



AUGUST 14-15, 2021

12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MEDITATION PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:

Loving God, you have promised that peace will come in its time when we learn to love our neighbor as ourself. You've taught us that love fulfills the law because it does no harm to a neighbor. Bring the night of our dark violence to an end by teaching us to see you in the eyes of our neighbor. Help us to see ourselves in our neighbor as well. Teach us to live in peace with one another. May we find inner peace as we learn to live in peace together. Amen.

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:

- ❖ *To believe in God is not just to love life, but to work so that there is life . - Jon Sobrino*
- ❖ *God is able to make a way out of no way and transform dark yesterdays into bright tomorrows. This is our hope for becoming better men and women. This is our mandate for seeking to make a better world. -Martin Luther King, Jr.*

PRAISE SONG: Justice Means (verses 2, 4, 6, & 8) (music at end of bulletin)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: We live in a world torn by violence and war

People: but God promises us that a time is coming when

Leader: we will be made one in God's love.

People: The nations will beat their swords into ploughshares

Leader: and their spears into pruning hooks.

People: Nation will not take up sword against nation,

Leader: nor will they train for war anymore.

People: Lord, help us to work to transform the world we live in.

OUR CONFESSION:

All: God, source of blessing and hope, we turn to you with questions in our hearts. Can we find some common ground upon which to build a new community? Can we confess our racism and find a deeper love beyond all color? Can we cast out fear, and trust you for our needs and trust one another in love? Can we talk instead of fight, disarm instead of escalate; take a risk for peace instead of preparing for war?

Great God of life, you love this world and grieve when we cause harm to any of its people. You are saddened by hungry families, warring tribes, abused children.

God, source of hope, bringer of peace, restore in us a vision of a human community where all are valued, and peace is a daily offering; and then help us work for such a community. Hear our prayer, God of justice and peace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE CONFESSION RESPONSE: *Stir Us, Lord (music at end of bulletin)*

THE GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37 (The Message)

This is often called The Parable of the Good Samaritan. In it Jesus is again emphasizing it is not just enough to hear what God, as creator and owner wants, but to actually do it. A question from a religious leader prompts Jesus to tell this story of love in action.

Just then a religion scholar stood up with a question to test Jesus. “Teacher, what do I need to do to get eternal life?”

Jesus answered, “What’s written in God’s Law? How do you interpret it?”

²⁷ He said, “That you love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and muscle and intelligence—and that you love your neighbor as well as you do yourself.”

“Good answer!” said Jesus. “Do it and you’ll live.”

Looking for a loophole, he asked, “And just how would you define ‘neighbor’?”

Jesus answered by telling a story. “There was once a man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho. On the way he was attacked by robbers. They took his clothes, beat him up, and went off leaving him half-dead. Luckily, a priest was on his way down the same road, but when he saw him he angled across to the other side. Then a Levite religious man showed up; he also avoided the injured man.

“A Samaritan traveling the road came on him. When he saw the man’s condition, his heart went out to him. He gave him first aid, disinfecting and bandaging his wounds. Then he lifted him onto his donkey, led him to an inn, and made him comfortable. In the morning he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take good care of him. If it costs any more, put it on my bill—I’ll pay you on my way back.’”

“What do you think? Which of the three became a neighbor to the man attacked by robbers?”

“The one who treated him kindly,” the religion scholar responded. Jesus said, “Go and do the same.”

MESSAGE: “But What About Fixing the Road?” Pastor David Schoob

MESSAGE RESPONSE: *Canticle of the Turning (verses 2, 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 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: May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant us to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together we may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL: Amen.

THE SENDING SONG: *God of the Movements and Martyrs*
(music at end of bulletin)

THE DISMISSAL:

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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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.*



TRINITY CONGREGATION WELCOME STATEMENT | MARCH 2017

Justice Means

May, oh God, your reign come. *Fine*

May, oh God, your reign come.

2. Jus- tice means that work will pay what it takes to
 4. With all peo - ple we can grow; God's a - bun - dance
 6. Jus- tice means that lead - ers care to keep peo - ple
 8. Jus - tice is what God re - quires, more than hymns and

live that day and that chil - dren will laugh and play.
 all can know; no one's high and no one's low.
 from de - spair, build - ing sys - tems that are fair.
 lof - ty spires; it's the praise that God de - sires.

Stir Us, Lord

The musical score is written on ten staves in treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and uses a mix of quarter, eighth, and dotted notes, with some triplets. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Stir up in our hearts, oh, Lord,
what you want us to do.
You showed your love up up - on the cross, We want to
give of our lives to you.
With Show gifts us the fac - es help of us
giv - en help of us
all of those in need.
see where we fit in.
We're Move part us to ac - tion,
part of one fam - 'ly,
giv - ing with a joy - ful heart, lov - ing is the place to start,
know - ing that we have a place, serv - ing by your gift of grace.
Let your spir - it plant the seed.
Keep your spir - it stirred with - in.

Canticle of the Turning



2.Though I am small, my God, my all, you
3.From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
4.Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



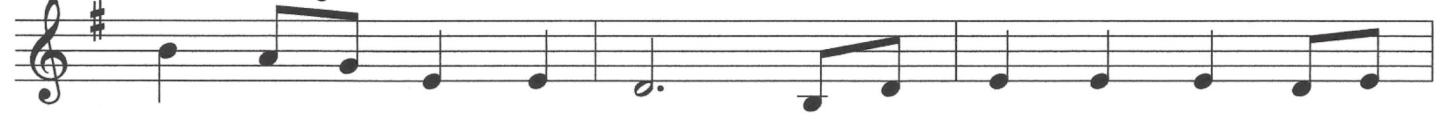
work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast. God's mer - cy must de -



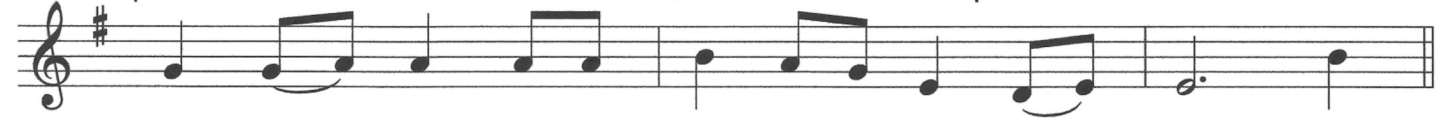
depth of the past to the end of the age to be. Your
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his throne. The
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp. This



ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn. My
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn. Verse 4
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round. My



heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a -



way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

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 - ciled,
 day, give us the strength and the wis - dom to walk in your way.
 way, we will reach out to our neigh - bors, in your name we'll say:

- God of the just and the faith - ful, - God of the night and the
 - Gath - er the loaves and the fish - es, - share un - til all have been
 No mat - ter your creed or your coun - try, no mat - ter the hue of your

day, - God of the whole of cre - a - tion, in your name we
 fed, - walk in com - pas - sion and mer - cy, by love we'll be
 skin, your age, who you love, or the bod - y your soul was born

pray; - Man - y have fol - lowed the sav - ior -
 led, - stand - ing in cir - cles sur - round - ing,
 in, no 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 shadows of fen - es and walls, in al - leys and hall - ways of
 wound - ed, - let us be healed by the truth, when door - ways are blocked, we will
 mak - er, - you are be - lov - ed and known, - [join us in work of the

pow - er, they an - swered your call.
 low - er our friends through the roof.
 kin - dom, we wel - come you home.] *Repeat last phrase v. 3*

