



AUGUST 5-6, 2023

10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING PRAYER:

Begin this Sunday's worship with a time of silence. Our lives are far noisier than wind, fire, or earthquake. In a great paradox, God speaks to us in sheer silence. Use this chance to listen as you pray.

Wellspring of eternal life, we come to you this day having drunk deeply the waters of anxiety and despair. Bring to us your living water. Quench our thirsting souls, for we offer this prayer in Your Name. Amen.

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:

- ❖ During my second year of nursing school our professor gave us a quiz. I breezed through the questions until I read the last one: "What is the first name of the woman who cleans the school?" Surely this was a joke. I had seen the cleaning woman several times, but how would I know her name? I handed in my paper, leaving the last question blank. Before the class ended, one student asked if the last question would count toward our grade. "Absolutely," the professor said. "In your careers, you will meet many people. All are significant. They deserve your attention and care, even if all you do is smile and say hello." I've never forgotten that lesson. I also learned her name was Dorothy.

- JoAnn C. Jones, *Guideposts*, January 1996

- ❖ If someone were to pay you ten cents for every kind word you said about people and collect five cents for every unkind word, would you be rich or poor?

- Author unknown, quoted by Jacob M. Braude

- ❖ Kindness is just love with its workboots on.

- Author unknown

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.

PRAISE SONG: "All Are Welcome" (music at end of bulletin)

CONFESSION:

All: Holy God, when Jesus knew he was about to be crucified, he left his disciples with one command: Love one another as I have loved you. How simple it seems, and yet how hard it is to do what he asked. Instead of love, our hearts harbor self-righteousness, resentment, self-sufficiency and envy. We wish to be better than others rather than one with them. You know our hearts, and you know the many ways we violate your command to love. Forgive us for how often and how far we fall short. Teach us what love truly is so that by your grace, we may show ourselves to be the disciples we want to be. Amen.

THE CONFESSION RESPONSE: "Hearts Full of Gratitude"
(music at end of bulletin)

THE READING

Hebrews 13:1-3

¹⁻³ Stay on good terms with each other, held together by love. Be ready with a meal or a bed when it's needed. Why, some have extended hospitality to angels without ever knowing it! Regard prisoners as if you were in prison with them. Look on victims of abuse as if what happened to them had happened to you.

THE GOSPEL:**Mark 12:28-34**

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

MESSAGE: "Places Everyone"**- Pastor Cristy Schoob****MESSAGE RESPONSE: "Build A Longer Table" (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, and 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: "All My Relatives" (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.*

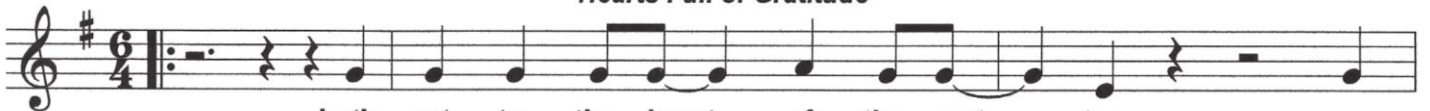


All Are Welcome

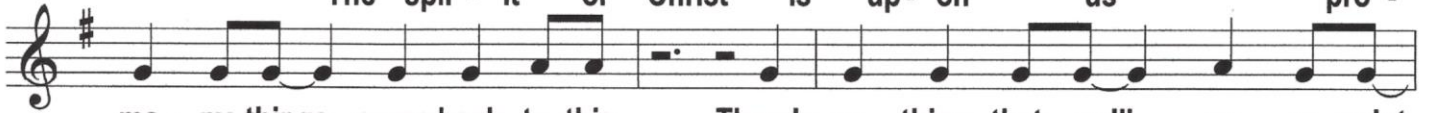
The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'All Are Welcome'. It consists of seven staves of music in a treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line of lyrics is 'All are wel - come friend and stran - ger at the ban - quet'. The second line is 'of the Sav - ior All are wel - come All are wel - come here.'. The third line has three verses: '1.From the wo - man who comes cry - ing', '2.From the ones - man who feel for - got - ten', and '3.Go in - to the the streets and cit - ies'. The fourth line continues with 'leav - ing those who the tears sense at their Je - sus' feet', 'to the the farms and place - is gone', and 'to the the farms and place - is gone'. The fifth line has 'To the man who knows the right way', 'To the man who who live in hun - ger', and 'Tell a - bout the the sple - did ta - ble'. The sixth line is 'but here can you - not be - see', 'God's mer - cy - long - cy.'. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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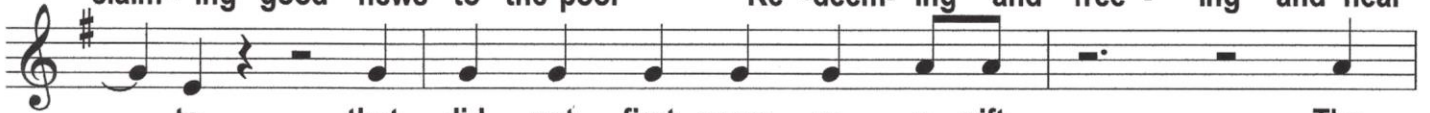
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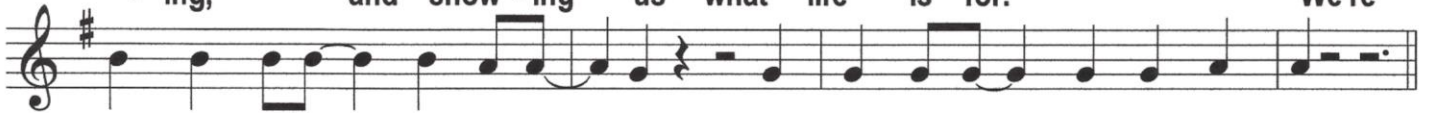
Let's get to the heart of the mat - ter so
It's one thing to know a - bout Je - sus, a -
The spir - it of Christ is up - on us pro -



ma - ny things come back to this There's no - thing that we'll ev - er point
no - ther to feel Christ with - in Some say that there's no great - er dis -
claim - ing good news to the poor Re - deem - ing and free - ing and heal



to that did not first come as a gift. The
- tance than that which so oft - en ex - ists be -
- ing, and show - ing us what life is for. We're



gift to wake up in the morn - ing the strength to rise up from our beds.
tween just be - liev - ing in our minds and know - ing God's love in our hearts.
here to have hearts that are burn - ing to share all the gifts we've re - ceived.



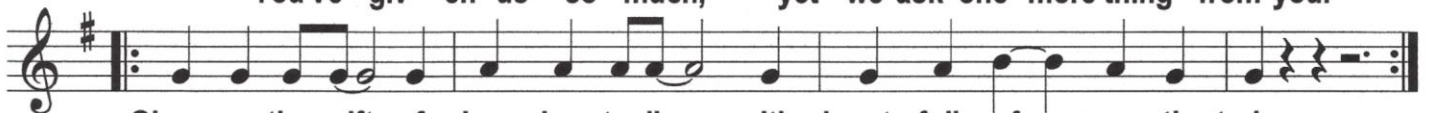
You've giv - en us so much, yet we ask one more thing from you.



Give us the gift of choos - ing to live with hearts full of gra - ti - tude. 1.-3.

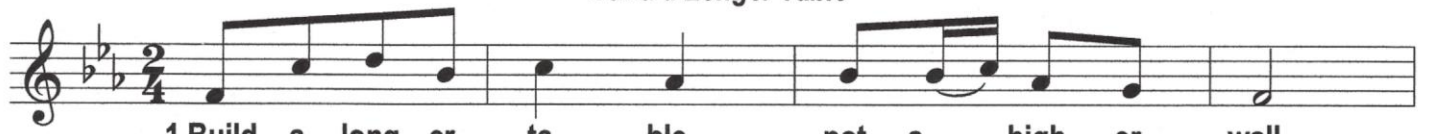


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Build a Longer Table



1. Build a long-er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2. Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3. Build a broad er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4. When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

All My Relatives

1. List - en my sis - ter, list - en my broth - er,
2. Where there is hurt - ing, we share the hurt - ing.
3. Where there is suff' - ring, we share the suff' - ring.

so man - y fea - tures, so man - y col - ors;
Where there is jus - tice, we share the jus - tice.
Where there is prais - ing, we share the prais - ing.

I have not loved you like I should love you
Where there is mer - cy we share the mer - cy
Where there is free - dom, we share the free - dom

if I be - lieve that God is _____ love. Ev' - ry face,
if we be - lieve that God is _____ love.
if we be - lieve that God is _____ love.

all my rel - a - tives. Ev' - ry race, all my rel - a - tives.
Ev' - ry place, all my rel - a - tives. Hear cre - a - tion
sing, one with ev' - ry - thing__.

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