



SEPTEMBER 24-25 2022

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:

- ❖ “The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes.” - *Marcel Proust*
- ❖ “Certainly, travel is more than the seeking of sights; it is a change that goes on, deep and permanent, in the ideas of living.” - *Miriam Beard*

GREETING:

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ

C: who encounters us,

L: the love of God

C: who unites us,

L: and the communion of the Holy Spirit

C: who transforms us

L: be with you all.

C: And also with you.

SERVANT TRIP AUDIOVISUAL REFLECTION: Quiet Place

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

L: Holy God, forever watching over your creation,

C: Come and watch over us.

L: God of changing events and surprising turns,

C: Come and journey with us.

L: God of inner depths and majestic heights,

C: Speak to us again.

L: Still Small Voice and eternal Mystery,

C: We are here to meet you. Help us listen and hear. Amen.

THE SABBATH LITANY:

L: God has made creation for God’s delight and for ours. Let us rejoice in the wonders of God’s creating love. God created the light.

C: We rejoice in the light that gives us vision with its varied shapes, forms and colors.

L: God created the day and night.

C: We rejoice in the sense of time; with periods for activity and periods for rest.

L: God created the mountains.

C: We rejoice in the beauty of wild flowers and trees. We delight in the warmth of the sun and the coolness of the night air.

L: God created the water.

C: We rejoice in its beauty and power, the sound it makes as it rains and as it moves through rivers and streams, and its ability to refresh and renew.

L: God created the star filled skies.

C: We rejoice in the enormity of the universe. We look at God's vast creation and realize the miracle in God's love for each of us tiny fragile beings.

L: God created us.

C: We rejoice in the wondrous abilities of our brains to think and reason and to change; in our body's strength, fragility and intricacy; and in our spirits' ability to commune with God.

L: God has created us for joyous life.

C: Praise be to our loving God, our Creator and our Companion.

CONFESSIOIN RESPONSE: *Healer (music at end of bulletin)*

THE FIRST READING: *Psalm 23 (The Message)*

¹⁻³ GOD, my shepherd!

I don't need a thing.

You have bedded me down in lush meadows,
you find me quiet pools to drink from.

True to your word,
you let me catch my breath
and send me in the right direction.

⁴ Even when the way goes through
Death Valley,

I'm not afraid
when you walk at my side.

Your trusty shepherd's crook
makes me feel secure.

⁵ You serve me a six-course dinner
right in front of my enemies.

You revive my drooping head;
my cup brims with blessing.
6 Your beauty and love chase after me
every day of my life.
I'm back home in the house of GOD
for the rest of my life.

THE SECOND READING: Romans 8:31b-35 and 37-39

31 If God is for us, who is against us? 32 God who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not, with him, also give us everything else? 33 Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? It is Christ^[a] who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. 35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?

37 No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 14:25-27

25 "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. 26 But the Advocate,^[k] the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

THE MESSAGE

MESSAGE RESPONSE: We Are a Rainbow (music at end of bulletin)

THE PRAYERS:

L: Creator God, we look around us and are in awe of the wonders you have made for us. You have provided not just for our needs but have blessed us with abundant gifts. There is beauty in the night sky with its enormity and beauty in the microscopic weaving in a leaf. There are aromas and sights to delight us. There are sounds and tastes that amuse us. There are wondrous feelings, physical and emotional, that thrill and enthrall us. And if that were not enough, you have given us yourself to fill us and bring us to full and abundant life. For all these joyous gifts we are deeply grateful.

You have shown your great love for all creation and so it is in confidence that we lift up to you those cares of our hearts. We know you are already at work healing the hurts of the world, and we ask that you join our hearts with your great heart of love in this ministry. As you comfort the ill, nurture the hungry and shelter the homeless,

let us join in your work. As you put your arms around the grieving and the hopeless, let us be your physical presence for them.

All these things we ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

C: 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. 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:

L: Go in the peace and joy of God. Knowing that God is waiting to surprise you with great joy in ways you would never imagine. And remember that **through you**, God will surprise many with blessings and joy.

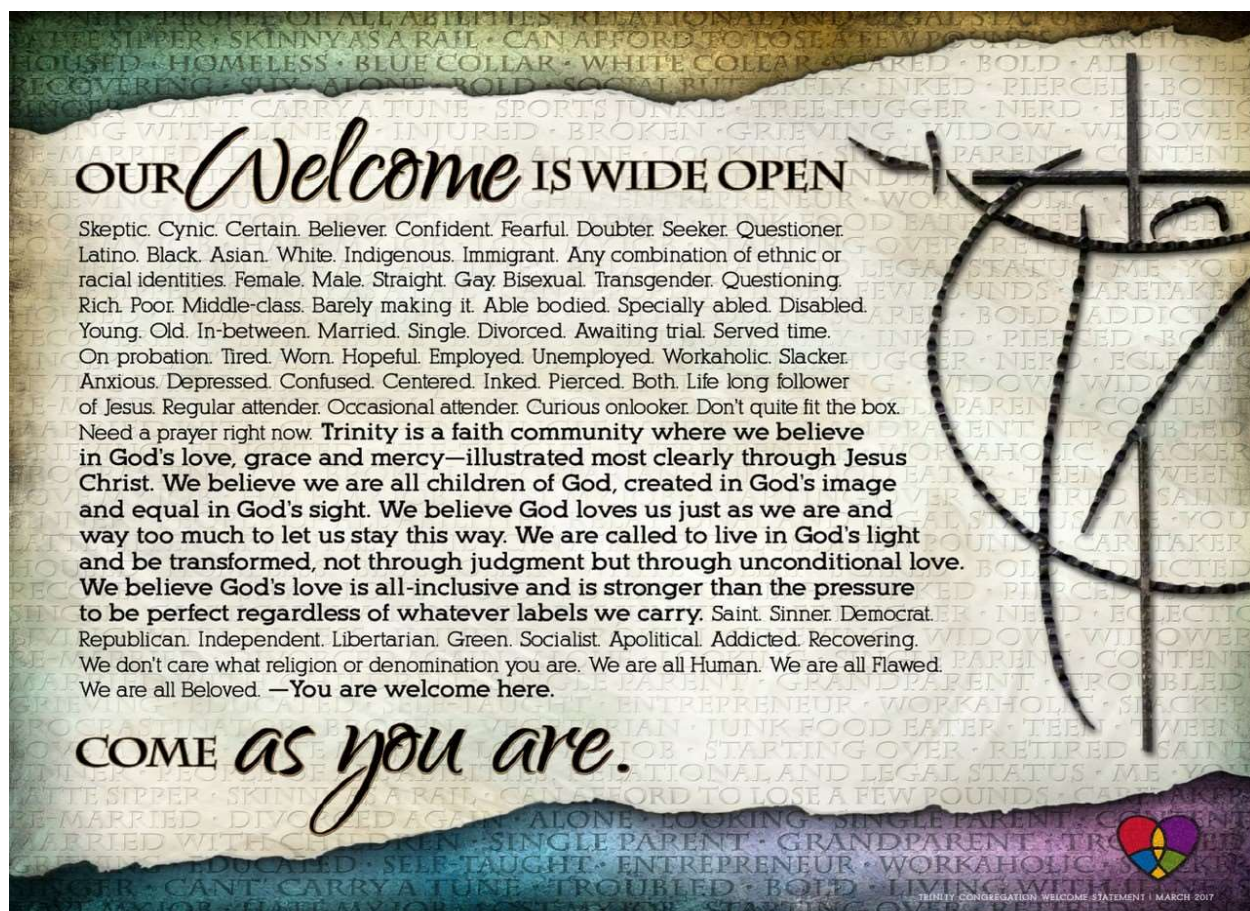
C: Amen.

THE SENDING SONG: Go Now (music at end of bulletin)

THE DISMISSAL:

L: Travel with Jesus into whatever tomorrow will bring. Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



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Healer

Heal - er, heal - er, come and heal this world. world.

1. world.
2.

1&3. May we all _____ of - fer up our hands. May we
2. May we all _____ lay our weap - ons down. May we

all _____ all to - geth - er stand.
all _____ find our com - mon ground.

We Are a Rainbow

1. We're the light of all the world; we are a
2. We are coat of man - y col - ors, sewn from
3. We are hope to still be - lieve _____ in to -
4. When we face the storms of life _____ we will

cit - y on a hill; we're a can - dle on a stand
man - y dif - f'rent threads, cov - 'ring all in warmth, in wel
morrow's be - ter day. We are peace in a world
nev - er be a - lone for our God _____ will be with

pro - claim - ing light, We will not hide our lamp
- come and in grace. God said, "let there be light,"
that's torn a - part. We are joy that will last
us on the way. Hand in hand, side by side,

be - neath a bush - el an - y - more. We will
cre - at - ed ev - 'ry va - ried shade. In the
in all the strug - gles that we face. We are
we won't be fright - ened an - y - more as the

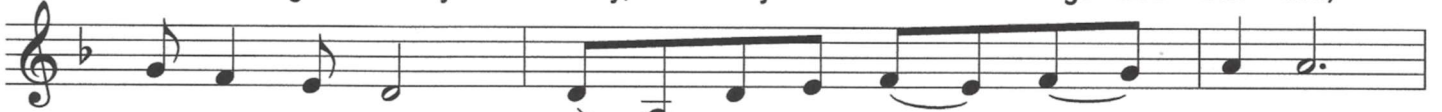
shine a ray of hope that's burn - ing bright. We
rain - bow, each of us can find a place. We
love that blooms and grown in ev - 'ry heart. We
mourn - ing night of tears breaks in - to day. We

are a rain - bow, sign of cov - e - nant and peace for the
flood of tears will fin - 'ly cease to be. Come shine your rain - bow,
splash your hues a - cross the sky. (Paint the world in col - ors
proud and bold and free.) Repeat (tag) last time.

Go Now



Filled with the Ho - ly Spir - it go now with God,
Of - fer - ing a hand to a stran - ger go now with God,
Wa - ters of mer - cy have found us go now with God,
Cross - ing ev' - ry bound' - ry, ev' - ry na - tion go now with God,



go now with God. In - to the world as a ser - vant
go now with God. Trust - ing in the ris - en sav - ior
go now with God. Grace on the jour - ney sur - rounds us
go now with God. Danc - ing in the gift of lib - er - a - tion



go now with God, go now with God. Go now,



go now, go now with God.



Go now, go now, go now with God.