



PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

- ❖ “The way of Jesus cannot be imposed or mapped — it requires an active participation in following Jesus as he leads us through sometimes strange and unfamiliar territory, in circumstances that become clear only in the hesitations and questionings, in the pauses and reflections where we engage in prayerful conversation with one another and with him.”

– Eugene H. Peterson, *The Jesus Way: A Conversation on the Ways That Jesus Is the Way*

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: We know we are called to shine with God’s light, yet we are looking for direction. Our fragmented lives and self-concern pull at our intentions, unsettling our faith and diluting our commitment.

We want to change, to grow, but where do we begin?

We look to Jesus, how he lived and loved, what he said and what his followers called "the Way."

O Lord, open our eyes, our hearts and our minds as we examine ourselves, our faith, our hope. Guide us, loving God, in the "way" of love and life.

People: Amen.

PRAISE SONG: *“I Have Decided” (music at end of bulletin)*

OUR CONFESSION:

All: Holy God, our companion and guide on life’s journey, keep our hearts strong, for we are tempted to satisfy the immediate need and neglect the effort needed for the long haul. We have given into indulging the momentary and popular and given up on hope and your persistent work for good. Forgive us for our halfhearted efforts and our willingness to abandon trust in you.

Give us faith for the long journey, give us patience when the doors seem blocked and grant us hope in the darkest moment. For though your way may seem hidden, you are ever working new resurrections. This we believe because of Jesus. Amen.

Leader: The light of God's love that comes in Jesus has set us free from darkness. Let us then live in the light each every day.

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

THE READING:

Isaiah 9:2-4

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied exultation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

THE GOSPEL:

Matthew 4:17-23

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

MESSAGE: *“Which Way Do You Go?”*

Pastor Cristy Schoob

MESSAGE RESPONSE: *“If I Believe in Jesus” (music at end of bulletin)*

THE PRAYERS:

P: As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the needs of the church, the human family, and all of creation.

(Petitions end: “God of mercy”; “Hear our prayer.”)

P. All these things and whatever you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of Christ, who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

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. 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:

One: Lord Jesus, Son of the living God,

All: Teach us to walk in your way more trustfully,

One: To accept your truth more faithfully,

All: And share your life more lovingly.

One: Guide us in our work as the church,

All: So that we may fully be one family.

One: Go, knowing God's grace,

All: Sharing God's peace,

One: Living God's justice,

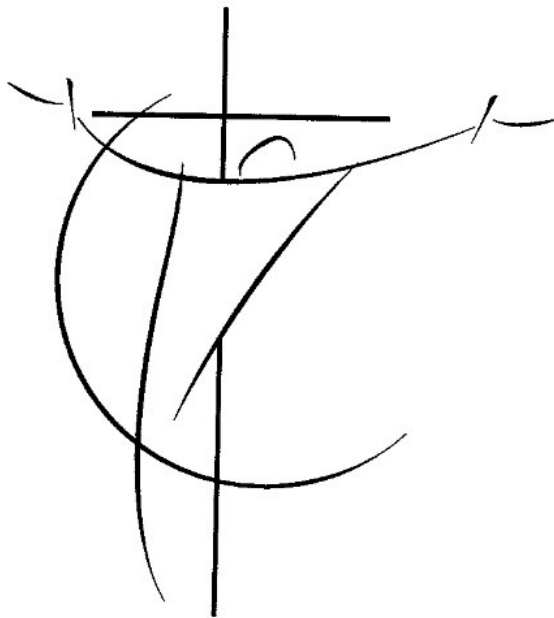
All: Bearing God's blessing to all. Amen.

THE SENDING SONG: "Send Us Out" (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 Have Decided

The image shows a musical score for the song "I Have Decided". It consists of eight staves of music in a treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes a repeat sign at the beginning and a double bar line at the end. The lyrics are: "I have de - cid - ed I'm gon - na live like a be - liev - er. Turn my back on the de - ceiv - er, Gon - na live what I be - lieve; I have de - cid - ed be - ing good is just a fa - ble I just can't 'cause I'm not a - ble, Gon - na leave it to_ the Lord. 1. There's a 2. So for wealth of things that I pro - fessed, I said that I be - lieved, But - get the game of be - ing good and your self - right - eous pain, 'Cause the deep in - side I nev - er changed, I guess I'd been de - ceived; A on - ly good in - side your heart is the good that Je - sus brings; When the voice in - side kept tell - ing me that I'd change by and by, But the world be - gins to see you change, don't ex - pect them to ap - plaud, Keep your Spi - rit made it clear to me that kind of life's a lie. eyes on Him and tell your - self: I've be - gun the work of God."

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

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

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

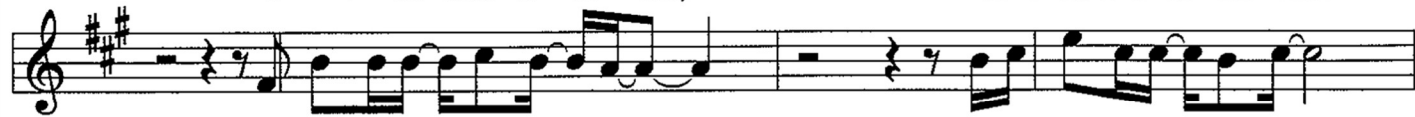
Teach and heal
Spread the word
and that meet ev - 'ry need, help the
God's in our land. Spread the

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

IF I BELIEVE IN JESUS



If I be-lieve in Je - sus, do I need to fol - low Him?



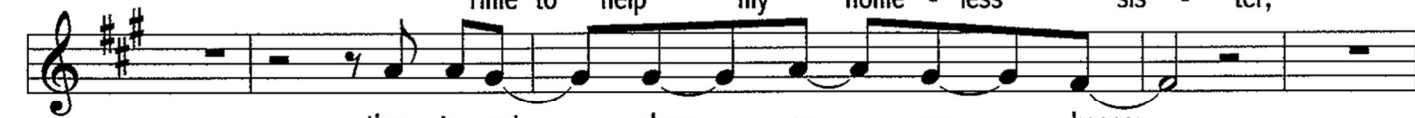
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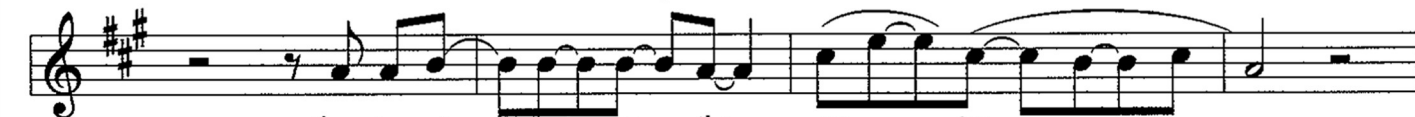
'Cause if I'm gon - na fol - low Him, some things are bound to change.



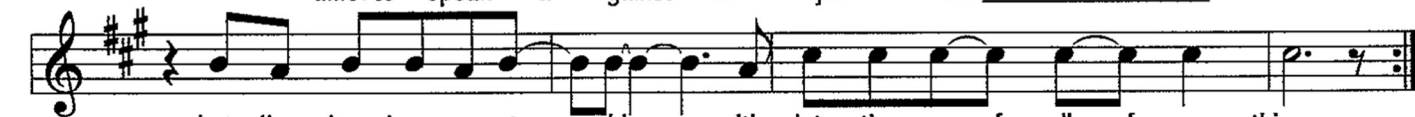
Time to go and love my neigh - bor;
Time to break some bread with sin - ners;
Time to help my home - less sis - ter;



time to get down on my knees;
time to weep for bro - ken dreams;
time to wash my bro - ther's feet;



time to step out on the wa - ter
time to help a wound - ed strang - er
time to speak a - gainst in - jus - tice



but I'm hav - ing some trou - ble with let - ting go of all of my things.
but I'm hav - ing some trou - ble with lov - ing my en - e - mies.
but I'm hav - ing some trou - ble con - front - ing the pow'rs that be.

Send Us Out

1. We have been called by the Lord.
2. We have who were bound by our shame,
We ruled have by been our saved fears by the with Word.
Now Stand let and the de - Word clare be by re - stored.
Now let the Gos - pel be heard. Send us out to teach what
free - dom from all of our sin.
God has done. Send us out to reach ev' - ry
sin - gle one. Send us out. Send us out.
Teach what God has done. Reach ev' - ry sin - gle one.
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