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

‘And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out...

While Peter and John were speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came to them, much annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming that in Jesus there is the resurrection of the dead. So they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who heard the word believed; and they numbered about five thousand.

GOSPEL:

Luke 24: 36b-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, ‘Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.’ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, ‘Have you anything here to eat?’ They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

SERMON: *“Witnesses in the World Court”*

Pastor David Schoob

MESSAGE RESPONSE: *God of the Movements and Martyrs*
(music at end of bulletin)

THE PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of

trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT:

One: Christ is risen.

All: Alleluia!

One: He goes before us.

All: Alleluia!

One: Go to do God's will in the world.

All: We will!

One: Go, with the blessing of the Holy Trinity.

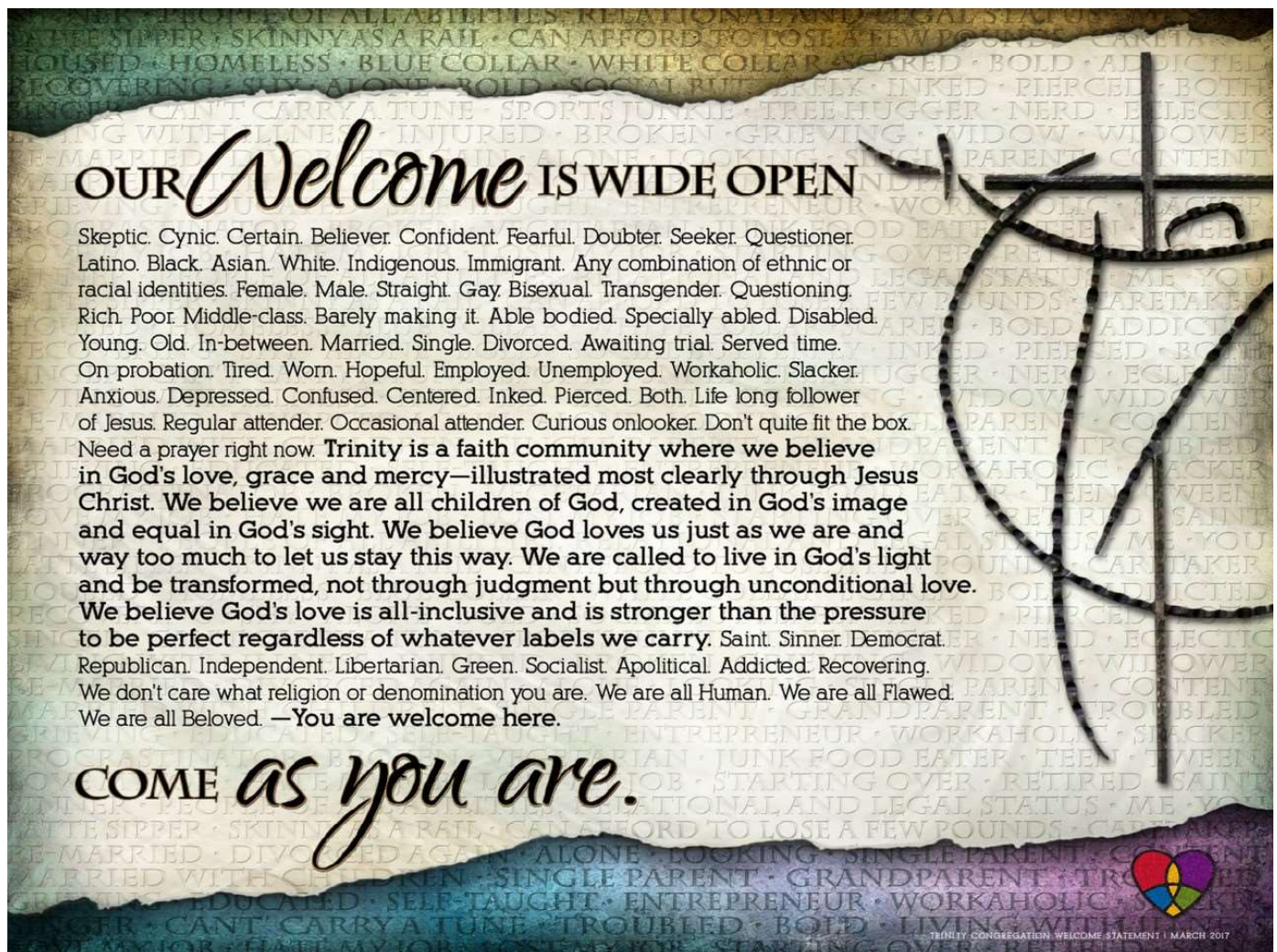
All: Amen.

SONG: *Go to the World* (music at end of bulletin)

THE DISMISSAL:

Leader: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



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Rise Up, O Saints of God!

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1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Rise Up, O Saints of God!". It features two systems of music. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are provided below each system of music. The first system contains five numbered lines of lyrics, and the second system contains a single line of lyrics. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and simple melodic lines.

God of the Movements and Martyrs

1. God of the move - ments and mar - tyrs, God of the pow - er - less
 2. Now it's our turn to do jus - tice, hum - bly we rise to the
 3. God of the cir - cle that holds us, God of the ones pushed a -

child, God of the hurt and the hope - less and un - rec - on -
 day, give us the strength and the wis - dom to walk in your
 way, we will reach out to our neigh - bors, in your name we'll

ciled, - God of the just and the faith - ful,
 way, - Gath - er the loaves and the fish - es,
 say: No mat - ter your creed or your coun - try, no

God of the night and the day, - God of the whole of cre -
 share un - til all have been fed, - walk in com - pas - sion and
 mat - ter the hue of your skin, your age, who you love, or the

a - tion, in your name we pray; -
 mer - cy, by love we'll be led, -
 bod - y your soul was born in, no

Man - y have fol - lowed the sav - ior -
 stand - ing in cir - cles sur - round - ing,
 mat - ter the plac - es you're bro - ken, no

in - to the face of the storm, - strength - ened by long gen - er -
 all hold - ing hands while we pray, when pow - ers bear down on the
 mat - ter the things you have done, - lay down that weight on the

a - tions, by love they were formed. In base - ments of tall stee - pled
 help - less, we'll stand in the way. - God of the worn and the
 al - tar, a new day's be - gun. - You are a child of the

church - es, in shad - ows of fenc - es and walls, in
 wound - ed, - let us be healed by the truth, when
 mak - er, - you are be - lov - ed and known, -

al - leys and hall - ways of pow - er, they an - swered your call.
 door - ways are blocked, we will low - er our friends through the roof.
 join us in work of the kin - dom, we wel - come you home. *(Repeat last line v.3)*

Go to the World

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1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.