



AUGUST 21-22, 2021

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MEDITATION PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O God who created us to be your children: Grant us the wisdom to realize that nothing is more important than our being faithful to you and to the commonwealth of love you are calling into being; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GATHERING MUSIC

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:

- ❖ *Apart from God every activity is merely a passing whiff of insignificance.*
- Alfred North Whitehead
- ❖ *Things that are not eternal are already out-of-date.* - C.S. Lewis
- ❖ *Ordinary riches can be stolen, real riches cannot. In your soul are infinitely precious things that cannot be taken from you.* - Oscar Wilde
- ❖ *The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt within the heart.* -Helen Keller

PRAISE SONG: It's All About Love (music at end of bulletin)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Come and follow Jesus.

People: We would follow but we want to know where we are going.

Leader: Come and follow Jesus. He will lead you where you need to go.

People: We would follow but we have things to do first.

Leader: Come and follow Jesus. The commonwealth of God is your only task.

People: We would follow but who will take care of our things?

Leader: Come and follow Jesus. The gift of God is abundant life, joyful and eternal.

People: We will follow Jesus.

OUR CONFESSION:

Leader: The God who created us and who knows us better than we know ourselves invites us to look at ourselves and be honest about who we have become. Let us confess the state of our lives to God and before one another.

People: We confess to you, O loving Creator God, that we have not lived in the truth that Jesus told us. We have not chosen your reign before our selfish concerns. We have not become servants of others. We have not sought to lose our lives in you but rather we have clung to the trappings of mortal existence. We have called Jesus our Lord but we have placed all manner of people and things ahead of our service to his reign of love and justice.

Forgive us, and by the power of your Holy Spirit so fill us with your love and power that we will resist the call of earthly things and seek instead that which is eternal. Amen.

Leader: God always seeks the good of God's children. God loves us and forgives us. Let us bless the goodness of God and make our lives testaments to our sincere desire to place God's reign first in our lives.

THE CONFESSION RESPONSE: *Sole Desire (music at end of bulletin)*

THE GOSPEL:

Luke 12: 13-21

This is often called the Parable of the Rich Fool. Through this story Jesus is reminding His hearers that life is not only seeking possessions, to provide fulfillment and security, but in being rich in awareness of God and His desire of love and care for everyone.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But Jesus said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

MESSAGE: "If God is #1 Then Why Do We...?" Pastor David Schoob

MESSAGE RESPONSE: *When It's All Been Said and Done (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 it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and 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, and the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT:

Leader: Go to worship God and serve others in all that you do and say, remembering always that first, last and always you are children of God.

ALL: Amen

THE SENDING SONG: *God Says It's Time* (music at end of bulletin)

THE DISMISSAL:

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

OUR *Welcome* IS WIDE OPEN

Skeptic. Cynic. Certain. Believer. Confident. Fearful. Doubter. Seeker. Questioner. Latino. Black. Asian. White. Indigenous. Immigrant. Any combination of ethnic or racial identities. Female. Male. Straight. Gay. Bisexual. Transgender. Questioning. Rich. Poor. Middle-class. Barely making it. Able bodied. Specially abled. Disabled. Young. Old. In-between. Married. Single. Divorced. Awaiting trial. Served time. On probation. Tired. Worn. Hopeful. Employed. Unemployed. Workaholic. Slacker. Anxious. Depressed. Confused. Centered. Inked. Pierced. Both. Life long follower of Jesus. Regular attender. Occasional attender. Curious onlooker. Don't quite fit the box. Need a prayer right now. **Trinity is a faith community where we believe in God's love, grace and mercy—illustrated most clearly through Jesus Christ. We believe we are all children of God, created in God's image and equal in God's sight. We believe God loves us just as we are and way too much to let us stay this way. We are called to live in God's light and be transformed, not through judgment but through unconditional love. We believe God's love is all-inclusive and is stronger than the pressure to be perfect regardless of whatever labels we carry. Saint. Sinner. Democrat. Republican. Independent. Libertarian. Green. Socialist. Apolitical. Addicted. Recovering. We don't care what religion or denomination you are. We are all Human! We are all Flawed. We are all Beloved. —You are welcome here.**

COME *as you are.*

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It's All About Love

What does it mean to call my-self a Chris-tian?
If you ask me why I'm drawn to Je-sus;
When I feel lost and ev-'ry-thing's un-cer-tain;

What does it mean to live out my faith?
if you ask me why I fol-low Christ;
when I'm not sure what choic-es to make,

I do not think it's a list of dos and don'ts.
I won't tell you "I'm a-fraid of judg-ment day."
these sim-ple words always help me find my way.

That's just not deep e-nough. It's all a bout
That's just not deep e-nough.
They're al-ways deep e-nough.

love. It's all a-bout love. It's all a-bout love and the kinds of
things that love does, things like jus-tice and com-
pas-sion. It's all a-bout love.

Sole Desire

You're the sole de - sire of my heart.
 You're the sole de - sire of my heart. Still Lord,
 more with ev - 'ry pass - ing day, As things of earth just fade a - way, I
 speak to me, I'm stand - ing still, I come to hear, re - veal Your will, I'll
 come to know the joy of lov - ing You.
 lis - ten to Your voice and then o - bey.
 You're the sole de - sire of my heart.
 You're the sole de - sire of my heart.

When It's All Been Said and Done

1. When it's all been said and done, there is
 2. When it's all been said and done, all my
 3. Lord, your mer - cy is so great, that You
 4. I will al - ways sing Your praise, here on
 just one thing that mat - ters; Did I do my best to live
 treas - ures will mean no - thing; On - ly what I've done for love!
 look be - yond our weak - ness; and find pur - est gold in mi
 earth and ev - er af - ter; For You've shown me Heav - en's my
 for truth, did I live stand my life for of You?
 re - ward, will I stand the test of time.
 - ry clay, mak - ing sin - ners in - to saints.
 true home, when it's
 4. all been said and done, You're my life when life is gone. 3 (repeat verse 1)

God Says It's Time

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It's time to cel - e - brate the Love of God, it's
time for us to get bu - sy. Get bu - sy with the things that mat - ter most like
jus - tice and com - pas - sion. It's time for us to take ac - tion as we
lis - ten for the voice of the Ho - ly One 'cause God is still speak - ing, and
God says it's time, yeah God is still speak - ing, and God says it's
Fine
time. It's time to put first things first, to set all dis - trac - tions a -
If God is still speak - ing now, then what is God say - ing to
side. It's time to get down to work, the work of the bo - dy of
us? The chan - ces are good some - how the mes - sage in - volves show - ing
Christ. There's heal - ing and lov - ing and reach - ing out that
love. There's jus - tice, and for - give - ness and wel - com - ing that
God wants to do, in and through the lives that we live and the
God want to do, in and through the choi - ces we make and the
love we give. So let's roll our sleeves up now be - cause it's
risks we take. So let's live that mes - sage now be - cause it's