



He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. MATTHEW 28:6

APRIL 30-MAY 1, 2022

2ND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

MEDITATION PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:

God of Easter miracles, open our hearts to hear once again the story of love overcoming death, of joy drowning out sorrow, of hope emerging from despair. Bring Easter to this moment. Touch us. Fill us. Amen.

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:

- ❖ *Easter is not something to be argued, reasoned out, demonstrated. It is something to be experienced, enjoyed, wondered at.*
– Anonymous
- ❖ *The soul should always stand ajar, ready to welcome the ecstatic experience.*
– Emily Dickinson (Author and Poet)
- ❖ *The truth is that we don't want to be saved in the way God has chosen; we want to keep absolute control over our every step, to be fully conscious of our decisions, to be capable of choosing the object of our devotion. It isn't like that with love - it arrives, moves in, and starts directing everything.”*
– Paulo Coelho de Souza (Brazilian lyricist, novelist, and member of the Brazilian Academy of Letters)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: The risen Lord suddenly appears among us.

People: It scares us to suddenly be in his presence.

Leader: It is right and good to fear the coming of the Lord.

People: Should we fear because God is angry?

Leader: No. You should fear because Jesus is love. You should fear because the Risen Lord wants us to grow and change.

People: It's scary to change, but we can, by the power of our Lord.

PRAISE SONG: *Borning Cry (music at end of bulletin)*

OUR CONFESSION:

Interrupt us, O God, disturb our set patterns and rigid responses. Shake us loose from the thinking that we know the only way. Free us from opinions that are held in tight grips, from holier-than-thou attitudes.

Teach us the art of looking at the world new and fresh, ready to be surprised by joy, astonished by grace, overcome with gratitude. Keep us reasonably humble so we may see the new thing that you are doing through other people around us. Open us to your word, your touch, your Spirit. Help us see you at work, even in the interruptions of life. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

CONFESSION RESPONSE: *Great is Thy Faithfulness*
(music at end of bulletin)

THE READING:

Acts 9:1-6

This is the story of the early persecutor of Christians, Paul, and his conversion while en route to Damascus. After this event Paul eventually became the greatest missionary for Jesus the world has known.

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

THE GOSPEL:

John 21:1-14

Here is another post-resurrection of Jesus to His disciples, which immediately follows the one of last week. This one takes place not in a room but by the water where the disciples had become unsuccessful fishermen. At the instruction of Jesus, whom they did not recognize then, they cast their nets as He instructed and ended up with an overwhelming catch of fish.

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into

the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

MESSAGE: "No One Expects..."

Pastor David Schoob

MESSAGE RESPONSE: *Everything is Grace (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: Whenever we miss the power of your persistent, recycling fountain of grace, O God, shake us up, wake us up, change us. Let us be your people, both now and ever more.

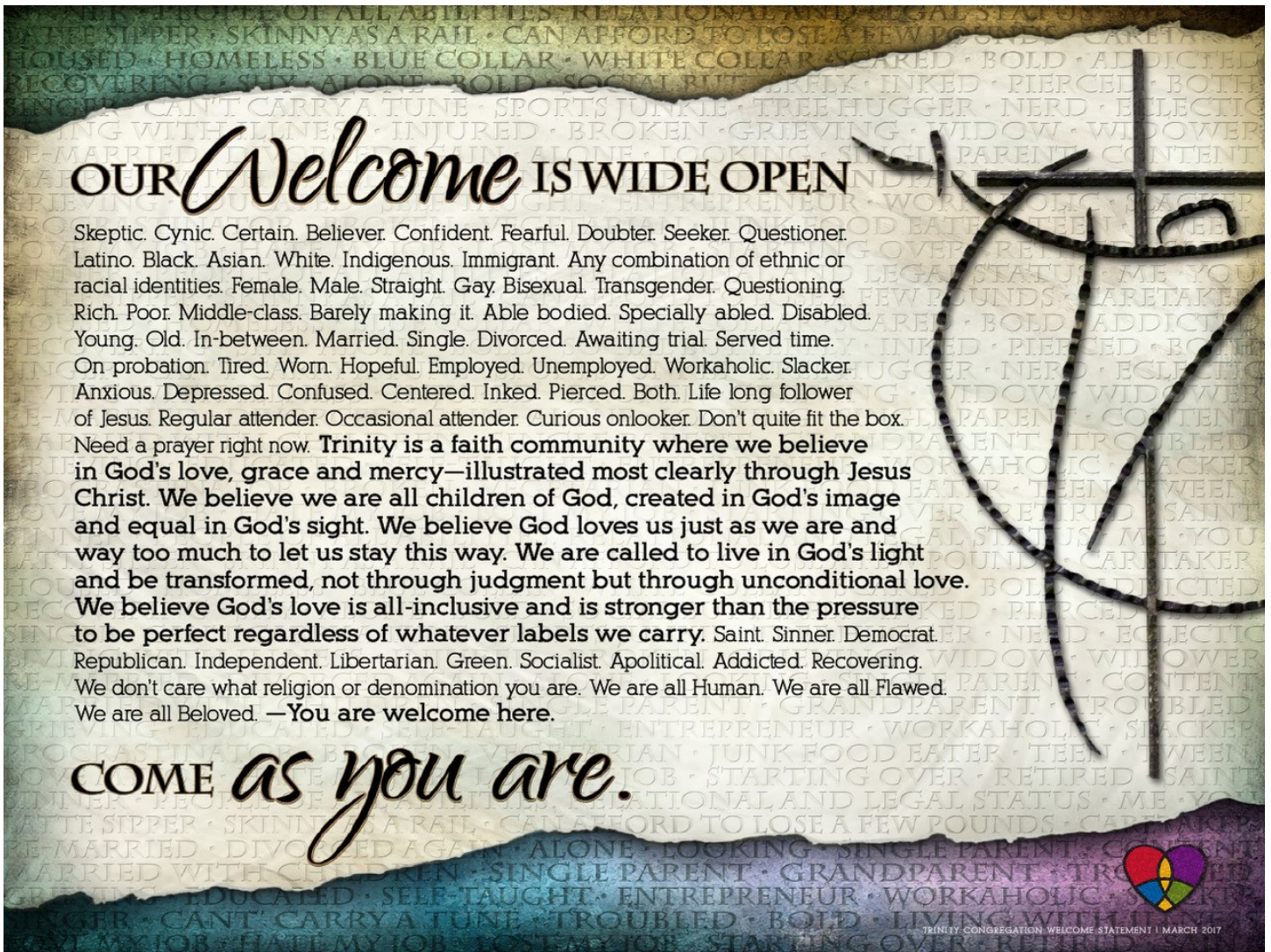
ALL: Amen.

THE SENDING SONG: *Travelers on the Journey (music at end of bulletin)*

THE DISMISSAL:

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



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Borning Cry

1. "I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
 2. "When you heard the won - der of the Word I was
 3. "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too

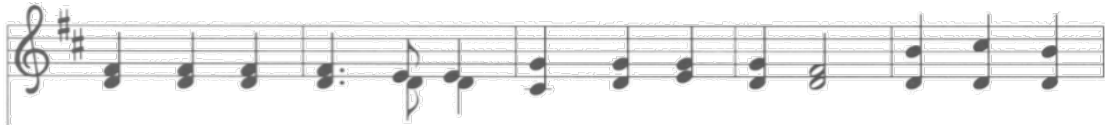
there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
 there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the
 old, no lon - ger young, I'll be there to guide you

were bap - tized to see your life un - fold. I was
 liv - ing the Lord, to whom you now be - long. If you
 through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun. When the

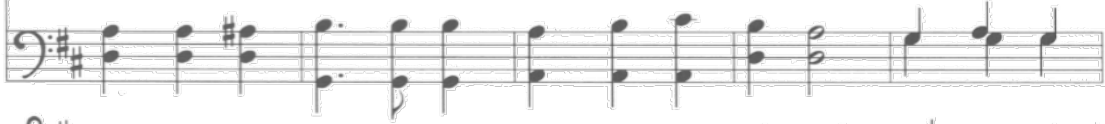
there when you were but a child, with a
 find eve - ning some - one gen - tly share your time in and you
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faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you
 join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your
 shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as I have

wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
 al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise." *Repeat v. 1 to Fine*



1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
 2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear



shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
 stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright



pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be,
 man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love,
 hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

*Refrain*

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy



hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.



Everything is Grace

Ev - 'ry - thing is grace as we see in oth - ers God's
lov - ing face. Grate - ful peo - ple em - brace e - ven the
pains in life, with God they turn and face... Ev - 'ry
mo - ment we live by faith. Ev - 'ry breath that we breathe is grace.
Ev - 'ry - thing that we live is grace.
Can we live with sor - row and will with joy? With
In the dark - ness there and will be light. A - midst de -
con - flict and al - so find peace? Must a
spair you will find hope. In your
shade be on - ly dark or light for us to keep our san - i - ty?
weak - est mo - ment there'll be strength. And out of death new life is born.
Could it be that night and day and danc - ing and
When you see the face of pain find a home, ... trust the
mourn - ing are all a part know part of the same move - ment?
pro - mise you al - read - y know 'cause you know...

Travelers on the Journey

We are trav' - lers on the journ - ey yearn - ing to
be - lievel Hearts are burn - ing, eyes are o - pened.
We are trav' - lers on the journ - ey of love.
What is life real - ly all a - bout
Do we walk in our fool - ish - ness
We are blessed in the gath - er - ing
in the strug - gle of faith?
with our hearts e - ver slow
at the ta - ble of grace.
Hear the word reach - ing out to you, -
to the touch of the Ho - ly one -
Free to see in a - noth - er's pain the
Je - sus is a - live to day.____
who is with us on the road?____
face of Je - sus here to - day.____