

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:

- ❖ Our task as image-bearing, God-loving, Christ-shaped, Spirit-filled Christians, following Christ and shaping our world, is to announce redemption to a world that has discovered its fallenness, to announce healing to a world that has discovered its brokenness, to proclaim love and trust to a world that knows only exploitation, fear and suspicion.
 -N.T. Wright
- ❖ Following Christ isn't something that can be done halfheartedly or on the side. It is not a label we can display when it is useful. It must be central to everything we do and are.
 Francis Chan, Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God
- ❖ And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people."

- *Matthew 4:19*

CALL TO WORSHIP: (inspired by Luke 4:18-19 and Isaiah 61:1-2)

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord is upon us.

All: The Spirit of the Lord is in us.

Leader: Anointing us, **All: Sending us.**

Leader: To bring good news

All: to bind up

Leader: to proclaim favor

All: to comfort Leader: to provide

All: to loosen.

Leader: The day of the Lord is coming.

All: The day of the Lord has come.

PRAISE SONG: People's Church (music at end of bulletin)

OUR CONFESSION:

Leader: Holy God, open our eyes to the presence of your Spirit

All: upon us, within us, among us.

Leader: For our apathy in the presence of oppression,

All: Forgive us.

Leader: If we have contributed to the broken heartedness of anyone,

All: Forgive us.

Leader: For our participation in systems that enslave,

All: Forgive us.

Leader: When we are deaf to your good news, **All: Have mercy and open our ears.**

Leader: When our mouths remain too tightly closed,
All: Loosen our lips with songs of praise.
Leader: Hear our prayer, O God, and forgive our sins.

All: Hold us in your mercy, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING/ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Leader: You are forgiven! God loves you. God blesses you with new beginnings and new life. Put aside your old ways and become new! God gives a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning. Sing, dance, rejoice! Never forget the gift of God's redeeming grace. **Amen.**

CONFESSION RESPONSE: Love For Enemies, vs. 3, 4 & 5 (music at end of bulletin)

THE FIRST READING: **Ephesians 5:1-2** (NRSV)

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and walk in love, as Christ loved us^[a] and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 4:18-19

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set free those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

MESSAGE: "Your Place in the Family Business" - Pastor Cristy School

SONG: God of the Movements and Martyrs, vs. 1 & 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:

Leader: The Spirit of God is upon you and has anointed you. You are the salt of the

earth and you bring light to the world. You are not too young or too old, you are not too rich or too needy to bring good news to the impoverished, to give a hand to the broken-hearted, and to live out freedom and pardon through the

gifts you have been given.

Do not be frightened, for you are never alone. The God in whose image you are made will walk with you and guide you today, tomorrow, and every day.

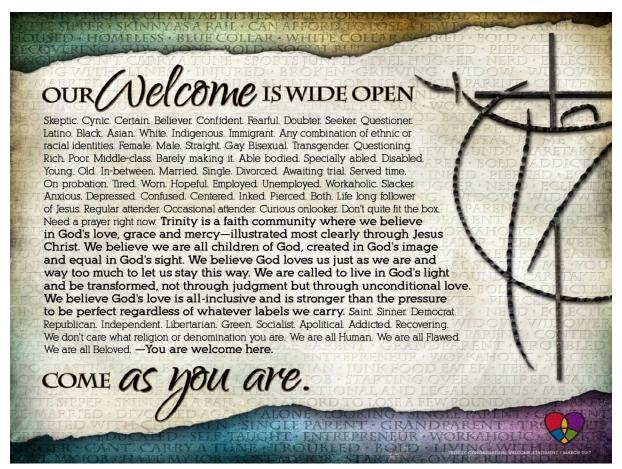
People: Amen.

THE SENDING SONG: It's All About Love (music at end of bulletin)

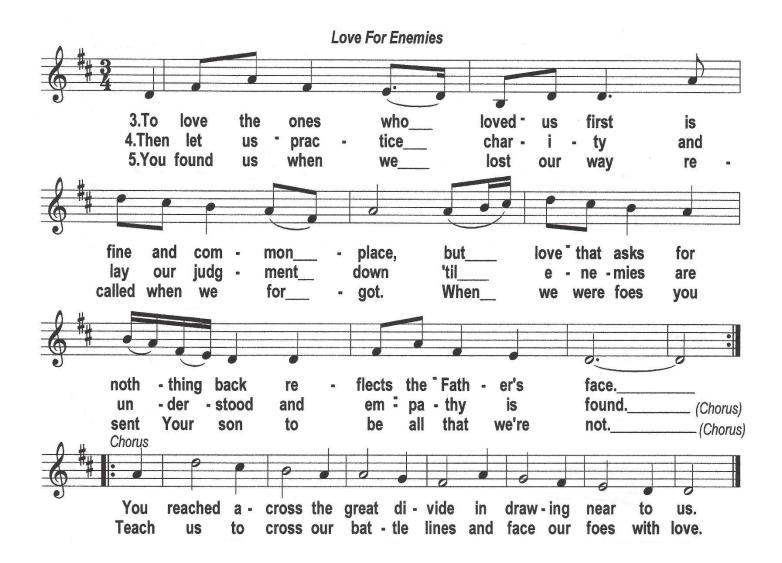
THE DISMISSAL:

Leader: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

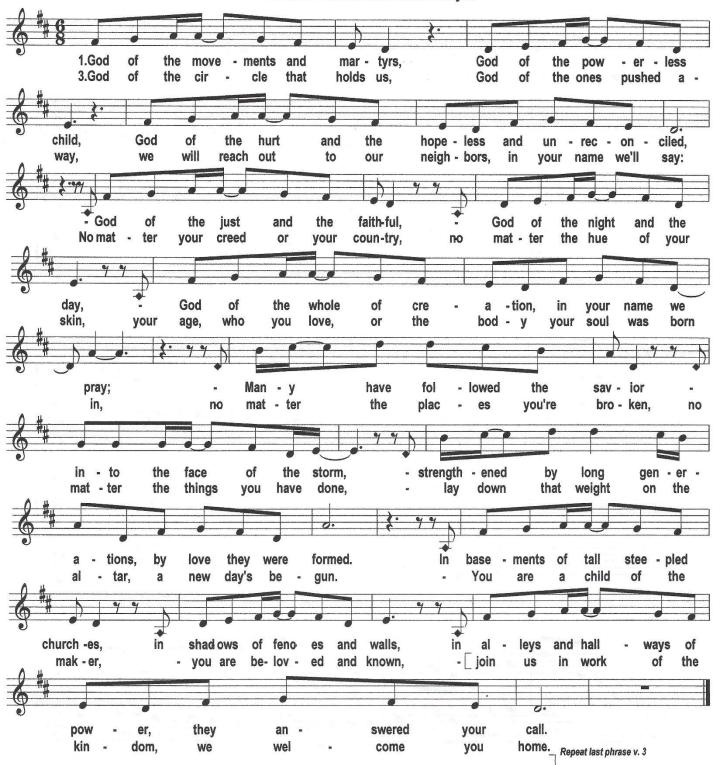
People: Thanks be to God!







God of the Movements and Martyrs





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