



JUNE 11-12, 2022

1ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### ***MEDITATION PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:***

Loving God, give us open hearts, as open and eager as a toddler's first steps. Give us open ears, that we may hear your words fresh and wild, comforting and challenging us. Give us open hands, ready to receive a blessing and willing to offer gentle care. Loving God, show us the depths of your grace in these precious moments and in your holy Word. And then help us pass on the stories of your love to all who follow. Amen.

### ***PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS***

### ***THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:***

- ❖ *Faith is not something to grasp; it is a state to grow into.*  
-Mohandas Gandhi (Famous Leader in India)
- ❖ *Christianity is a revealed religion, with a historical tradition. Without a community of faith surrounding us, retelling the stories and traditions again and again, we cannot know Jesus.*  
-Leonard Sweet (Writer about the changing church)
- ❖ *The Church is always one generation short of extinction, If our generation fails to guard the truth and entrust it to our children, then that will be the end!*  
- Warren Wiersbe (American Christian clergyman, Bible teacher, conference speaker and prolific writer of Christian literature)

### ***CALL TO WORSHIP:***

One: Ever-present God, forever seeking and always teaching:

**All: Open our minds to the truth of your care;**

One: Open our hearts to the gentle caress of your love;

**All: Open our lips to share stories of faith;**

One: Open our hands to create beauty, do justice and show kindness;

**All: Open our souls to the breath of your Spirit;**

One: Let us share your love with all generations.

***PRAISE SONG: I Want to Tell His Story (music at end of bulletin)***

## **OUR CONFESSION:**

**God of grace, we praise you for the gift of children in our community. We thank you for their energy, enthusiasm and simple wisdom. We confess that we have been slow to learn from them, looking over their heads and ignoring their comments. We have forgotten that faith is more than facts that are repeated back. We have forgotten that faith is a relationship with you and trusting that you listen and care as we go through life. Faith is living joyfully and expectantly with a large measure of patience and forgiveness.**

**Guide us, O God, in creating a faith community that forgives, loves, heals, trusts, cares. Amen.**

**CONFESSION RESPONSE: *From Now On (music at end of bulletin)***

## **THE READING: Deuteronomy 6:1-9**

*In this Old Testament book, these are words of God to His people, Israel, suggesting that it is not fear of but love of God which is most important to Him. This Great Commandment, as some call it, is to be shared with their children. Later Jesus refers to this as the greatest commandment.*

Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the LORD your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children’s children may fear the LORD your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

## **THE GOSPEL: Luke 18: 15-17**

*These words of Jesus about children suggest that they are not to be given low status but are even part of God’s kingdom, not excluding but including them should be the action.*

People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. But Jesus called for them and said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.’

**MESSAGE: “Children are not the future of the Church - they are the Church”  
- Pastor David Schoob**

**MESSAGE RESPONSE:** *I Love to Tell the Story* (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 it is 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:** And now may you who are led by the Spirit of God, claim your inheritance as children of God's heavenly kingdom. Rejoice! Our God is with us forever and ever.

**ALL:** Amen.

**THE SENDING SONG:** *Pass It On* (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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### I Want To Tell His Story

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first line of music includes a repeat sign and a first ending bracket. The second line includes a first ending bracket and a note that the song ending is repeated three times. The final line of music ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

I want to tell his sto-ry to\_\_ ev - 'ry one who'll lis - ten.

I want to tell his sto - ry to\_\_ ev - 'ry one who will hear. *(Song Ending 3rd time)*

Je - sus and his love for me, this is what my song will be.

Je - sus' death and vic - to - ry is chang - ing ev - 'ry - thing a - bout me.

# From Now On

Congregational lyrics in bold type. Song leader lyrics in italics.

From now on (*I'll be with you till the end of the age.*) From now  
on (*your king - dom come, for this we'll live and we'll pray*) From now  
on (*we'll work for peace un - til the fi - nal day*). From now on... *Fine*

God's near - - - (*God won't for - sake you.*)  
Christ cares (giv - ing his life for all peo - ple).

God's here (and knows the pains that face you).  
We share (the love of his that's e - ter - nal).

Now we're (called to go out in the world).  
Go there (for he has asked us to fol - low).

Teach and heal word and that meet ev - 'ry need, help the  
Spread the word that God's in our land. Spread the

lame to walk and the blind to see.  
mes - sage that - will al - ways stand.

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Pass It On

1. It on - ly takes a spark to get a fire  
2. I wish for you my friend this hap - pi - ness that

go - ing \_\_\_\_\_ And soon all those a - round can  
I've found You can de - pend on Him, It

warm up in its glow - ing \_\_\_\_\_ That's how it is with  
mat - ters not where you're bound \_\_\_\_\_ I'll shout it from the

God's \_\_\_\_\_ love Once you've ex - pe - ri - enced it you  
mountain top I want my world to know; The

spread His love to ev - 'ry - one; You want to pass it on.  
Lord of Love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

1. I'll shout it from the moun - tain top  
2. I want my world to know The Lord of love has

come to me, I want to pass it on. \_\_\_\_\_