



PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:

- ❖ “There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.” — Albert Einstein
- ❖ “Nature’ is another name for the miracles that are so commonplace in our lives that we take for granted and have grown used to seeing them.” — Shalom Arush
- ❖ “What is a miracle if not the manifestation of light where darkness is expected?” — Leigh Ann Henion

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Jesus said, “I am the light of the world.”

People: We are gathered in your house, O God, to celebrate the light.

Leader: Jesus said, “Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”

People: We praise you, Lord Jesus, for illuminating our path and helping us master our fear of the dark, even of the dark tunnel of death.

Leader: Jesus said, “You are the light of the world... let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

People: Spirit of God, empower our witness to the Light, in our worship and in our whole being, as your people claimed by the Light. Amen.

PRAISE SONG: *“Light the Fire” (music at end of bulletin)*

OUR CONFESSION:

All: Searcher of hearts, you know us from the beginning. You see in us more good and beauty than we have dared to believe. You beckon us to do more than we have dared to try. Forever you call our names. But we have filled our ears with the sounds of the world; we have timidly spoken of your great love; we have doubted the gifts hidden within each of us.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy and forgive

us. (Silent Prayers)

Searcher of hearts, shine your forgiving light into our hesitancy, and embolden us to live with such joy and fire that all the world may know of your love. Let it be so. Amen.

Leader: The light of God's love that comes in Jesus has set us free from darkness. Let us then live in the light every day.

CONFESSION RESPONSE: “Everybody’s Got Something to Offer”
(music at end of bulletin)

THE READING: 1 John 2:9-11

Anyone who claims to live in God's light and hates a brother or sister is still in the dark. It's the person who loves brother and sister who dwells in God's light and doesn't block the light from others. But whoever hates is still in the dark, stumbles around in the dark, doesn't know which end is up, blinded by the darkness.

THE GOSPEL: John 2:1-11 (The Message)

Three days later there was a wedding in the village of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there. Jesus and his disciples were guests also. When they started running low on wine at the wedding banquet, Jesus' mother told him, “They're just about out of wine.”

⁴ Jesus said, “Is that any of our business, Mother—yours or mine? This isn't my time. Don't push me.”

⁵ She went ahead anyway, telling the servants, “Whatever he tells you, do it.”

⁶⁻⁷ Six stoneware water pots were there, used by the Jews for ritual washings. Each held twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus ordered the servants, “Fill the pots with water.” And they filled them to the brim.

⁸ “Now fill your pitchers and take them to the host,” Jesus said, and they did.

⁹⁻¹⁰ When the host tasted the water that had become wine (he didn't know what had just happened but the servants, of course, knew), he called out to the bridegroom, “Everybody I know begins with their finest wines and after the guests have had their fill brings in the cheap stuff. But you've saved the best till now!”

¹¹ This act in Cana of Galilee was the first sign Jesus gave, the first glimpse of his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

MESSAGE: “To Love Another Person is to See the Face of God”
- Pastor Cristy Schoob

MESSAGE RESPONSE: “One Brick at a Time” (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 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, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT:

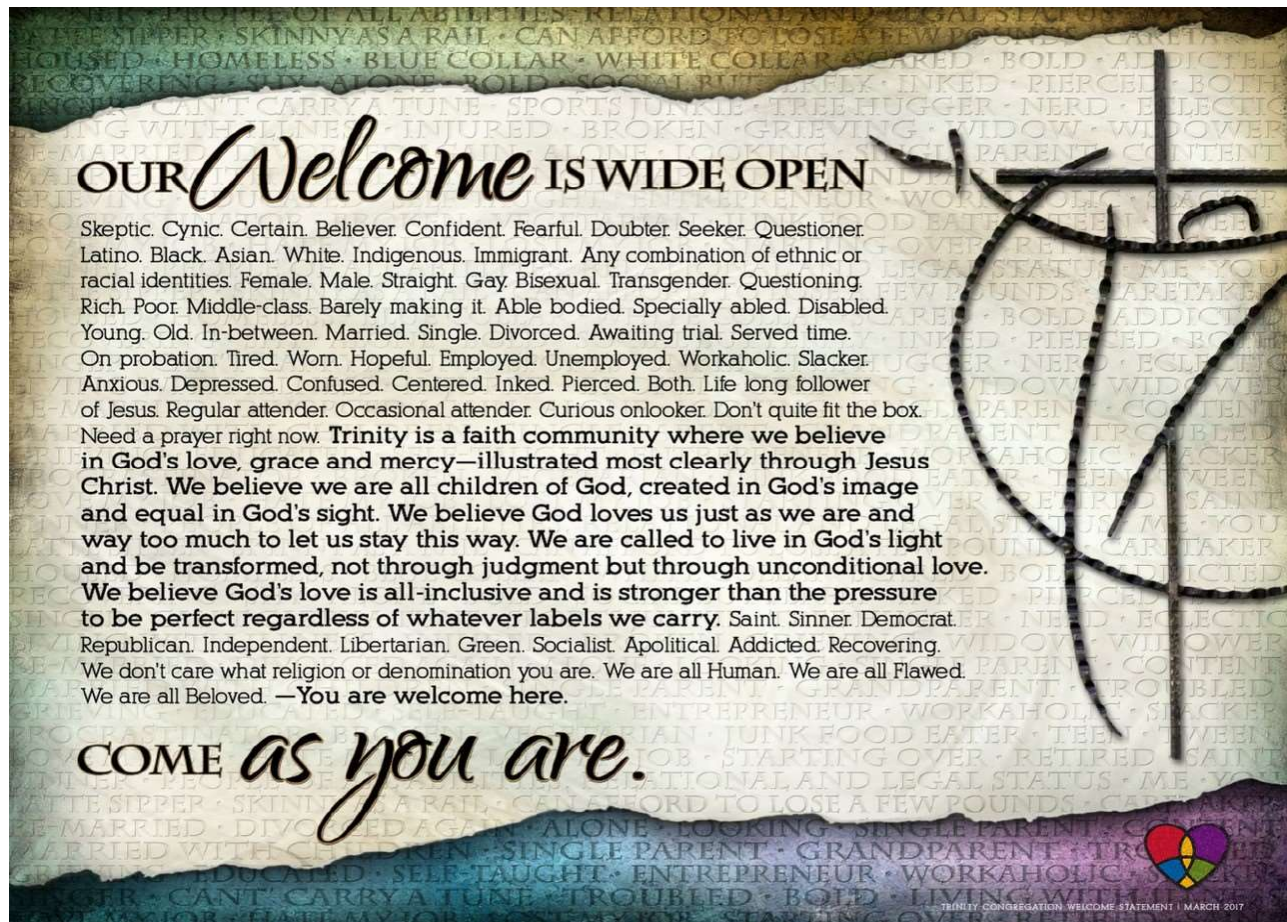
Leader: God has given you a new identity and a holy call.
Receive God's gift, unwrap it, savor its surprise.
Be confident of your release,
Be encouraged in your growth,
Be empowered to shine.

All: Amen.

THE SENDING SONG: *“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”* (music at end of bulletin)

THE DISMISSAL:

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.



Light the Fire



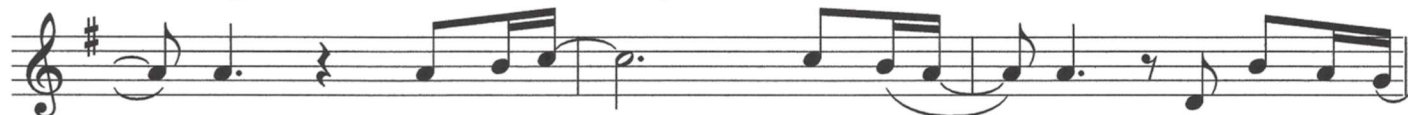
I stand to praise You but I fall on my knees. My



spi - rit is hun - gry but my flesh is so weak.



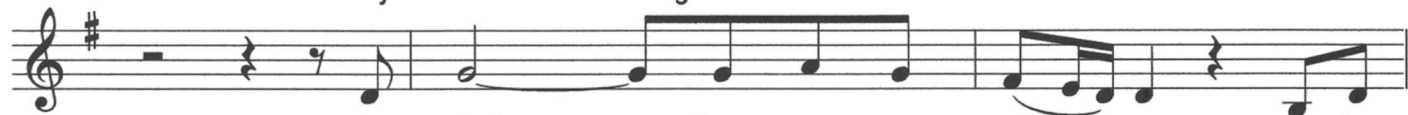
Light the fire in my soul fan the flame make me



whole Lord, You know where I've been so light the fire



in my heart a - gain.



I feel Your arms a - round me as the



pow'r of Your heal - ing be - gins You breathe new life right



through me like a might - y rush - ing wind. *Repeat chorus 3X*

Everybody's Got Something to Offer

Ev - 'ry - bo - dy's got some - thing to of - fer; young and old, the
prince and the pau - per. Ev - 'ry - bo - dy's got
some - thing to of - fer in the name of the Lord.
To the lost and the low - ly ones the mes - sage, it is clear;
To the be - liev - ers gath - ered here the mes - sage it is true;
we have all got a gift to give, our hands, our hearts, our tears.
we have all got a gift to give in all we say and do.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Everybody's Got Something to Offer". It consists of five staves of music in 4/4 time, written in treble clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first line of music is followed by a double bar line and a repeat sign. The second line of music is followed by a double bar line and a repeat sign. The third line of music is followed by a double bar line and a repeat sign. The fourth line of music is followed by a double bar line and a repeat sign. The fifth line of music ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

One Brick At A Time

1. We lay one brick at a time.
We take one step at a time.
A revolution of the heart
Building a new world one brick at a time.
2. We throw one stone in the pond.
Its rings go far beyond
'til all God's creatures are circled in
Building a new world one brick at a time. (chorus, 1st ending)
3. We mix our dreams and our tears
To make the mortar strong.
Binding together earth, sky and song,
Building a new world one brick at a time.
4. We hear the cries of the earth.
We feel the pain of the poor.
We challenge the systems of greed and war,
Building a new world one brick at a time. (chorus, 1st ending)
5. What we do might seem small
And we may never know.
The smallest things when done with love
Multiply and grow one brick at a time. (chorus, 2nd ending)
6. We lay one brick at a time.
We take one step at a time.
A revolution of the heart
Building a new world one brick at a time,
One brick at a time.

Chorus

The old world falls a - part_ to make way_ for the
new. Don't be a - fraid and don't lose heart.
Love is break - ing through. (Sing v. 3 or 5)
through. Oh, Love is break - ing through. (Sing v. 6)

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth ELW538

The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, to
make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of
pain to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name; that
falls to you and me and all who are made free. Help
us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'The Lord Now Sends Us Forth'. It consists of six staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes repeat signs at the beginning and end of the piece.

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