



### **MEDITATION PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:**

The shadow of the cross is upon us. Come to us, O God, in this shadow so that we might find solace, even as we participate in the crucifixions of the daily world. Be present, still our hearts and let us find our peace in you. Amen.

### **PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:**

- ❖ *We do not have to escape our pains; we can mobilize them into a common search for life.*  
-Henri Nouwen (Theologian and Pastor)
- ❖ *The best rose bush, after all, is not that which has the fewest thorns, but that which bears the finest roses.*  
-Emily Dickinson (Poet)
- ❖ *When one person dies, one chapter is not torn out of the book, but translated into a better language; every chapter must be translated.*  
- John Donne (Philosopher and Poet)

### **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: Come to this holy space and time in humility.

**Many: We come with heads bowed and hearts open.**

One: Center mind and heart on the journey of Jesus.

**Many: We take on the mind of Christ Jesus.**

One: Still the voices that make noise in the head.

**Many: We turn our attention to you, O Christ.**

**All: We worship with awe the one who takes us to Jerusalem.**

**PRAISE SONG: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand***

### **THE CONFESSION:**

**Merciful Savior, forgive us our sins. We confess that we do not hold you close in our daily lives. We confess that we separate our decisions from your will. We confess our fear of death and the ugliness of the world leads us to avoid the way of the cross. We confess that we prefer to be admired rather than faithful. Forgive us we pray. Realign our wills with your hopes for us. Amen.**



# 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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*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

1. Pre - cious the Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me  
 2. When the the Lord, way grows my hand, drear, pre - cious the on, Lord, let me  
 3. When the the dark - ness ap - pears and the night lin - ger  
 draws  
 stand. I am tired. I am weak. I am worn.  
 near, when my life is is am most and gone.  
 near, and the day is past and gone,  
 Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the  
 hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I  
 at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my  
 light. Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.  
 fall.  
 hand.

*Break Our Hearts Again*

1. We pile up like dry bones, like or - phans gath - er - ing. In  
 (2. Our) moun-tains are crumb-ling like sand in - to the sea. Our  
 bur - den, we're bro - ken, our de - fens - es frac - tur - ing. So  
 riv - ers run dri - er than the rocks be - neath our feet. So  
 break\_\_ our hearts a - gain. Stretch us 'til we bend.  
 Breathe new life on these tired bones and make\_\_us new a - gain. 1. 2. Our  
 gain We lay our ar - mor down.\_\_ We lay our ar - mor down.\_\_ We  
 lay our ar - mor down.\_\_ We lay our ar - mor down. We  
 Sing 3X, then Fine

Remembering the Promise

We are re - mem - ber - ing the prom - ise of God's love.

Oh, we are re - mem - ber - ing the Sav

- ior's dy - ing love. Oh, we are re -

mem - ber - ing the prom - ise of God's love and we know

that we will nev - er be a - lone. *Fine*

Through the years and through the won - der,  
Through the fear and through the si - lence,  
Through the word and through the wa - ter,

we will nev - er be a - lone. Through the tears and through  
we will nev - er be a - lone. Through the life and through  
we will nev - er be a - lone. Through the cross and the ris

the laugh - ter, God is there with us.  
the dy - ing, God is here with us.  
- en Sav - ior. God is here with us.

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the dy - ing, God is here with us.  
- en Sav - ior. God is here with us.

*I Will Trust in You*



1. When I can't see You, I  
2. And when the dark - ness is



know You're here; When I can't feel You, I  
clos - ing in, And I am run - ning a -



will not fear; I will trust in You and I  
gainst the wind; I will trust in You and I



will not be a - fraid. And when the  
will not be a - fraid. 'Cause when I'm



bat - tle is close at hand I know You're  
stand - ing up - on that shore and all the



with me to help me stand; I will  
bat - tles have gone be - fore, I will



trust in You and I will not be a - fraid  
trust in You and I will not be a - fraid.



I will not be a - fraid. I will not be a -



fraid. I will trust in You, I will trust in You.