



PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:

- In condemning and censuring others, we are thrusting ourselves into God's place, taking his scepter into our hands, and presuming to exercise one of His sole prerogatives. - J.R. Miller
- When we look down on others with haughty judgment, we invoke the same compassionless treatment from God toward our infirmities. What a terrifying response from the living God! Belligerent people are told they can expect to be handled by God, not according to His tender compassion, but with severity matching their contempt of others. Such words should sober even the most hardened heart and result in a fresh realization that self-righteousness tops God's list of man's most despised iniquities (Prov. 6:16-19). - Jerry Wragg
- If anyone is still alive there is hope for change and growth. God isn't finished with any of us yet.
- "We are all recovering from something—and there is grace for that." - Will Starkweather

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: We gather to affirm that we are all united in God's sacred family;

People: We are each different and unique, yet we are one as children of God.

Leader: We gather to affirm that we are called to love and serve one another;

People: We learn by Jesus' example to love our neighbor in all that we do.

Leader: We gather to affirm that each of us has gifts to offer;

People: We are members of the one body, each blessed with gifts for God's service.

All: Let us celebrate and worship as a family of God.

PRAISE SONG: All My Relatives (music at end of bulletin)

OUR CONFESSION:

All: God of light, we confess that we do not always follow your shining star on the path that reveals your loving presence. Although you accept us unconditionally, we reject people we find hard to love. Although you cherish all of your children without bias or bigotry, we erect walls of prejudice around people different than us. Although you extend your love to all people, we hold back our gifts and service and goodwill as we choose to. Forgive us, God, and pour your love in us so full that there is no room for intolerance. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

BLESSING/ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Leader: Hear the good news: God forgives and gives us the strength and courage to forgive others. By God's grace we can find new paths on which to shine God's light so that God's love is revealed to more people. Be thankful, for you are forgiven.

CONFESSION RESPONSE: Mercy (music at end of bulletin)

THE MESSAGE IN SCRIPTURE, REFLECTION AND SONG

SONG VERSE: Leaning In, verse 1 (music at end of bulletin)

THE FIRST LESSON: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

SONG VERSE: *Leaning In, verse 2 (music at end of bulletin)*

THE GOSPEL: *Luke 6:27-38*

“But I say to you that listen, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return.^[a] Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

REFLECTION 2

Pastor Cristy Schoob

SONG VERSE: *Leaning In, verse 3 (music at end of bulletin)*

THE GOSPEL: *Luke 6:30-38*

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.

REFLECTION 3

Pastor Cristy Schoob

SONG VERSE: *Leaning In, verse 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 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: Go now with the grace and love of God, who reminds us that complete love includes love for God, for neighbor and for self. Live in love in all that you do,

that you may be a witness of God to those around you.

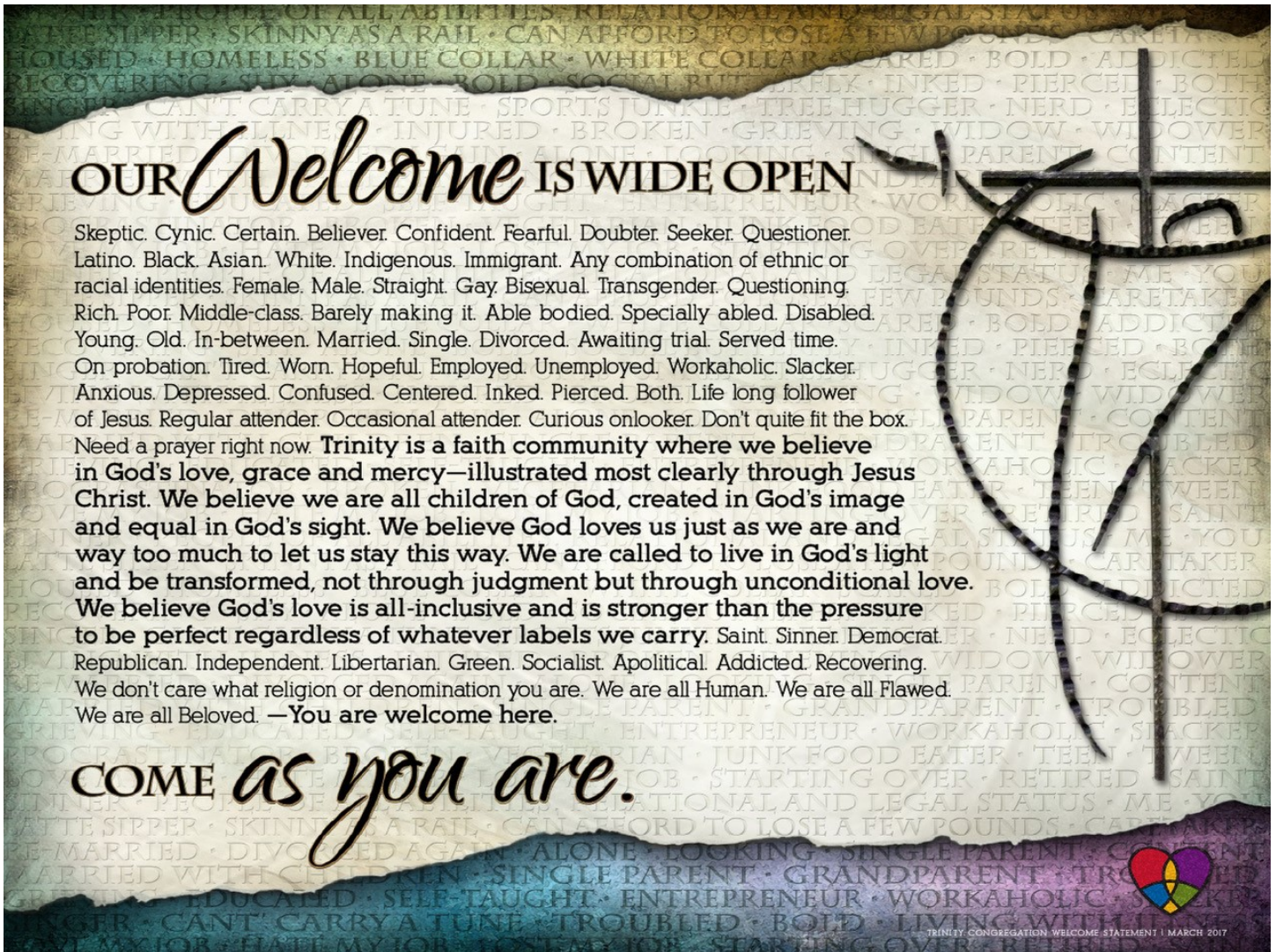
All: Amen.

THE SENDING SONG: *The Reconciliation Song (music at end of bulletin)*

THE DISMISSAL:

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



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All My Relatives



1. List - en my sis - ter, list - en my broth - er,
2. Where there is hurt - ing, we share the hurt - ing.
3. Where there is suff' - ring, we share the suff' - ring.



so man - y fea - tures, so man - y col - ors;
Where there is jus - tice, we share the jus - tice.
Where there is prais - ing, we share the prais - ing.



I have not loved you like I should love you
Where there is mer - cy we share the mer - cy
Where there is free - dom, we share the free - dom



if I be - lieve that God is _____ love. Ev' - ry face,
if we be - lieve that God is _____ love.
if we be - lieve that God is _____ love.



all my rel - a - tives. Ev' - ry race, all my rel - a - tives.



Ev' - ry place, all my rel - a - tives. Hear cre - a - tion



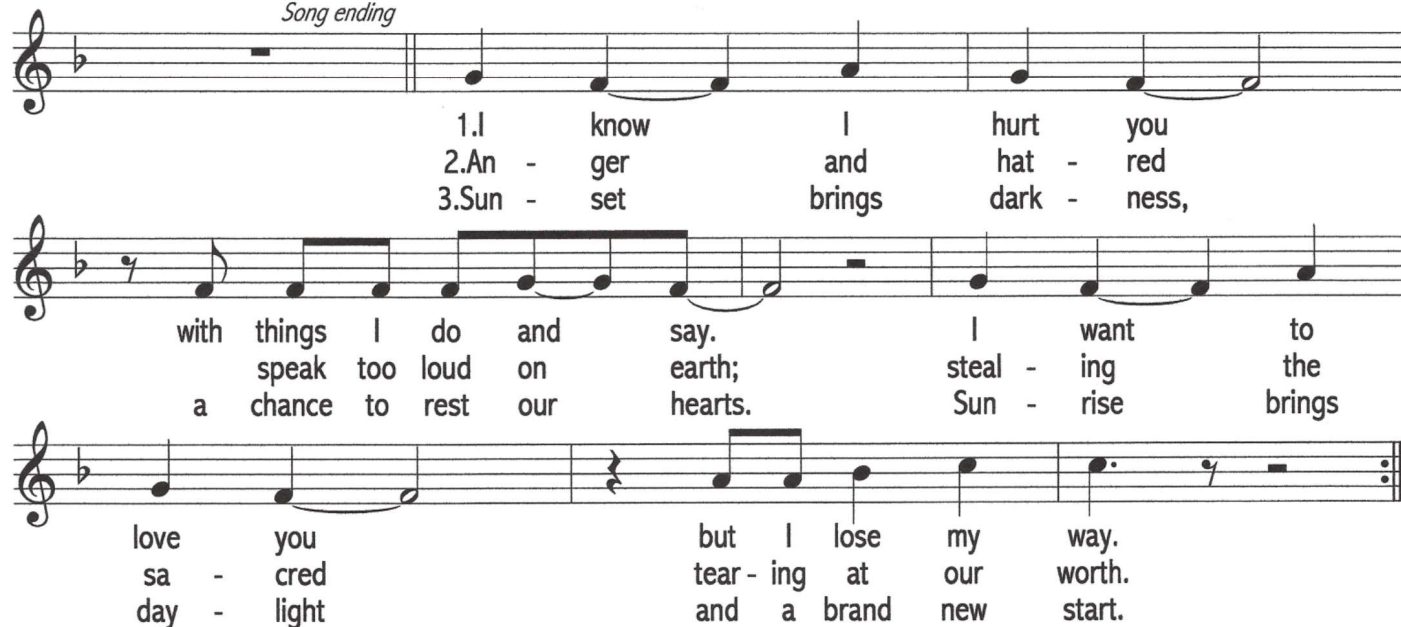
sing, one with ev' - ry - thing__.

Mercy



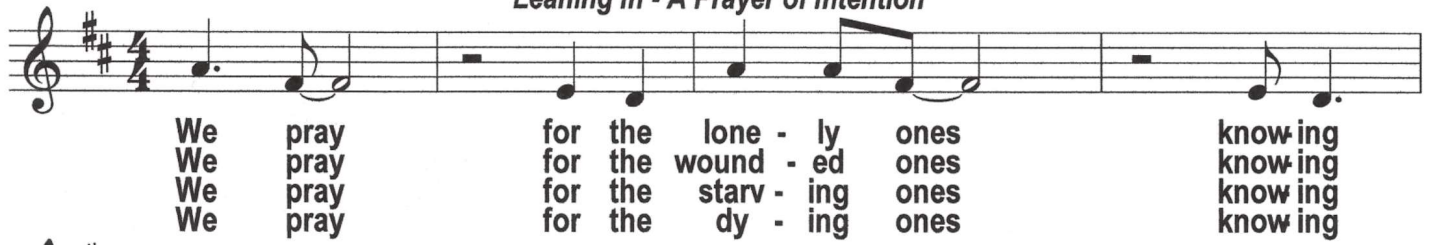
Mer - cy, Oh, mer - cy, ev - er - lov - ing kind - ness that
sees be - yond our blind - ness. Mer - cy, Oh, mer - cy, we're
call - ing on you Lord for us to be re stored. Oh, mer - cy.

Song ending



1. I know I hurt you
2. An - ger and hat - red
3. Sun - set brings dark - ness,
with things I do and say. I want to
speak too loud on earth; steal - ing the
a chance to rest our hearts. Sun - rise brings
love you but I lose my way.
sa - cred tear - ing at our worth.
day - light and a brand new start.

Leaning In - A Prayer of Intention



We pray for the lone-ly ones know-ing
We pray for the wound-ed ones know-ing
We pray for the starv-ing ones know-ing
We pray for the dy-ing ones know-ing



that some of us are lone-ly, and
that some of us are wound-ed, and
that some of us are starv-ing, and
that some of us are dy-ing, and



we pray for the heart-bro-ken ones know-ing
we pray for the re-gret-ful ones know-ing
we pray for the im-pris-oned ones know-ing
we pray for the new-ly born ones know-ing



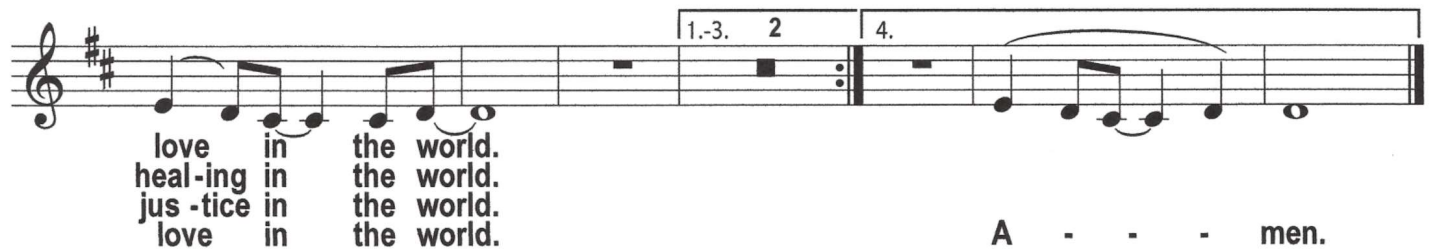
that some of us are heart-bro-ken.
that some of us are re-gret-ful.
that some of us are im-pris-oned.
that some of us are ar-riv-ing.



All - our hearts and minds are lean-ing in with



clear in - ten - tion, join - ing in your way of



love in the world.
heal-ing in the world.
jus - tice in the world.
love in the world.
A - - - men.

