

## PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:

- ❖ I can resist everything except temptation. - Oscar Wilde
- ❖ “The greatest temptations are not those that solicit our consent to obvious sin, but those that offer us great evils masking as the greatest goods.”  
- Thomas Merton, No Man Is an Island

### LENTEN CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: O Christ, as you head to Jerusalem, you lead us from the culture of selfishness into the kingdom of service; from our focus on fulfillment into acts of radical obedience; from a desire for esteem and honor into a life of self-denial.

**All: Save us, Lord Jesus.**

One: O Christ, Bearer of Mercy, you set down your glory to pick up the pieces of our broken lives and restore us as God's children.

**All: Save us, Brother Jesus.**

One: O Christ, Fullness of Grace, you emptied yourself so we might be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Save us, Bread of the World.**

One: O Christ, Breaker of Crafty Death, you are our hope in every moment, you are the promise of God's presence, you are the One who calls us to worship.

**All: Save us, Word of God.**

One: Jesus Christ, Lamb of God,

**All: have mercy on us.**

One: Lamb of God, who takes away all sin,

**All: fill us with your hope.**

One: Jesus Christ, Gift of Grace,

**All: grant us your peace.**

**PRAISE SONG: *I Come to the Cross* (music at end of bulletin)**

## **OUR CONFESSION:**

### **Call To Reconciliation**

One: Like children, God sets boundaries for us that will lead us into goodness. Like children, we are stubborn enough to try to live our own way. We become easy prey for the evil one. But Jesus, who trusted and believed in God, helps us to find the will and strength to resist, and to experience the mercy of God. Together, let us confess our sins, that God would fill us with grace and hope.

### **Unison Prayer Of Confession**

**All: We confess, Eden's God, that Lent can make us very uncomfortable. We live in a culture that invites us to worship success, and you call us to sacrifice. We desire power, and you invite us to penitence and denial. We dwell in a "feel-good" society, and you ask us to become aware of the sufferings of all your children, of the brokenness of our siblings.**

*The God of Second Chances, v. 1 (music at end of bulletin)*

**By your mercy, restore us, God of Hope. As we walk toward Jerusalem with Jesus, may we walk toward your truth. As we hear the hard words of sacrifice, may we hear the Spirit helping us to say, "No," to all that would distract us from discipleship. As we witness the suffering of our Lord, may we speak Christ's good news to all who are without hope and life in our world.**

*The God of Second Chances, v. 4 (music at end of bulletin)*

## **THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

One: Left on our own, we would let our sins and our rebellion control our lives, but we have been given the gift of Jesus Christ.

**All: This is good news: The gift is freely given. The gift brings us grace. The gift brings us forgiveness. The gift brings us new life and peace with God and with one another. Thanks be to God for such a gift. Amen.**

*The God of Second Chances, v. 6 (music at end of bulletin)*

## **THE GOSPEL:**

### **Matthew 4:1-11**

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. <sup>2</sup> He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup> But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’  
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, <sup>9</sup> and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’ ”

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

**MESSAGE:**    “*Cross Purposes*”    *Pastor Cristy Schoob*

**MESSAGE RESPONSE:**    *When We Are Tested (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:**

Leader: May the hand of God hold you in your weakness,  
May the arms of God comfort you in your failures,  
May the power of God lift you up and set you free,  
And may you live as children set free by God’s love.

**All:    Amen.**



**THE SENDING SONG:** *Hallelujah, We're Not Alone* (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.**

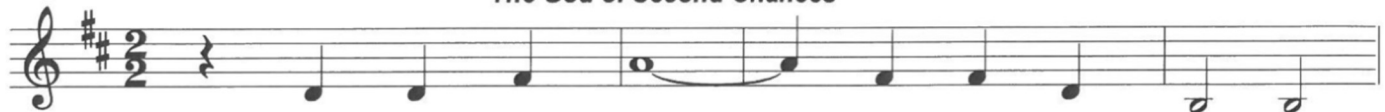
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*I Come to the Cross*

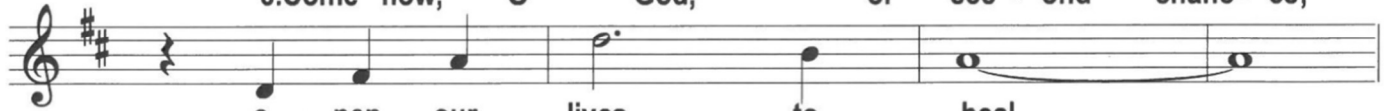
The image shows a musical score for the hymn "I Come to the Cross". It consists of nine staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score begins with a repeat sign and a first ending bracket. The lyrics are: "I come to the cross seek-ing mer - cy and grace. I come to the cross where You died in my place. Out of my weak - ness and in - to Your strength, Je - sus, I come to the cross. Your arms are o - pen, You call me by name, You wel - come this child that was lost. You paid the price for my guilt and my shame. Je - sus, I come, Je - sus, I come, Je - sus, I come to the cross." The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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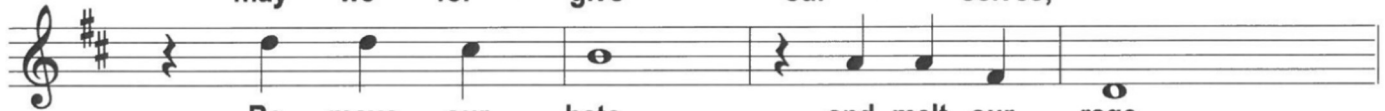
*The God of Second Chances*



1. Come now, O God of sec - ond chanc - es;  
4. Come now, O God, shake our re - sent - ment;  
6. Come now, O God, of sec - ond chanc - es;



o - pen our lives to heal.  
o - pen our way to choose  
may we for - give our - selves;



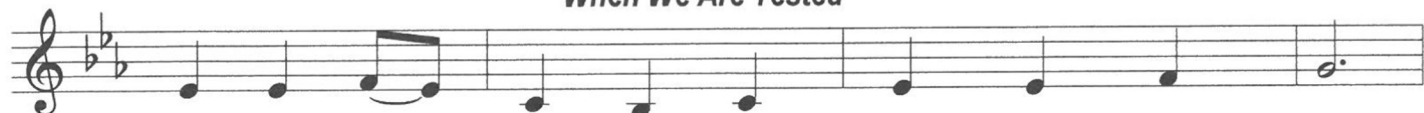
Re - move our hate, and melt our rage.  
the way of love o - ver re - venge.  
may we be - come your liv - ing sign:



Save us from our - selves.  
Show us a new way,  
Chil - dren of God's love.



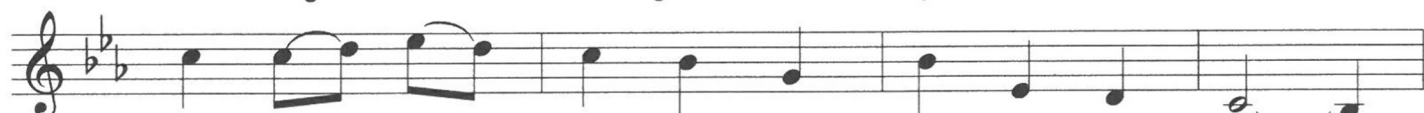
## When We Are Tested



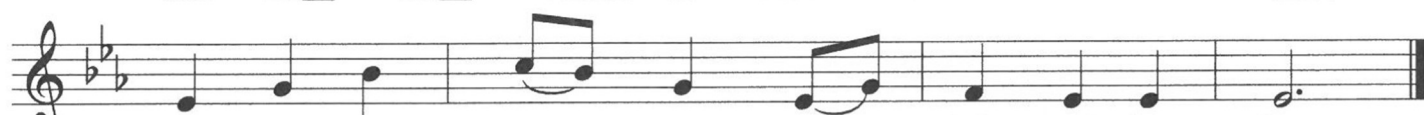
1. When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,  
2. When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,  
3. When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,  
4. When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,  
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,  
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,  
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God by your word and your way,  
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,  
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,  
Sav - ior sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.  
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.  
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.  
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

Hallelujah We're Not Alone

Hal - le - lu - jah we're not a - lone. Your love will lead us home *Fine*  
and o - pen hearts, which chang - es ev - 'ry - thing  
Come all you thirst - y, de - sert - worn; wa - ter's here for you.  
Take off your shoes, we're stand - ing on fer - tile, ho - ly ground.  
In this wide world of dif - f'renc - es - gen - der, creed and race,  
It does - n't mat - ter where you've been or  
Our will God we move down Em - ma - us road where and  
what jus - tice a - bounds. God's grace is mov - ing  
miss Je - sus' face? The great "I AM" is  
Now hope is walk - ing  
ev - 'ry - where and the rolls with - out end. It's an  
stir - ring in side, raised from the flame. Mos - es  
by our side, raised from the dead. In com -  
o - ver - flow - ing well of love, you'll nev - er thirst a - gain.  
felt the fire of free - dom burn. Does your heart feel the same?  
mu - ni - ty, Christ is a - live when we are break - ing bread.

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