

/IN SUNDAY AFTER PENTER

MEDITATION PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:

Risen Savior, we gather in your name with songs of thanksgiving. When all things seem lost, we now know that what you told us is the truth. The words you said about dying in order to rise again have come true. As we gather to hear the story that is central to our faith, we pray that you would come amongst us in such a way so that when we face struggle and even death, you and this story might be central to our lives. Amen.

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:

❖ Lord, make me see thy glory in every place.

- Michelangelo (Renaissance Artist)

- ❖ The best rose bush, after all, is not that which has the fewest thorns, but that which bears the finest rose.
 Emily Dickinson (Writer and Poet)
- ❖ *The worst thing is never the last thing.*

- John Claypool (Theologian, author and speaker)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Come, all of you who long for light.

People: We want to see the light shining in the midst of the darkness.

Leader: Come, all of you who want your joy increased.

People: We yearn to be filled with this joy.

Leader: Come, all of you who are carrying heavy burdens.

People: We have many to offer. Take them from us, Lord.

Leader: Come, all who need a savior.

People: We are seeking the one who rose and brings life from death.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord.

People: We are here in joy no matter what we face!

PRAISE SONG: 10,000 Reasons (music at end of bulletin)

OUR CONFESSION:

All: O Lord, we hear Jesus speak of the joy of living in the reign of God, and yet our joy fades in the face of the struggles of life. We confess that we doubt when trouble surrounds us. We act as if what we want defines the boundaries of your goodness and love. Forgive us our foolishness and lead us, once more, into life that is joyous and abundant. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

Jesus did not come to condemn us but to invite us into the joy of God's reign. He is still the same today as always. He loves us and invites us to make this the day we see the power of his love to bring new life, and in seeing find joy and hope.

CONFESSION RESPONSE: Jubilee (music at end of bulletin)

THE READINGS: Philippians 4:4-9

The Apostle Paul, writing to this congregation in Greece which he started on his second missionary journey, ends this letter to them with an appeal for certain behavior as they live together in this young Christian community.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God, and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Romans 14:17-19

Writing to this congregation in Rome, the Apostle Paul says what is pleasing to God is peace, joy in His Spirit, and showing right living instead of focusing only on food and drink.

For the kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. The one who thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and has human approval. Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual edification.

MESSAGE: "I Have a Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy Down in My Heart"
- Pastor David Schoob

MESSAGE RESPONSE: Rejoice and Celebrate (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: Go out into the world this week, knowing that the living, resurrected Christ goes with you. Experience the power of the presence and the love of God that transforms and renews. And through God's presence in you, share God's Good News of love and grace, of repentance and forgiveness with all that you meet. Go in the love and peace and joy of the presence of God.

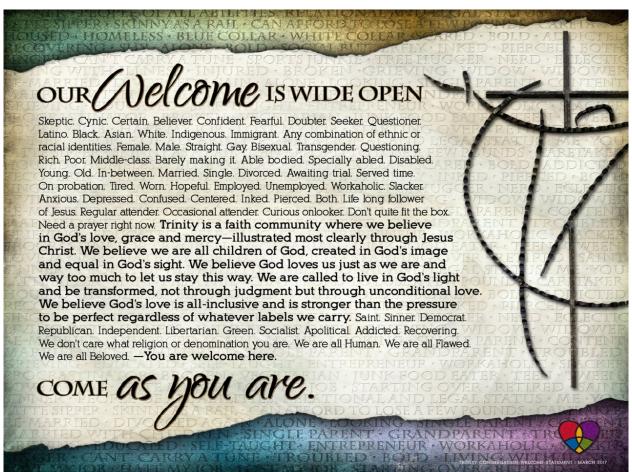
ALL: Amen.

THE SENDING SONG: All the People Said Amen (music at end of bulletin)

THE DISMISSAL:

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

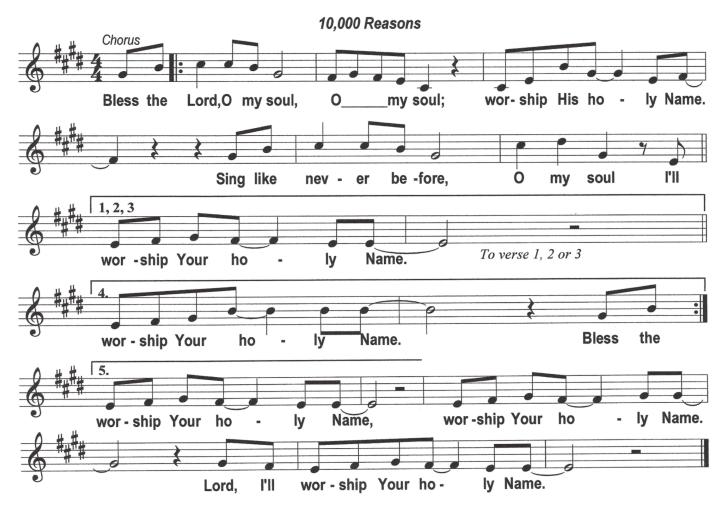


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Verse 1: The sun comes up; it's a new day dawning.
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes. (chorus)

Verse 2: You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. (chorus)
(Interlude)

Verse 3: And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come, still my soul will sing Your praise unending; ten thousand years and then forevermore! (chorus)



