



JULY 3-4, 2021

6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prayer Before Worship:

Lord of the nations, guide your people by your Holy Spirit to be instruments of your justice and freedom. Give us what outward prosperity seems good to you, but above all give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all people, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Pastoral Welcome and Announcements

Thoughts for the Day:

- ❖ He that is kind is free, though he is a slave; he that is evil is a slave, though he be a king. - *Augustine*
- ❖ Christian liberty is freedom from sin, not freedom to sin. - *Aiden Wilson Tozer*
- ❖ The freedom of a Christian is the faith that we are accepted—even as unacceptable as we are, that God loves us with a parent’s fathomless love, and that even our feeble efforts at planting seeds of love will yield abundant fruits of justice and peace, because even though the concrete form that love takes is up to us, the harvest belongs to God. That is the freedom of a Christian. - *Carmelo Santos*

Call to Worship:

Leader: With glad and grateful hearts,

People: With thanksgiving

Leader: Flowing from sea to shining sea,

People: We gather this day

Leader: To pray, to give thanks and to sing songs of praise

People: To God

Leader: For our country,

People: For our world,

Leader: For our lives,

People: For peace.

Song: God of Grace and God of Glory - verses 1, 2 & 4
(music at end of bulletin)

The Confession:

All: Eternal God: We plead guilty to those most basic sins, selfishness and pride. We often confuse that which is good and right, with that which is good FOR US. We pretend that we can get along without you despite our failings and struggles that are ever before us. Personal pride prevents us from seeking help when we need it because we are afraid to appear vulnerable.

As a nation we hoard, abuse and destroy. We have become accustomed to greedily consuming far more than “enough”, far more than “our share”. Our pride of nation causes us to consider other nations mainly as markets or shortsightedly to label them as “enemy” or “ally.” Pride of race has stained the pages of history with war, the horror of slavery and demeaning racial discrimination.

Forgive us, merciful Father, and help us daily in our ongoing struggles with selfishness and pride; for the sake of your world and for the sake of our gracious Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Blessing/Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: When our sins cause us to fall, in Jesus God stoops down and lifts us up. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven. Walk in newness of life. .

The Confession Response: Dream God’s Dream, verse 2 (music at end of bulletin)

The Gospel:

John 8:31-41

³¹ Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. ³⁷ I know that you are descendants of Abraham; yet you look for an opportunity to kill me, because there is no place in you for my word. ³⁸ I declare what I have seen in the Father’s presence; as for you, you should do what you have heard from the Father.”^[a]

Jesus and Abraham

³⁹ They answered him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would be doing^[b] what Abraham did, ⁴⁰ but now you are trying to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did. ⁴¹ You are indeed doing what your father does.” They said to him, “We are not illegitimate children; we have one father, God himself.”

Message: “Free From - or Free To??” Pastor Cristy Schoob

Message Response: I Believe in that Love (music at end of bulletin)

The Apostles Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer:

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Sending Out;

Leader: You are free to be the people of God! You are free to risk for the sake of love and life and faith! You are free to celebrate each moment as a gift from God. You are free from fear and slavery to worldly illusions of security. No matter what the future brings, you are safely held in the love of God. Alleluia!

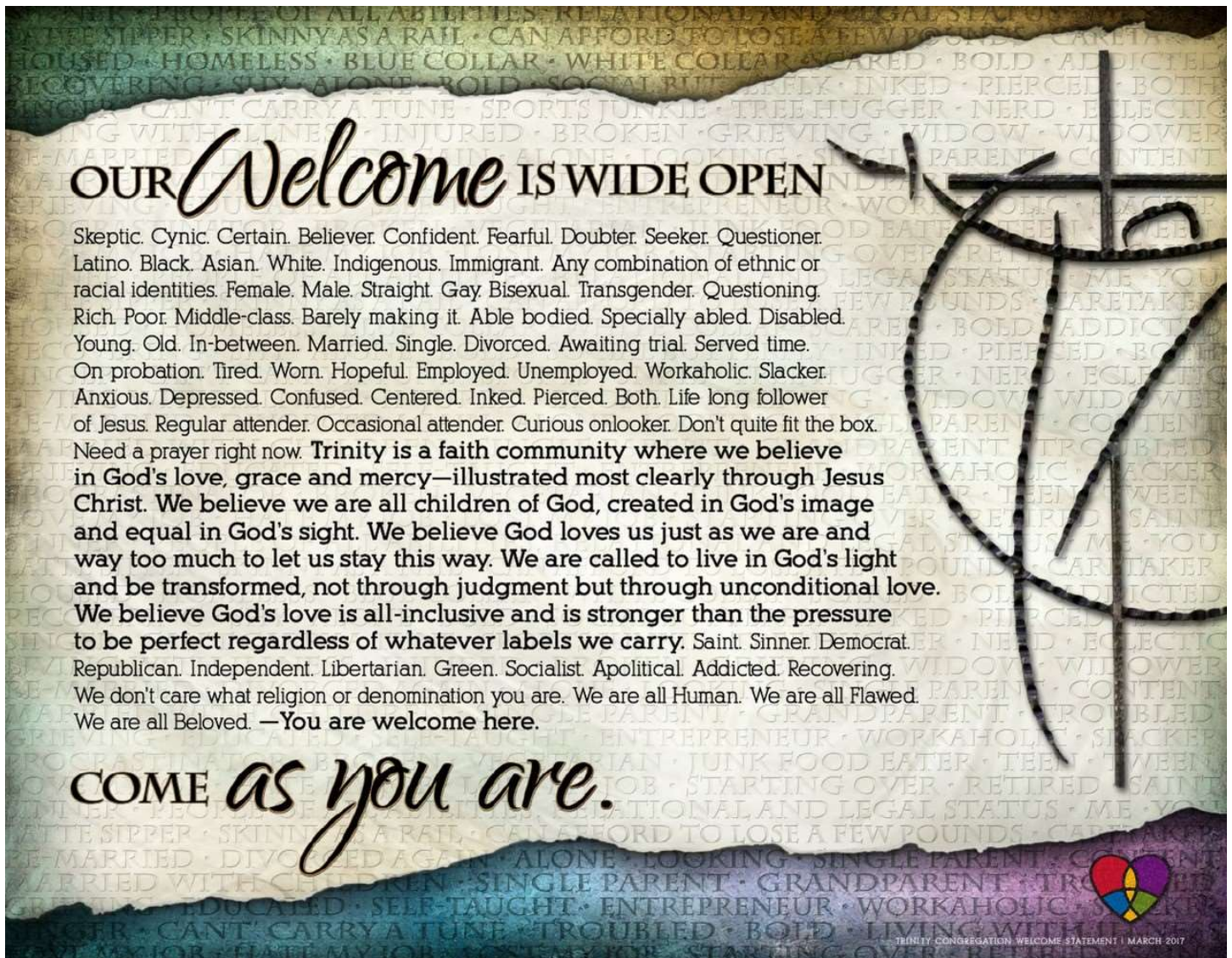
All: Amen!

Sending Song: Send Us Out (music at end of bulletin)

The Dismissal:

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



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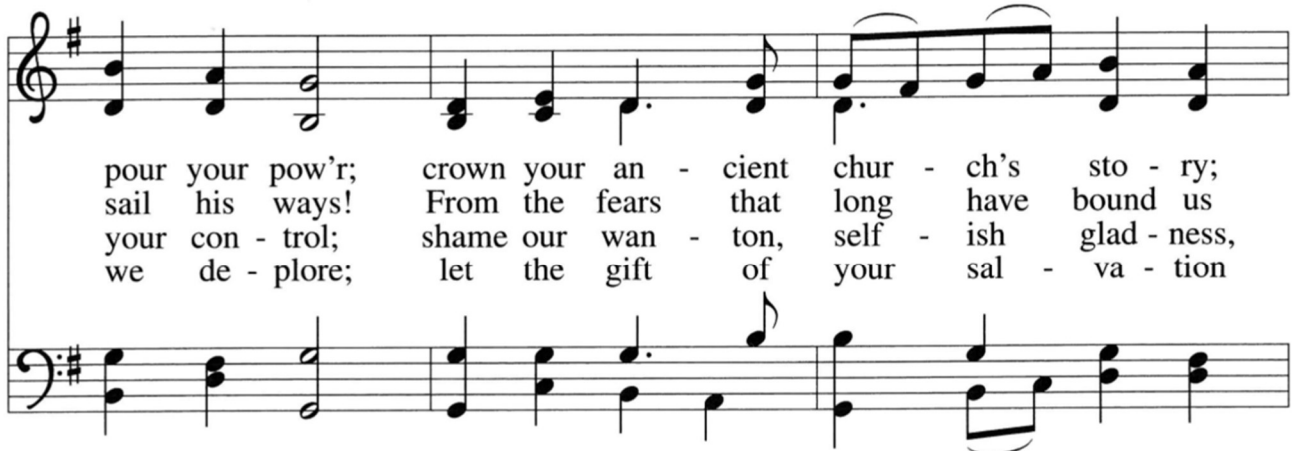
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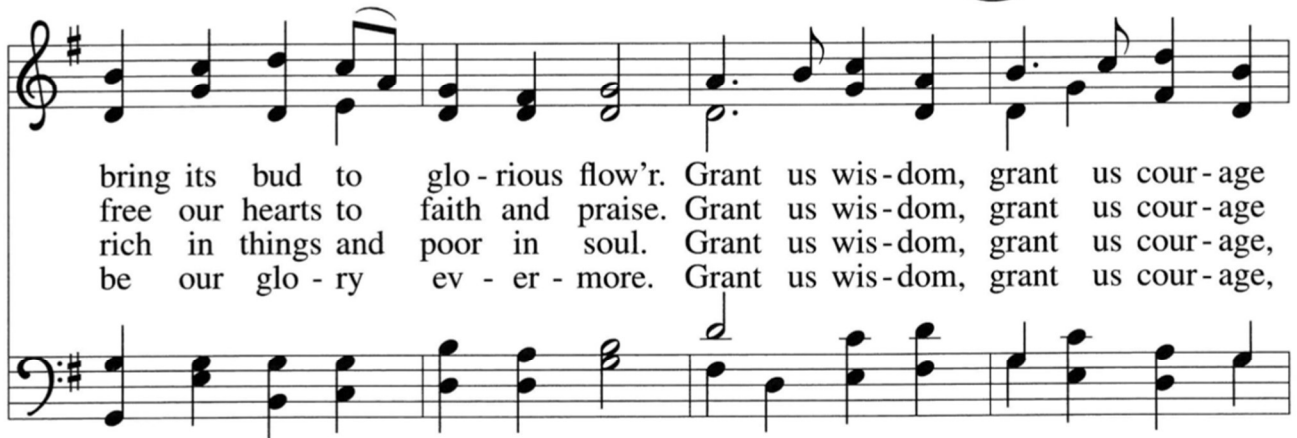
God of Grace and God of Glory



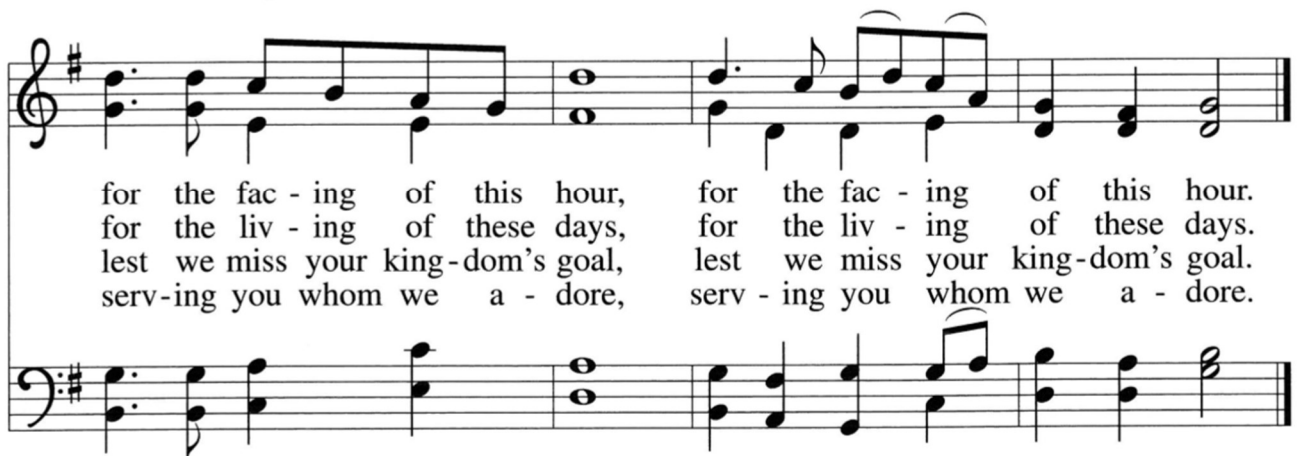
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Dream God's Dream



Dream God's dream. Hol- y Spir - it help us dream of a




world where there is jus - tice and where ev - 'ry - one is



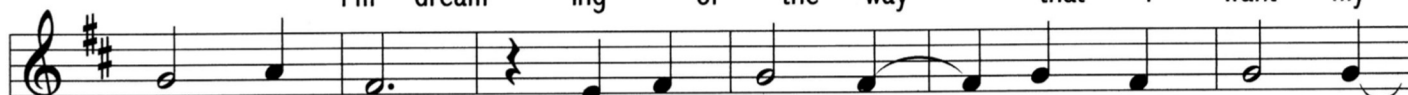
free to build and grow and love and to sim - ply have e -



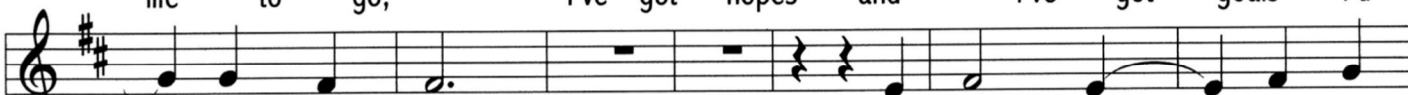
nough The world will change when we dream God's dream.



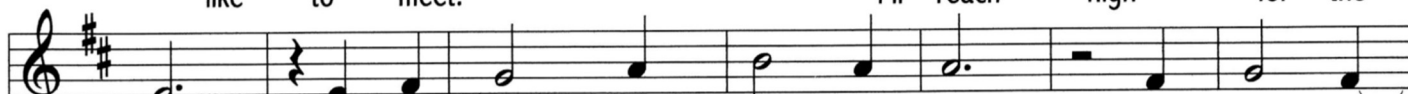
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I'm dream - ing of a world where the col - or
I'm dream - ing of the call God is of - fer -
I'm dream - ing of the way that I want my



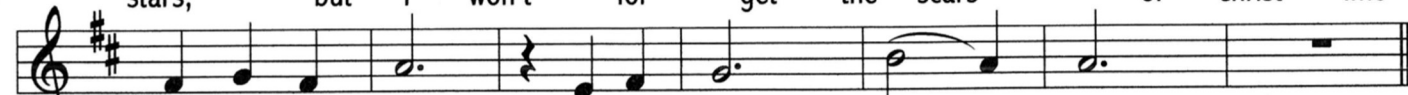
of one's skin will mean less than what's with - in that
ing to me, how to use my en - er - gy and
life to go, I've got hopes and I've got goals I'd



per - son's heart. A world where wa - ter's
my best gifts. To do the work of
like to meet. I'll reach high for the

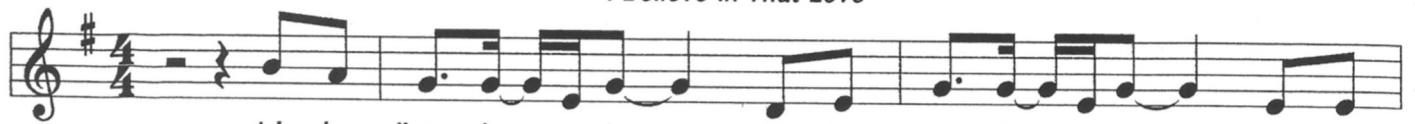


clean, and where air is safe to breathe and ev - 'ry
Christ, to say God please use my life to spread your
stars, but I won't for - get the scars of Christ who



child__ born has e - nough to__ eat.
heal - ing love and to live your__ truth.
died to show that the dream's for__ all.

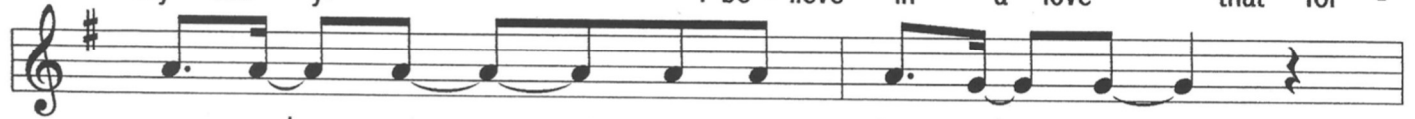
I Believe In That Love



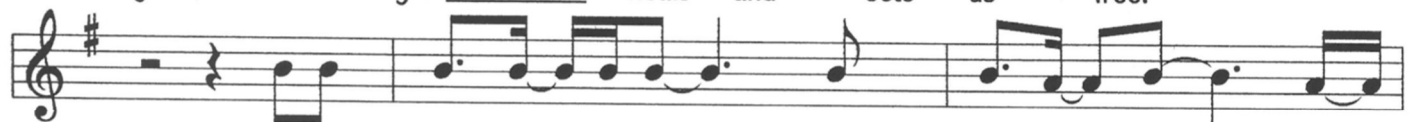
1. I be - lieve in a love that is born in the song of a
2. I be - lieve in a love that is felt in the touch of a
3. I be - lieve in a love that is here at the heart of a



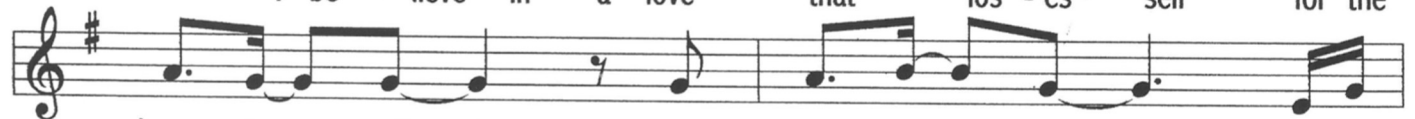
ba - by's cry. I be - lieve in a love that lives
help - ing hand. I be - lieve in a love that sees
my - ster - y. I be - lieve in a love that for -



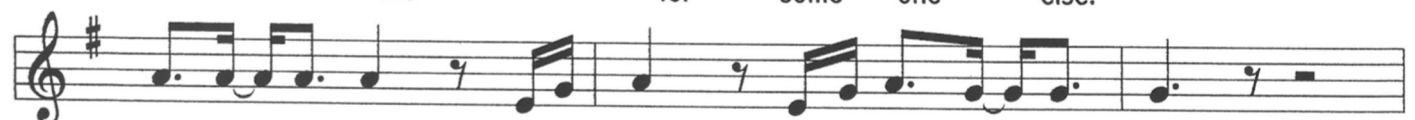
on and on e - ven when we die.
diff' - renc - es and seeks to un - der - stand.
gives, for - gets heals and sets us free.



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.



lieve in that love, I be - lieve I be - lieve in that love.



I be - lieve in that love. I be



- lieve I be - lieve in that love.

Send Us Out

1. We have been called by the Lord.
2. We who were bound by our shame,
We ruled have been our saved fears by the with - Word. in.
Now Stand let and the de - Word clare be by re - stored. name,
Now let the Gos - pel of be heard. Send us out to teach what
free - dom from all of our sin.
God has done. Send us out to reach ev' - ry
sin - gle one. Send us out. Send us out.
Teach what God has done. Reach ev' - ry sin - gle one.
Teach what God has done. Reach ev' - ry sin - gle one. Send us
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