



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MEDITATION PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

You are great in every way, O God, and greatly to be praised. Your mighty power is unfathomable for mere humans to understand. Even so, we know that you are present at all times and in all places and that you are present in our lives. We dare to ask for whatever power we may need to live the best lives that may glorify you. Help our lives to be transparent to so that the world might see you in all we do. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:

- ❖ *Our changed lives might be the only gospel some people will ever read.*
- Elaine Roulet (Roman Catholic sister and member of the Prison Reform Movement)
- ❖ *God needs to be glorified in our daily walk so that other people can see his light through us.*
- Germany Kent (American print and broadcast journalist, television personality, former beauty queen, actor, businesswoman, producer, philanthropist and author)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: It is God who draws us here.

All: A yearning to praise

One: That which is bigger than us.

All: A desire to give thanks

One: For the bountiful gifts of life.

All: It is God who draws us here

One: For comfort in a bruising world,

All: To challenge our half-hearted efforts.

One: It is God who comes to us with new life

All: So that in our lives others might see the power of the risen Christ.

PRAISE SONG: *Children of God (music at end of bulletin)*

THE CONFESSION:

Almighty God, you are holy. We confess that, in the light of your purity, we see our own impurities. We truly have fallen short of the expectations you have of us. Forgive us. In the name of Christ who died to reconcile us to you, please come to our aid. Lead us from the paths of disaster, and direct us toward holiness. Teach us to pray as the saints have prayed. Teach us to love as the godly have loved. And teach us to serve without counting the cost as your true servants have done throughout time. Most of all, grant us the courage to dare to be Christians in reality rather than in pretense, however difficult it may be, so that the world might know your love. In Christ's name. Amen.

CONFESSION RESPONSE: *God, Are You Tired? (music at end of bulletin)*

THE LESSON:

Acts 7:55-60

The New Testament book, Acts of the Apostles, tells how the new community of believers in Jesus developed. Here is the end of the story about the first Christian martyr, Stephen. It includes his closing words, the mob's reaction, his stoning, and the quiet assent of onlooker Saul. Later he was converted, renamed Paul, becoming a great missionary of Jesus which resulted in much growth within the early Christian church.

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

THE GOSPEL:

John 14:1-14

As John tells the story of Jesus' life, this is part of Jesus' words to His disciples before His arrest, trial, crucifixion, and death. He gives them words of comfort telling them He is the way to the Father and if they have seen Him they have also seen the Father who will empower them to do even greater works than He had done.

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not

believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

MESSAGE: *Looking Through a Window*

Pastor David Schoob

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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: May the fullness of his grace remain with you through the challenges of this week. May you pass on the grace you have received to those around you as you work and serve and rest. **Amen.**

**THE SENDING SONG: *Something Beautiful for God*
*(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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Children of God

Chil-dren of God, let's love one an - oth - er. Love is a gift, a bless
- ing of God. Love one an - oth - er, sis - ters and bro - thers.

1. -3.
Love is a gift of God.

4.
Love is a gift; love is a gift; love is a gift of God.

1. Let love be more than what we say.
2. Now per - fect love re - moves all fear.
3. Let us bear wit - ness to the Light,

Make it the way that we live each day. Oh, Oh,
By this we know God is al - ways near. Oh, Oh,
liv - ing in love, do - ing what is right. Oh, Oh,

God Are You Tired



1. Oh God, are you tired of our emp- ty days, our
2. Oh God, are you tired of our bombs and guns, the
3. Oh God, are you tired of our end- less greed, our



cal- loused hearts, our bro- ken ways? How long till we wake up and
rea- sons we give to kill some- one? How long till we stand up and
mind- less chase of lux- u - ry? How long till we cry out that



heed your call? How long till we see that we don't know it all? May we
stop this race? How long till we see you in ev- er - y face?
some- thing's wrong? How long till our praise - is more than a song?



lose our - selves for you. May we lose our - selves for you. For the



least and the lost, may we take up our cross and hum- bly fol- low you.

If I Believe in Jesus

The musical score is written on ten staves in treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are in a simple, conversational style, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

If I be - lieve in Je - sus do I
need to fol - low Him? If I be - lieve in Je - sus
do I need to fol - low Him? 'Cause
if I'm gon - na fol - low Him, some things are bound to change. *Fine*
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 - er
time to help a wound - ed stran - ger
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. If
but I'm hav - ing some trou - ble with lov - ing my en - e - mies. If
but I'm hav - ing some trou - ble con - front - ing the powers that be. If

Something Beautiful for God

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1. Know this one thing a - bove all else.
 2. Ev' - ry one who we meet to - day
 3. Je - sus will vis - it us to - day

We are loved, loved by God. Let this be how we
 is God's child, God's own child. May our lives help them
 in dis - guise, in dis - guise. Poor and weak, Christ will

see our - selves, as peo - ple loved, loved by God. And
 hear God say, "You are my child, God's own child." A
 come our way, - Je - sus Christ in dis - guise. The

once we know the love of Christ; feel God's heal - ing
 smile can ra - di - ate God's love. Let them see the
 lone - ly poor, the vic - tim - ized, love for them is

in our lives, lov - ing our ser - vice is
 Christ love for us. Let our lives be the
 Love is wa - ter to

how we give our love back to God. To -
 cheer - ful - ness of of God in this world! To -
 quench the thirst of Christ on the cross. To -

day let us do some - thing beau - ti - ful for God! Do some - thing small, but
 do it with great love. Do what we can, where we are
 with what we've got. To - day, let us do some - thing

beau - ti - ful for God. God! To -

beau - ti - ful for God, to - day let us do some - thing beau - ti - ful for God, to -

day let us do some - thing beau - ti - ful for God!

1., 2. 3. D.S. al Coda

Coda

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