PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

The Teacher sat around a blazing fire with a small number of students late at night. Their meandering conversation was broken by periods of silence when they all gazed at the stars and the moon. Following one of these periods when no one spoke the Teacher asked a question. "How can we know when the night has ended and the day has begun?"

Eagerly one young man answered. "You know the night is over and the day has begun when you can look off in the distance and determine which animal is your dog and which animal is the sheep. Is that the right answer, Teacher?"

"It is a good answer," the Teacher said slowly, "but it is not the answer I would give," he said. After several minutes of discussion a second student ventured a guess on behalf of the whole group. "You know the night is over and the day has begun when light falls on the leaves and you can tell whether it is a palm tree or a fig tree."

Once again the Teacher shook his head. "That was a fine answer, but it is not the answer I seek," he said gently. Immediately the students began to argue with one another. Finally one of them begged the Teacher, "Answer your own question, Teacher, for we cannot think of another response."

The Teacher looked intently at the eager young faces before he began to speak. "When you look into the eyes of a human being and see a brother or sister you know that it is morning. If you cannot see a sister or brother you will know that it will always be night."

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: A word spoken,
All: A voice heard,
One: A dream revealed,
All: A mission received.
One: God calls
All: Again and again.

One: God beckons us

All: To follow,

One: To love,

All: To serve,

One: To give.

All: Again and again

One: God invites us

All: To embrace the lonely,

One: To feed the hungry,

All: To tell the Good News of Jesus,

One: Light of the world, help us see all these people you love.

PRAISE SONG: *God, We Gather as Your People - vs. 1, 2, chorus, 3, 4, chorus*
(music at end of bulletin)

OUR CONFESSION:

**All: God of Light and Life, we are all born blind. We look upon the world
with eyes of fear and prejudice, deceiving ourselves into believing
that we can see. Help us to recognize our blindness and to ask for
your healing touch. Restore our vision, that we may see the world
with the compassionate eyes of Christ. Amen.**

Leader: The light of Jesus' love sets us free from our blindness and our prisons 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: *Build a Longer Table - vs. 1, 2, 3*
(music at end of bulletin)

THE GOSPEL: **Luke 4:16-30**

Jesus 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."

All who were there, watching and listening, were surprised at how well he spoke. But they also said, "Isn't this Joseph's son, the one we've known since he was just a kid?"

He answered, "I suppose you're going to quote the proverb, 'Doctor, go heal yourself. Do here in your hometown what we heard you did in Capernaum.' Well, let me tell you something: No prophet is ever welcomed in his hometown. Isn't it a fact that there were many widows in Israel at the time of Elijah during that three and a half years of drought when famine devastated the land, but the only widow to whom Elijah was sent was in Sarepta in Sidon? And there were many lepers in Israel at the time of the prophet Elisha but the only one cleansed was Naaman the Syrian."

That set everyone in the meeting place seething with anger. They threw him out, banishing him from the village, then took him to a mountain cliff at the edge of the village to throw him to his doom, but he gave them the slip and was on his way.

MESSAGE: Pastor Cristy Schoob

MESSAGE RESPONSE: *For Everyone Born - vs. 1, 3, chorus, 4, 5, chorus*
(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, the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT:

Leader: As we leave this time of worship, may we, walk with a new vision, new insight and renewed faith which will enable us to see more clearly God's presence at work in our lives together. May we see a member of our family in the eyes of everyone we meet. through Christ our Lord.
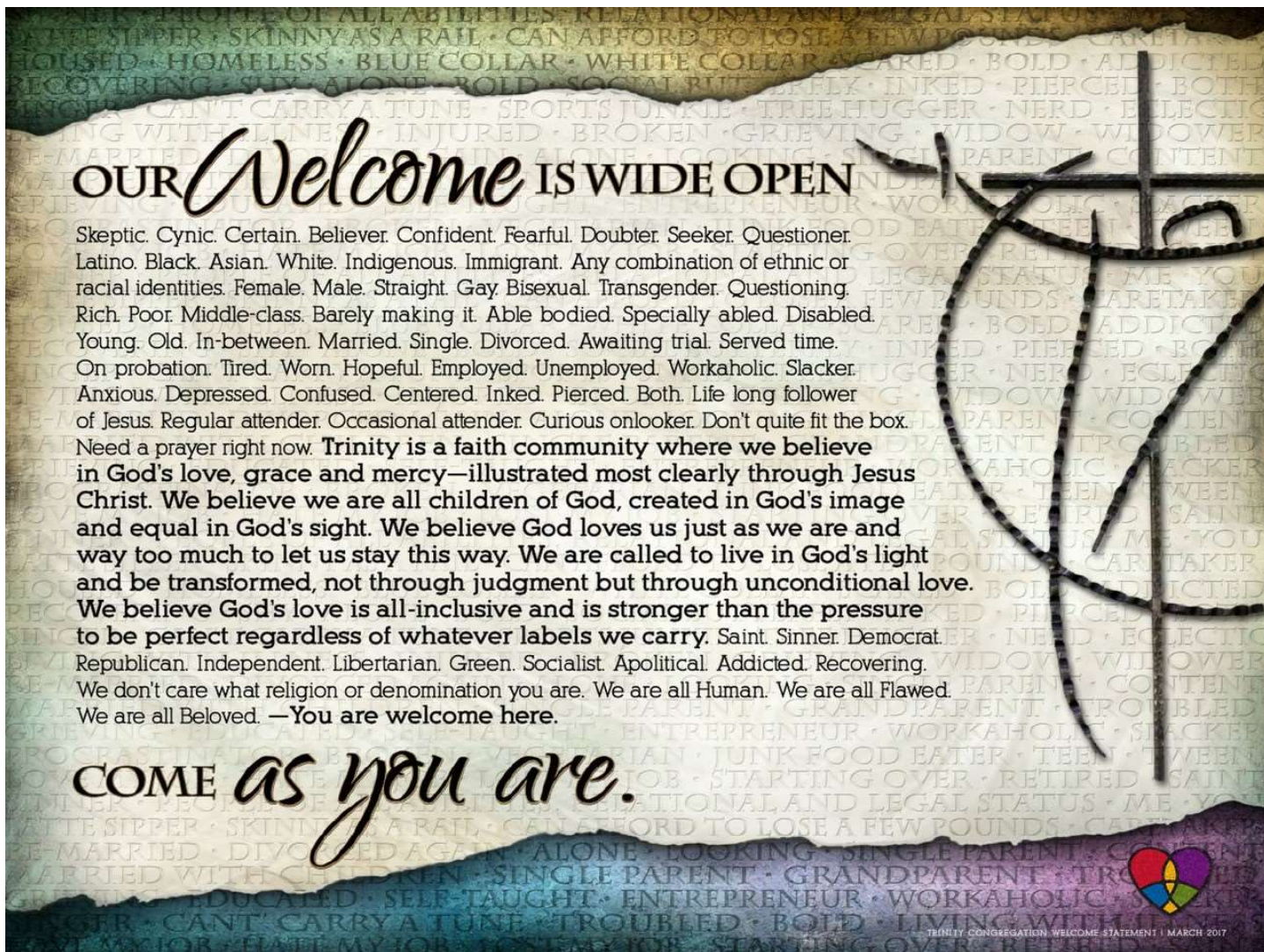
All: Amen.

THE SENDING SONG: *Let the Walls Fall Down (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.*

God, We Gather as Your People

1. God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -
2. Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be
3. Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and
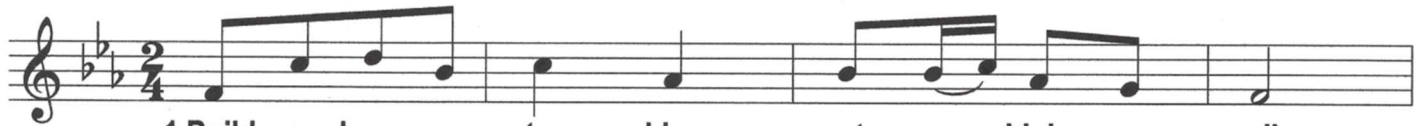4. God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and

bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.
free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,
shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.
wide can___ live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.

Though the day may not yet be here, we___
that they nev - er have a rea - son to___
May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your
As they grow in strength and sta - ture, may they

trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free. *(sing v.2)*
doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.
love is for the few, may their faith in you re - new. *(sing v.4)*
join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.

Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the

church doors o - pen wide. May there be room e - nough for

ev - 'ry-one in - side. For in God, there is a wel - come, in

God we all be - long. May that wel - come be our song.

Build a Longer Table

1.Build a long- er ta - ble, not a__ high - er wall,
2.Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a__ larg - er jail;
3.Build a broad er door - way, not a__ long - er fence.
4.When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u__ - gees a -broad,

feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing__ room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy___ will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing__ no ex -pense.
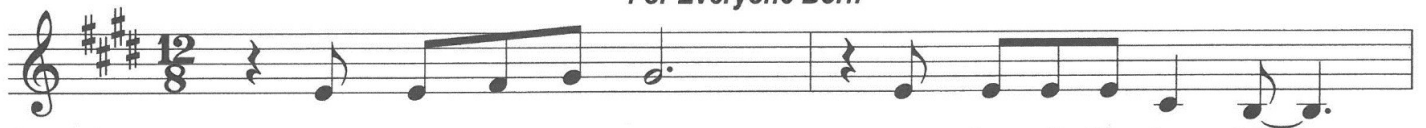Christ be -came our door - way to the__ reign of God.

Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.

Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di__ - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing__ all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are__ wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must__ find a home.

For Everyone Born

1.For ev-'ry-one born, a place at the ta-ble,
3.For young and for old, a place at the ta-ble,
4.For just and un-just, a place at the ta-ble,
5.For ev-'ry-one born, a place at the ta-ble,
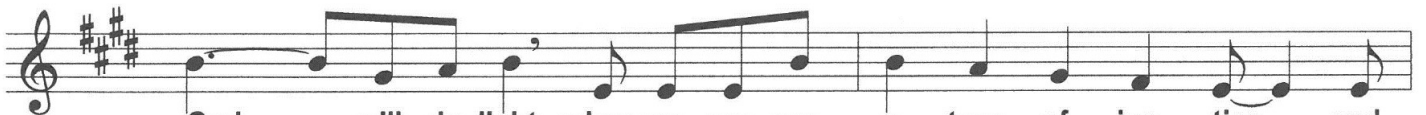
for ev-'ry-one born, clean wa-ter and bread,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
a-bus-er, a-bused, with need to for- give,
to live with-out fear, and sim-ply to be,

a shel-ter, a space, a safe place for grow- ing,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrin- kled,
in an-ger, in hurt, a mind-set of mer- cy,
to work, to speak out, to wit-ness and wor- ship,

for ev-'ry-one born, a star o-ver- head. *verse 3*
for young and for old, the right to be- long. **And**
for just and un-just, a new way to live. *verse 5*
for ev-'ry-one born, the right to be free. **And**

God will de-light when we are cre-a-tors of jus- tice and

joy_____ com-pas-sion and peace; yes,

God will de-light when we are cre-a-tors of jus-tice, jus-tice and joy.

Let the Walls Fall Down

Let the walls fall down, __ let the walls fall down,

let the walls fall down;__

By His love let the walls fall__ down.

1.One by one, we're drawn to - geth - er, one by one, to
2.In His love, no walls be -tween us, in His love, a

Je - sus' side. One in Him, we'll live for - ev - er,
com - mon ground. Kneel - ing at the cross of Je - sus

stran - gers He has rec - on - ciled.
all our pride has comes tum - bl'ing down.

Repeat Chorus.