



## **PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:**

- ❖ Those who aren't following Jesus aren't his followers. It's that simple. Followers follow, and those who don't follow aren't followers. To follow Jesus means to follow Jesus into a society where justice rules, where love shapes everything. To follow Jesus means to take up his dream and work for it.  
- Scot McKnight (American theologian, historian and author)

### **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: The work of our hands,

**All: Our labor of care.**

One: Our open hand,

**All: Our tender embrace,**

One: Loving God,

**All: By loving the world,**

One: Caring for all people,

**All: Especially the poor, the young, the forgotten.**

One: We serve God not by being right,

**All: But by being loving.**

One: By this they will know we are your disciples.

**All: May our love glorify our Savior.**

**All: Come, Spirit of love. Bind us together as your people, as followers of your commandment to love one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**PRAISE SONG: *It's All About Love* (music at end of bulletin)**

## **OUR CONFESSION:**

**All:** Great God of love, you created us for love, called us to share love and to mirror in our relationships the kindness, care and generosity that you show us.

We confess that we have not always loved you with all our heart, our mind and our strength. We have not loved our neighbors as our Lord, Jesus, commanded us to love. We worry more about whether others love us than about how we might love others. Forgive us, we pray. Clothe us in your love that knows no bounds, so that the light of your love can shatter the prisons of anger, selfishness, hatred and despair that surround us. Let your love so shine through our own that others may see beyond us to you. Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Leader: In the name of Jesus, we are forgiven. Let us share God's love for the world more each day.

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

## **THE READING:**

### **1 Corinthians 3:1-9**

*The Apostle Paul, writing to this young congregation in Corinth of Greece, addresses the favoritism which some are expressing about him and Apollos. He reminds them that they are all part of Christian community and have different roles within it.*

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people but rather as fleshly, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup> I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, <sup>3</sup> for you are still fleshly. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling<sup>[a]</sup> among you, are you not fleshly and behaving according to human inclinations? <sup>4</sup> For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not all too human?

<sup>5</sup> What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup> I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup> So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup> The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and each will receive wages according to their own labor. <sup>9</sup> For we are God's coworkers, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

## **THE GOSPEL:**

### **Matthew 5:21-27**

*This is another part of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount shared with His disciples or followers. He contrasts what they previously heard about how they should behave with what He suggests they now show to others.*

"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder,' and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' <sup>22</sup> But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister,<sup>[a]</sup> you will be liable to judgment, and if you insult<sup>[b]</sup> a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council, and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the

hell<sup>[c]</sup> of fire. <sup>23</sup> So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup> Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court<sup>[d]</sup> with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup> Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

**MESSAGE:**     ***It's More Important to be Loving than "Right"***  
                          *- Pastor Cristy Schoob*

**MESSAGE RESPONSE:**     ***God Says It's Time*** (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.

**C: 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.

**C: Amen.**

**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:**

Leader: Go, in the love of Jesus Christ, the power of the Holy Spirit and the peace of God. Share God's love with the world.

**People: Amen.**

**THE SENDING SONG:**     ***Send Down the Fire*** (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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# *It's All About Love*

The musical score is written on eight staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with line breaks corresponding to the musical phrasing. The final measure of the eighth staff ends with a double bar line.

What does it mean to call my - self a Chris - tian?  
If you ask me why I'm drawn to Je - sus;  
When I feel lost and ev - 'ry - thing's un - cer - tain;

What does it mean to live out my faith?  
if you ask me why I fol - low Christ;  
when I'm not sure what choic - es to make,

I do not think it's a list of dos and don'ts.  
I won't tell you "I'm a - fraid of judg - ment day."  
these sim - ple words always help me find my way.

That's just not deep e - nough. It's all a bout  
That's just not deep e - nough.  
They're al - ways deep e - nough.

love. It's all a - bout love. It's all a - bout love and the kinds of  
things that love does, things like jus - tice and com -  
pas - sion. It's all a - bout love.

# 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 Christ near cares (*giv - ing his (God won't for - sake you.) life for all peo - ple.*)  
God's We here share (*and knows the pains that face you.*)  
(*the love of his that's e - ter - nal.*)  
Now Go we're there (*called to go out in the world.*)  
(*for he has asked us to fol - low.*)  
Teach and heal word and that meet ev - 'ry need, help the  
Spread the word land. Spread the  
lame to sage walk that and the blind al to see.  
mes - sage that - will blind al - ways stand.

*God Says It's Time*

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It's time to cel - e - brate the Love of God, it's  
time for us to get bu - sy. Get bu - sy with the things that mat - ter most like  
jus - tice and com - pas - sion. It's time for us to take ac - tion as we  
lis - ten for the voice of the Ho - ly One 'cause God is still speak - ing, and  
God says it's time, yeah God is still speak - ing, and God says it's  
*Fine*  
time. It's time to put first things first, to set all dis - trac - tions a -  
If God is still speak - ing now, then what is God say - ing to  
side. us? It's time to get down to work, the work of the bo - dy of  
The chan - ces are good some - how the the mes - sage in - volves show - ing  
Christ. love. There's heal - ing and lov - ing and reach - ing out that  
There's jus - tice, and for - give - ness and wel - com - ing that  
God God wants to do, in and through the the lives that we live and the  
God want to do, in in and through the the choi - ces we make and the  
love we give. So let's roll our sleeves up now be - cause it's  
risks we take. So let's live that mes - sage now be - cause it's

# Send Down the Fire

Send down the fire of your jus - tice.

Send down the rains of your love. Come,

send down the Sp;ir - it, breathe life in your peo - ple, and

we shall be peo - ple of God.

1.Call us to be your com - pas - sion.  
 2.Call us to learn of your mer - cy.  
 3.Call us to an - swer op - pres - ion.  
 4.Call us to wit - ness your king - dom.

Teach us the song of your love. Give us  
 Teach us the way of your peace. Give us  
 Teach us the fire of your truth. Give us  
 Give us the pres - ence of Christ. May your

hearts that sing. Give us deeds that ring. Make us  
 hearts that feel. Give us hands that heal. Make us  
 right - eous soul, 'til your jus - tice rolls. Make us  
 ho - ly light keep us shin - ing bright, ev - er

ring with the song of your love.  
 walk in the way of your peace. (Chorus)  
 shine with the fire of your truth.  
 shine with the pres - ence of Christ. (Chorus)