



MEDITATION PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP:

Lord God, the sign outside says, “Welcome, come as you are.” We have responded. We have come. We are here just as we are — with visions for the future and shattered dreams from the past, with bodies that are fully functioning and physical ailments that are weighing us down, with minds that are confused and hearts that are broken, with an abundance of joy and a great need for laughter. We are here, Lord. Meet us where we are as we come to worship you. In the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:

- ❖ *Jesus Christ is one whom we approach without pride, and before whom we humble ourselves without despair.* - Blaise Pascal (French Philosopher)
- ❖ *The greater perfection a soul aspires after, the more dependent it is upon divine grace.* - Brother Lawrence (Monk)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Come, worship the Lord; let all that is within us praise God’s holy name.

People: Come amongst us, Lord, and reintegrate our fragmented selves.

Leader: Come, worship the Lord; let all that is within us praise God’s holy name.

People: Come amongst us, Lord, come repair that which is broken.

Leader: Come, worship the Lord; let all that is within us praise God’s holy name.

People: Come amongst us, Lord, come and bring together that which has been torn apart.

Leader: Come, worship the Lord; let all that is within us praise God’s holy name.

People: Come amongst us, Lord, meet us where we are but do not leave us the same when we leave.

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

OUR CONFESSION:

O God, we tend to be self-righteous when we are hurt or fearful. Grant us the ability to be humble instead. We tend to want our way despite hurting

the feelings of others. Grant us the ability to care for others even if plans go awry. We tend to have ideas in our minds about how life should be. Grant us the wisdom to let you be God. Forgive us for our foolish tendencies, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

Leader: We are forgiven! Thanks be to God! We are a forgiven people!

CONFESSION RESPONSE: *Almost (music at end of bulletin)*

THE READINGS: *1 Corinthians 1: 18-31 (The Message)*

The Message that points to Christ on the Cross seems like sheer silliness to those hell-bent on destruction, but for those on the way of salvation it makes perfect sense. This is the way God works, and most powerfully as it turns out. It's written,

I'll turn conventional wisdom on its head,
I'll expose so-called experts as shams.

So where can you find someone truly wise, truly educated, truly intelligent in this day and age? Hasn't God exposed it all as pretentious nonsense? Since the world in all its fancy wisdom never had a clue when it came to knowing God, God in his wisdom took delight in using what the world considered stupid—*preaching*, of all things!—to bring those who trust him into the way of salvation.

While Jews clamor for miraculous demonstrations and Greeks go in for philosophical wisdom, we go right on proclaiming Christ, the Crucified. Jews treat this like an *anti*-miracle—and Greeks pass it off as absurd. But to us who are personally called by God himself—both Jews and Greeks—Christ is God's ultimate miracle and wisdom all wrapped up in one. Human wisdom is so cheap, so impotent, next to the seeming absurdity of God. Human strength can't begin to compete with God's "weakness."

Take a good look, friends, at who you were when you got called into this life. I don't see many of "the brightest and the best" among you, not many influential, not many from high-society families. Isn't it obvious that God deliberately chose men and women that the culture overlooks and exploits and abuses, chose these "nobodies" to expose the hollow pretensions of the "somebodies"? That makes it quite clear that none of you can get by with blowing your own horn before God. Everything that we have—right thinking and right living, a clean slate and a fresh start—comes from God by way of Jesus Christ. That's why we have the saying, "If you're going to blow a horn, blow a trumpet for God."

Matthew 5:1-12 (First Nations Version of the New Testament)

When Creator Sets Free (Jesus) saw this great crowd, he went back up into the mountainside and sat down to teach the people. His followers came to him there, so he took a deep breath, opened his mouth, and began to share his wisdom with them and teach them how to see Creator's good road.

"Creator's blessing rests on the poor, the ones with broken spirits. The good road from above is theirs to walk.

“Creator’s blessing rests on the ones who walk a trail of tears, for he will wipe the tears from their eyes and comfort them.

“Creator’s blessing rests on the ones who walk softly and in a humble manner. The earth, land, and sky will welcome them and always be their home.

“Creator’s blessing rests on the ones who hunger and thirst for wrongs to be made right again. They will eat and drink until they are full.

“Creator’s blessing rests on the ones who are merciful and kind to others. Their kindness will find its way back to them—full circle.

“Creator’s blessing rests on the pure of heart. They are the ones who will see the Great Spirit.

“Creator’s blessing rests on the ones who make peace. It will be said of them, ‘They are the children of the Great Spirit!’

“Creator’s blessing rests on the ones who are hunted down and mistreated for doing what is right, for they are walking the good road from above.

“Others will lie about you, speak against you, and look down on you with scorn and contempt, all because you walk the road with me. This is a sign that Creator’s blessing is resting on you. So let your hearts be glad and jump for joy, for you will be honored in the spirit-world above. You are like the prophets of old, who were treated in the same way by your ancestors.

MESSAGE:

***If God is Not Looking for the Best of the Best- Then Who is God Looking For?
- Pastor David Schoob***

MESSAGE RESPONSE: *Changed for Good (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: God, by the power at work within us, is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine. Receive God’s love and strength, so that your gifts will be multiplied and used in the building of his reign of love. Go in his peace and power to glorify God in all that you do.

ALL: Amen.

THE SENDING SONG: *Boundless Love (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 attendee. Occasional attendee. 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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People's Church

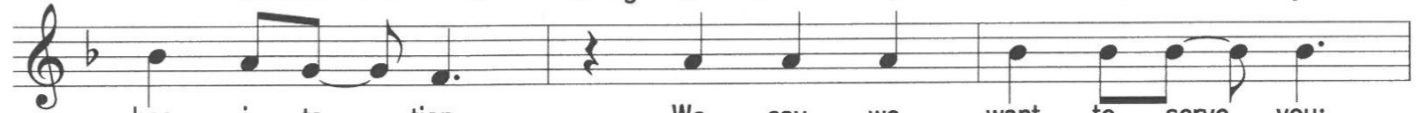
1. Oh it's a worn - out church - with a bro - ken stee
3. You know a liv - ing church can make a Chris - tian ner
- ple;
- vous. it's filled with poor and home - less peo - ple.
It car - ries risk and leads to ser - vice,
Kids in trou - ble and the un - em - ployed - gath - er there
calls us all to get in - volved, to lose our com - fort

Chorus
for and hope and joy. Oh it's a peo - ple's church for
and live God's love.
folks in need. It's a peo - ple's church where the word meets deed.
It's a peo - ple's church for ev' - ry race. At a
1, 3 - Fine 2. *Bridge*
peo - ple's church come and see Je - sus' face. I'm
pray - in' for the poor and the rich to share the blood and
bod - y gifts. I'm pray - in' that in ev - 'ry place there's a
D.S.
peo - ple's church liv - ing out their faith. Oh it's a

Almost



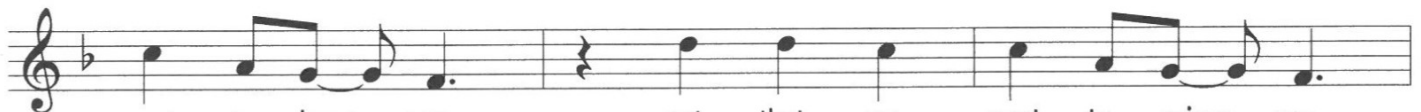
1. Je - sus, we say we love you; we've got some
2. The road lies out be - fore us; some ques - tions
3. There will be chang - es in us, as to your -



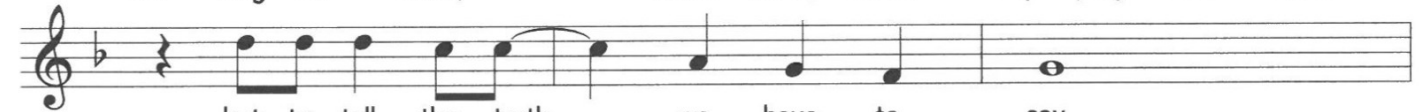
hes - i - ta - tion. We say we want to serve you;
must be spo - ken. Will we be tak - en care of?
self you bind us. There will be man - y trea - sures



we've got some re - ser - va - tions. Not that we
Will be be bruised and bro - ken? Not that we
we'll have to leave be - hind us. Some - times we're



want to leave you, not that we want to grieve you,
are de - fec - ting; we trust in your pro - tect - ing;
run - ning for - ward, Some - times, we're step - ping back - ward



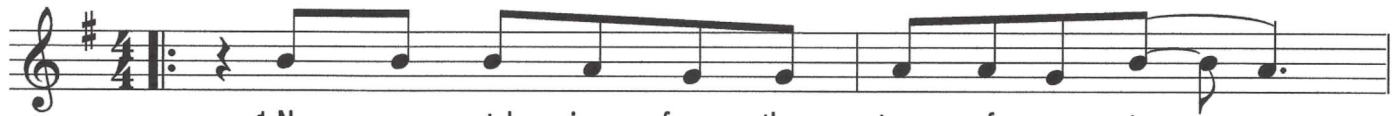
but to tell the truth we have to say,
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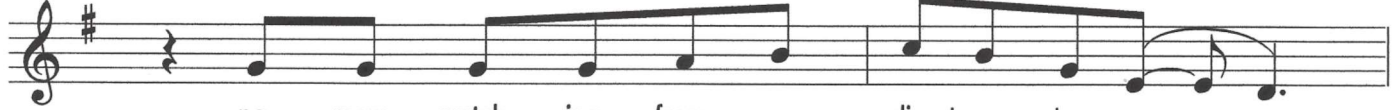
we love you al - most; al - most

1.,2.	3. D.S.
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Changed for Good



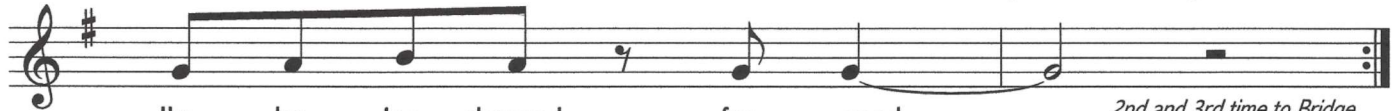
1.No more watch - ing from the top of a tree;
2.Light the lamps and let the par - ty be - gin;
3&4.Time to break the chains that bound me so long.



no more watch - ing from a dis - tance to see;
o - pen doors and let the peo - ple come in.
There's no way that I can right all my wrongs.

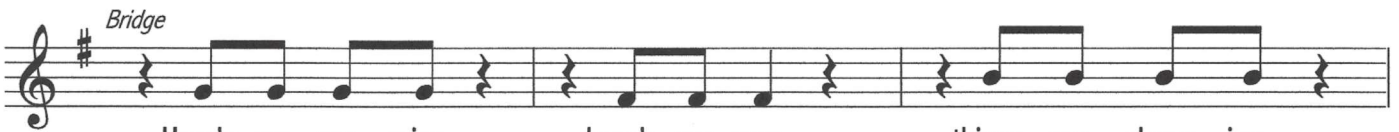


love is here and love is call - ing to me;
I am miles a - way from where I have been.
Here I start and if it takes my life long,



I'm be - ing changed for good.

*2nd and 3rd time to Bridge
Last time to Coda*



Bridge

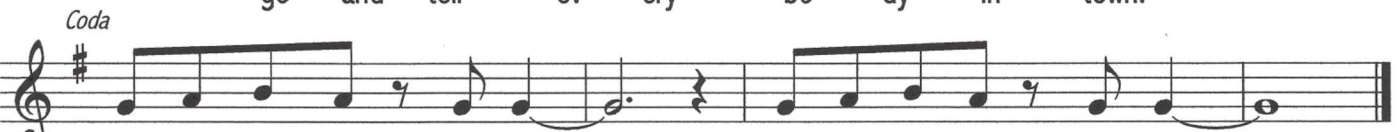
Here's my pro - mise, here's my vow, things are chang - ing,



start - ing now; I was lost, now I'm found,



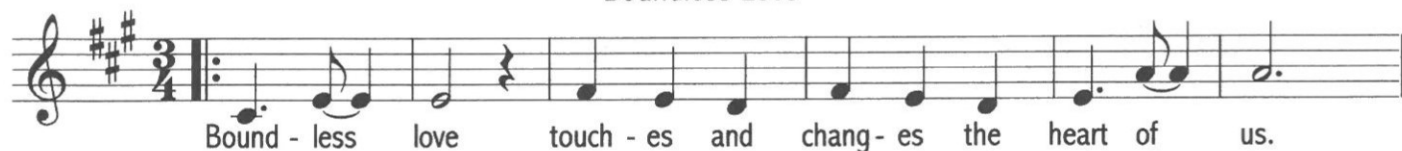
go and tell ev - ery - bo - dy in town. *To Verse 3 and 4*



Coda

I'm be - ing changed for good; mak - ing a change for good.

Boundless Love



Bound - less love touch - es and chang - es the heart of us.



Bound - less love touch - es and chang - es the heart of



us. Oh Spir - it of Je - sus you
We stru - cture in - jus - tice that
Oh Spir - it of life come and



sit at our ta - ble and call us to a rad - i - cal
keeps some from eat - ing, you pre - pare us for a dif - fer - ent
move through the peo - ple con - front - ing the pow - ers of



meal _____ of bound - less love that climbs o - ver
feast _____ of bound - less love that climbs o - ver
death _____ 'cause bound - less love climbs o - ver



bar - riers so noth - ing can keep us a - part.
bar - riers so noth - ing can keep us a - part.
bar - riers so noth - ing can keep us a - part.