



Pastoral Welcome and Announcements

Thoughts for the Day:

- ❖ *Mother is the name for God in the lips and hearts of little children.*
- William Makepeace Thackeray
- ❖ *I believe that nothing I deserve to be ashamed of will ever make me unacceptable to God.*
- Lewis B. Smedes
- ❖ *Easter is the great proclamation and promise of God that nothing can overcome God's love, not even the murder of the Son of God.*
- Charles Ferrell

Song: ***I Believe in that Love (music at end of bulletin)***

Prayer of the Day:

Our heavenly mother, who loves us and makes us their own, draw us close to your heart and increase our capacity to overflow with your love. With childlike faith, we wait for you in expectation. Amen.

Our Confession:

Leader: The Lord sees how great is the wickedness on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of our heart is evil all the time. The Lord is grieved and God's heart is filled with a parent's pain.

People: **Lord, we confess that we are a part of this world.**

Leader: We grieve the Lord

People: **And break God's heart.**

Leader: We damage and destroy God's creation by our sinfulness.

People: **We hurt and disregard the lives of God's precious children.**

Leader: Where is our salvation?

People: **Where is our righteousness?**

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People: **In Jesus Christ is our salvation.**

Leader: In Jesus Christ is our righteousness.

People: **Mother, forgive us for our sins,**

Leader: Which cause unspeakable corruption and violence

People: To your creation

Leader: And your people

People: And our relationships.

Leader: Forgive us for the grief and pain that result from our sins.

People: Forgive us and clothe us in Christ's righteousness.

Leader: Thanks be to God,

People: Our God of infinite love.

Leader: It is done.

People: Amen.

Confession Response: God of Second Chances, verses 1. 2 & 5
(music at end of bulletin)

Readings: Isaiah 49:14-16

But Zion said, 'The Lord has forsaken me,
my Lord has forgotten me.'
Can a woman forget her nursing-child,
or show no compassion for the child of her womb?
Even these may forget,
yet I will not forget you.
See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands;

Psalm 98

O sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.
His right hand and his holy arm
have gained him victory.
The Lord has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.
Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.

Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy
at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming
to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

Gospel:

John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Sermon: "Hands That Love" Pastor David Schoob

Message Response: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy, verses 1, 3 & 4
(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:

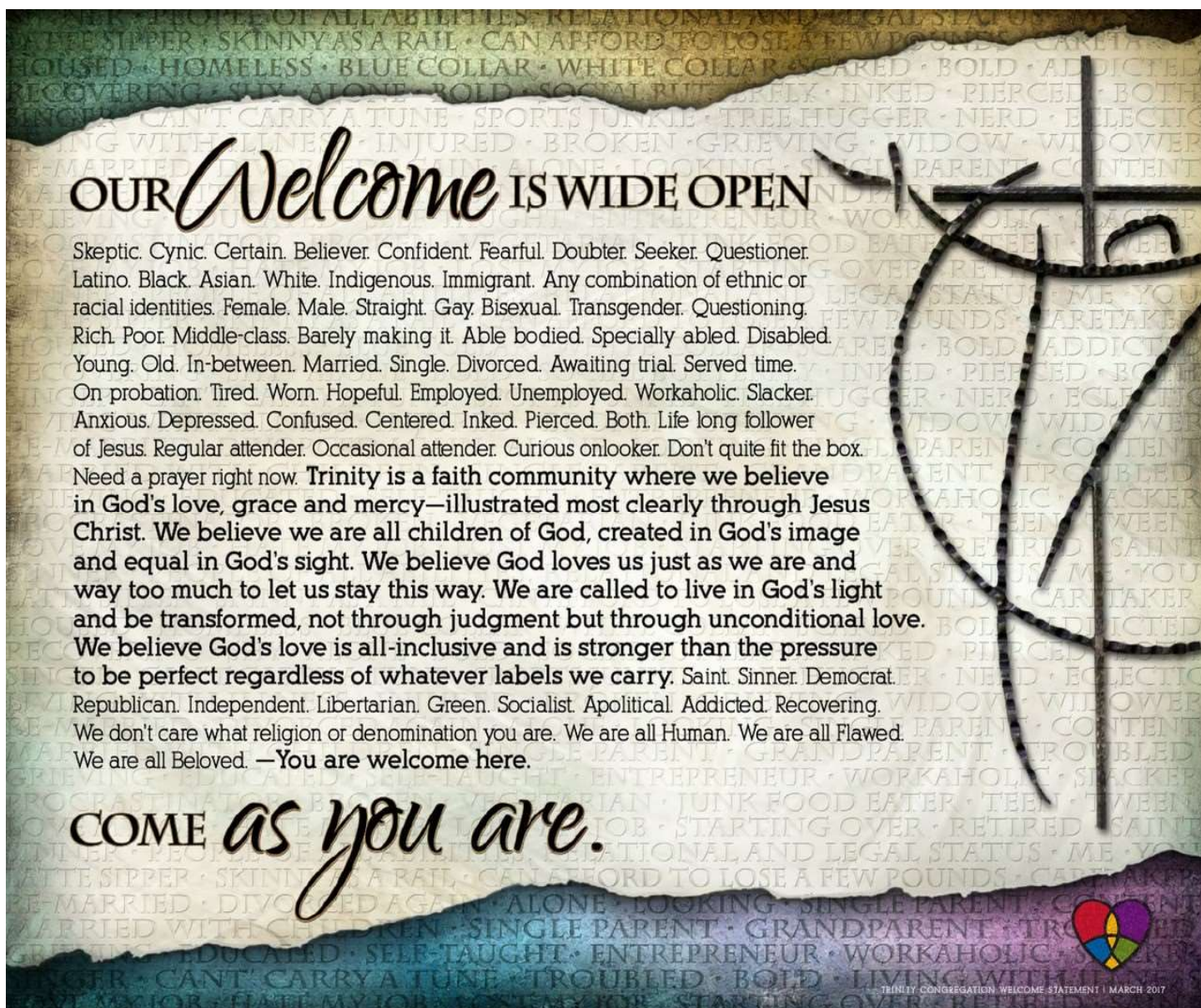
May your unfailing love rest upon us, O loving Mother, even as we put our hope in you.

Song: Go My Children, with My Blessing (music at end of bulletin)

The Dismissal:

Leader: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



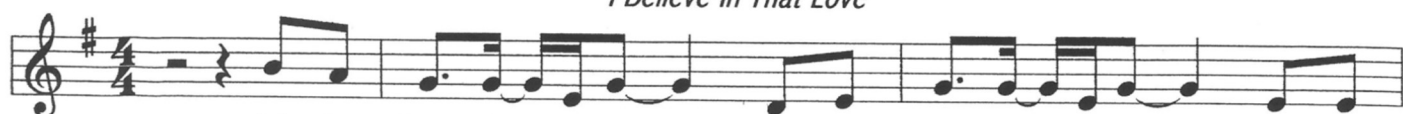
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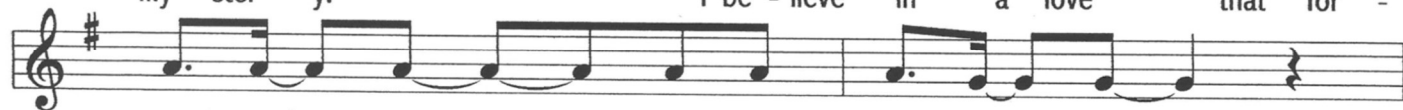
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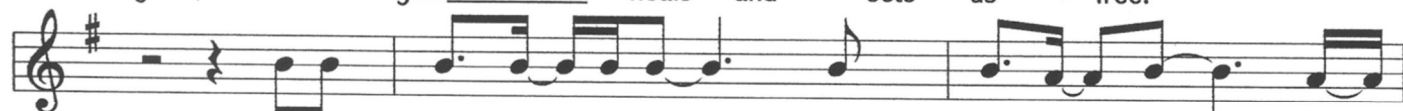
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 2. I be - lieve in a love that is felt in the touch of a
 3. I be - lieve in a love that is here at the heart of a



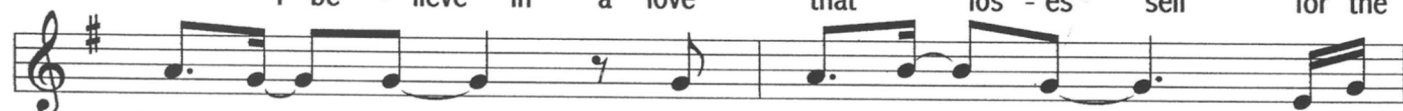
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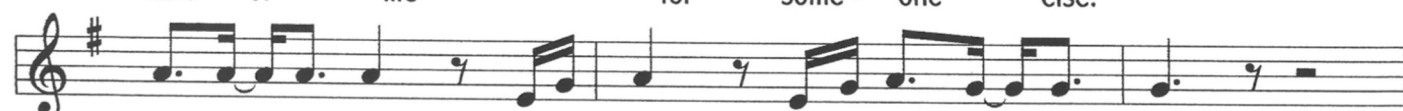
on and on e - ven when we die.
 diff' - renc - es and seeks to un - der - stand.
 gives, for - gets heals and sets us free.



I be - lieve in a love that reach - es out em -
 I be - lieve in a love that has no bounds, no
 I be - lieve in a love that los - es self for the



brac - ing all our pain and doubt. I be -
 class or race to hold it down.
 sake of life for some - one else.



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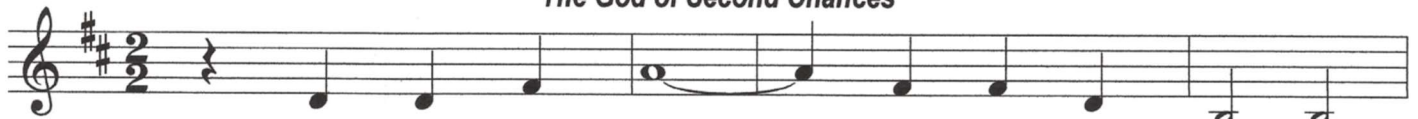


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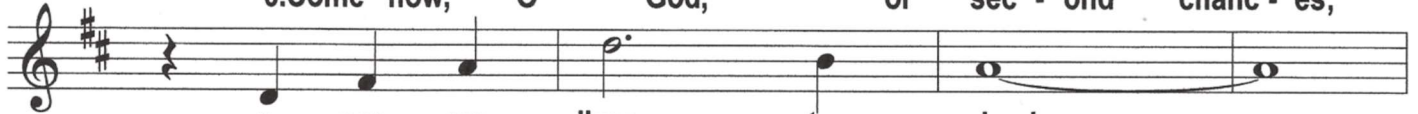


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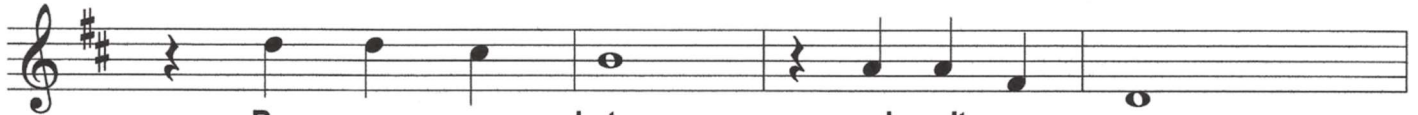
The God of Second Chances



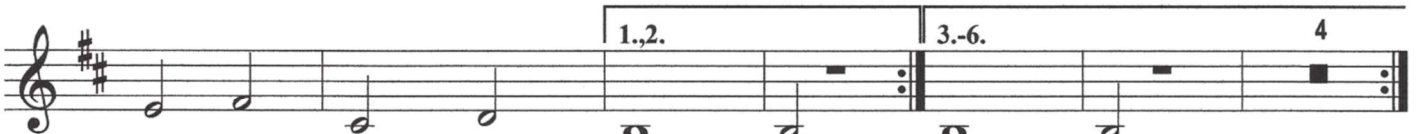
1. Come now, O God of sec - ond chanc - es;
 2. Come now, O God, re - lease our de - mons;
 3. Come now, O God, and still our an - ger;
 4. Come now, O God, shake our re - sent - ment;
 5. Come now, O God, and grant com - pas - sion;
 6. Come now, O God, of sec - ond chanc - es;



o - pen our lives to heal.
 o - pen our eyes to see
 o - pen our minds to peace.
 o - pen our way to choose
 o - pen our hearts to love.
 may we for - give our - selves;



Re - move our hate, and melt our rage.
 the shame with - in, our guilt and pain,
 Em - brace our fear, and hold us close.
 the way of love o - ver re - venge.
 May we let go of all our hurt.
 may we be - come your liv - ing sign:



Save us from our - selves.
 Mend us; make us whole.
 Calm the storm with -
 Show us a new -
 Help us to move
 Chil - dren of God's
 in.
 way.
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 love.

1. There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy like the
 2. There is wel - come for the mer - cy ner, and a
 3. For the not love of we God is broad - er, than the
 4. 'Tis all we owe to Je - sus; it is

wide - ness of grace the sea; there's a
 prom - ised more made good; there and is
 mea - sures thing our than mind; great the
 some - thing than all; great - er

kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than
 mer - cy of with the Sav - ior there is heal - ing
 heart good be - cause the E - ter - nal vil, larg - est won - der
 good of the cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy

lib - er - ty. There is no grace place where earth's
 in his blood. There is is grace e - nough for
 ful ly the kind. But we our make this love God, too
 through the fall. Make our love, O God, more

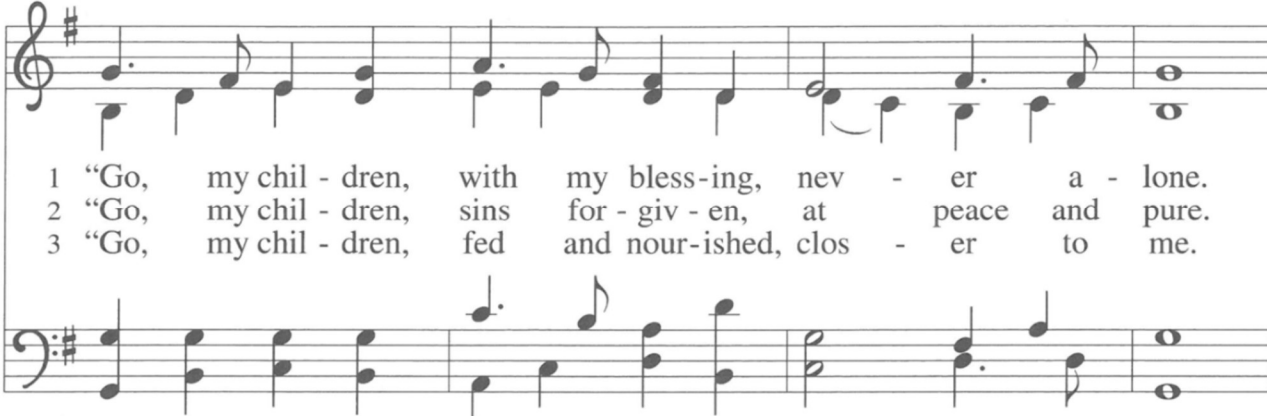
sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
 thou - sands of new worlds as great as our this;
 nar - row by let false lim - its you at our own;
 faith - ful; let us take you at your word;

There is no place where earth's fail - ings
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 and our mag - ni - fy be thanks - strict giv - ness
 and our mag - ni - fy be thanks - strict giv - ing

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Go, My Children, with My Blessing

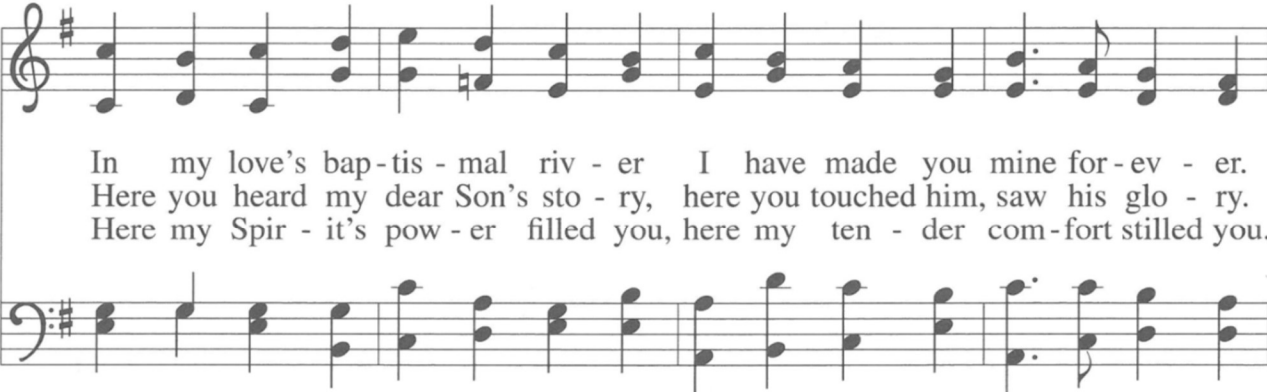
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1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



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