



## PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:

- ❖ There are two ways of spreading the light, the candle or the mirror that reflects it. - Edith Wharton
- ❖ Turn your face to the sun and the shadows fall behind you. - Maori Proverb

### 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:** *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore - verses 1, 3 & 4*  
(music at end of bulletin)

### OUR CONFESSION:

**All: Radiant God, Source of Light, as you come to us in a penetrating brightness, You catch us off guard and expose our weaknesses. We choose the limelight while you call us to explore the shadows and brighten the darkness. We seek the spectacular while you bind up the broken in countless acts of mercy. We seek to stay on the mountain or in the comfortable pew while you walk the valleys of need.**

**God of faith, God of hope, God of love, grant us this day a fresh vision of your presence in this world. Help us to see all the places**

**you are at work. And having seen, O Lord, send us out into the world to share in that work with you. Meet with us today and guide our minds and our feet along the path of your choosing. Amen.**

Leader: The light of Jesus' love sets us free and guides us into new possibilities; let us then live in the light as God's children, following our Lord in joy and hope.

**CONFESSION RESPONSE: *Claimed, Called Sent (music at end of bulletin)***

**THE GOSPEL: *Luke 4:14-21***

<sup>14-15</sup> Jesus returned to Galilee powerful in the Spirit. News that he was back spread through the countryside. He taught in their meeting places to everyone's acclaim and pleasure.

<sup>16-21</sup> He came to Nazareth where he had been raised. As he always did on the Sabbath, he went to the meeting place. When he stood up to read, he was handed the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll, he found the place where it was written,

God's Spirit is on me;

he's chosen me to preach the Message of good news to the poor,  
Sent me to announce pardon to prisoners and  
recovery of sight to the blind,  
To set the burdened and battered free,  
to announce, "This is God's time to shine!"

He rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the place was on him, intent. Then he started in, "You've just heard Scripture make history. It came true just now in this place."

**MESSAGE: *Pastor Cristy Schoob***

**Reflection #1**

**Reflection Response #1: *With Kindness, verse #1 (music at end of bulletin)***

**Reflection #2**

**Reflection Response #2: *With Kindness, verse #2 (music at end of bulletin)***

**Reflection #3**

**Reflection Response #3: *With Kindness, verse #3 (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: Almighty God, provide light for us in times of darkness, joy in times of sorrow and peace when life seems chaotic. Most of all, stay by us as we encounter the challenges of the world and try to continue Your work with our hands. In our Savior's name.

All: Amen.

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.

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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### You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

1. You \_\_\_\_\_ have come down to the lake - shore \_\_\_\_\_ seek - ing  
3. You \_\_\_\_\_ need my hands, my ex - haus - tion, \_\_\_\_\_ work - ing  
4. You \_\_\_\_\_ who have fished oth - er wa - ters; \_\_\_\_\_ you, the

nei - ther \_\_\_\_\_ the wise nor the wealth - y, \_\_\_\_\_ but on - ly  
love for \_\_\_\_\_ the rest - of the wea - ry, \_\_\_\_\_ a love that's  
long - ing \_\_\_\_\_ of souls that are yearn - ing; \_\_\_\_\_ O lov - ing

ask - ing \_\_\_\_\_ for me to fol - low. \_\_\_\_\_  
will - ing \_\_\_\_\_ to go on love - ing. \_\_\_\_\_  
Friend, you \_\_\_\_\_ have come to call me. \_\_\_\_\_

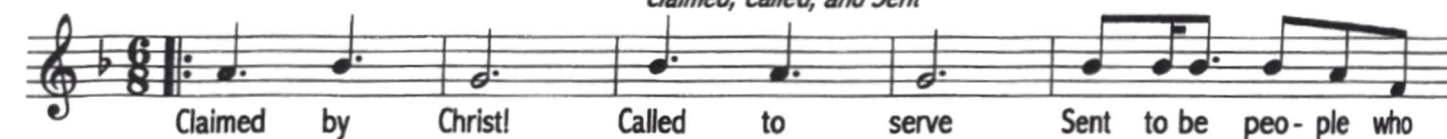
Sweet Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ you have looked in - to my eyes; \_\_\_\_\_ kind - ly

smil - ing, \_\_\_\_\_ you've called out my name. \_\_\_\_\_ On the sand, I \_\_\_\_\_

- have a - ban - doned my small boat; \_\_\_\_\_ now with you, \_\_\_\_\_

- I will seek oth - er seas. \_\_\_\_\_

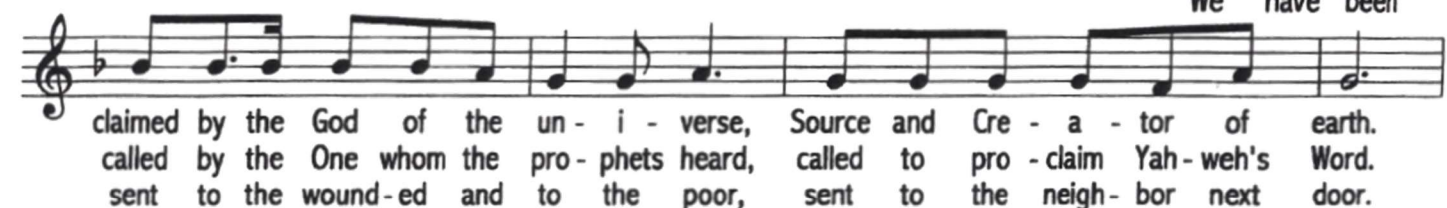
*Claimed, Called, and Sent*



Claimed by Christ Called to serve Sent to be people who



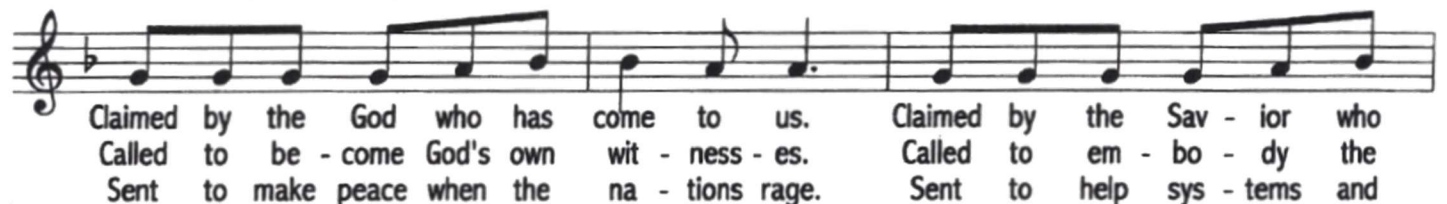
live God's love in this world. We have been  
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We have been



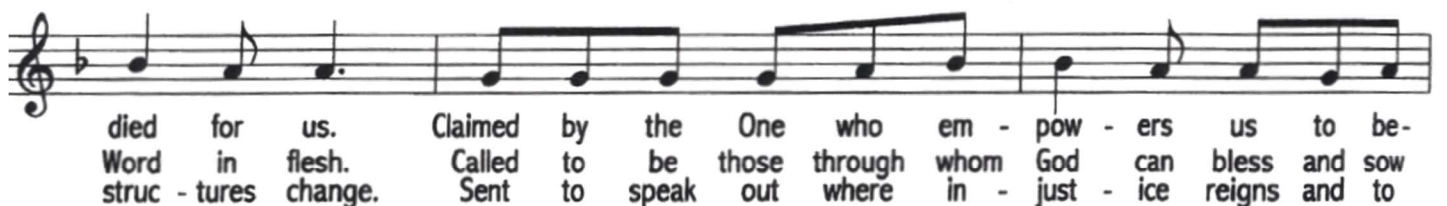
claimed by the God of the un - i - verse, Source and Cre - a - tor of earth.  
called by the One whom the pro - phets heard, called to pro - claim Yah - weh's Word.  
sent to the wound - ed and to the poor, sent to the neigh - bor next door.



Claimed by the One who has giv - en birth to us all.  
Called to re - ceive what we can - not earn on our own.  
Sent to the seek - er who knows there's more to this life.



Claimed by the God who has come to us. Claimed by the Sav - ior who  
Called to be - come God's own wit - ness - es. Called to em - bo - dy the  
Sent to make peace when the na - tions rage. Sent to help sys - tems and



died for us. Claimed by the One who em - pow - ers us to be -  
Word in flesh. Called to be those through whom God can bless and sow  
struc - tures change. Sent to speak out where in - just - ice reigns and to



come the Church! world.  
seeds of Grace!  
take a stand!

*With Kindness*

Christ has no bod - y here but ours. No hands, no  
feet here on earth but ours. Ours are the eyes through  
which he looks on this world with kind - ness.

*With Kindness -verse 2*

Ours are the hands through which he works. Ours are the  
feet on which he moves. Ours the voic - es through which he  
speaks to this world with kind - ness.

*With Kindness - verse 3*

Through our touch, our smile, our list'-ning ear, em-bod-ied in us,  
Je - sus is liv - ing here. Let us go, now, in - spir - it - ed  
in - to this world with kind - ness.



*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 musical score is written on six staves in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 2/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.