



OCTOBER 14-15, 2023

20TH 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.

Lord God, you lovingly spoke all creation into existence. You shaped each one of us within our mother's womb. As we gather to worship you today, fill our hearts with wonder and our mouths with praise at the wildly wonderful world you have made. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:

- ❖ "I love to think of nature as an unlimited broadcasting station, through which God speaks to us every hour, if we will only tune in." ~ George Washington Carver
- ❖ "While I know myself as a creation of God, I am also obligated to realize and remember that everyone else and everything else are also God's creation." ~ Maya Angelou
- ❖ "The future of our fragile, beautiful planet home is in our hands. As God's family, we are stewards of God's creation. We can be wantonly irresponsible, or we can be caring and compassionate. God says, 'I have set before you life and death... Choose life.'" ~ Desmond Tutu

SEEING JESUS AROUND US

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: All creation is the dwelling place of God's Spirit,

All: As we worship our Creator, the creation worships too.

One: As we gather here, let us bring with us the sights and sounds, the scents and taste and feel of God's world.

**All: Let us worship the Lord with all our senses,
Let us worship the Lord with the company of creation.**

PRAISE SONG: "Let This Be the Time" (music at end of bulletin)

CONFESSION

One: We are made in God's image to live in loving communion with our Maker. We are appointed earth keepers and caretakers to tend the earth, enjoy it, and to love our neighbors. God uses our skills for the unfolding and well-being of God's world so that creation and all who live in it may flourish. Yet often we neglect our task. Remembering who we are called to be leads us to confess our sinfulness and to yearn for God's forgiveness.

ALL: God our Creator, we are sorry. We have mistreated your beautiful world. We have plundered and polluted so much of Your amazing creation. We have carelessly used and abused many species leading to their extinction. Our choices have disrupted carefully constructed systems of atmosphere and climate.

We have exploited the poor and the vulnerable. We have ignored our crucial connection to the world and to one another. We have loved progress, comfort and profit more than Your creation.

We are sorry. We are sorry.

One: God hears our confession and forgives our sins against creation. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." -John 3:16, NIV

***THE CONFESSION RESPONSE: "Have You Thanked the Lord" vs. 1 & 2
(music at end of bulletin)***

THE READING: Romans 1:19-20

For what can be known about God is plain to them because God has made it plain to them. ²⁰ Ever since the creation of the world God's eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been seen and understood through the things God has made. So they are without excuse.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 6:25-30

"Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life^[a]?

"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?

MESSAGE: *“Where is God? Look around!”*

- Pastor Cristy Schoob

MESSAGE RESPONSE: *“Ever Loving God” (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, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT:

Leader: The power of God, displayed in creation, Fill you with grace to serve God in God’s world; The peace of God, breathing in every living thing, Enable you to spread God’s peace wherever you go; The love of God, which fills the universe, Flow through you that you might reflect God’s image, And the blessing of God almighty, The Creator, the Savior and the Holy Spirit, Be within you, among you, and remain with you always.

People: **Amen.**

THE SENDING SONG: *“How Great Thou Art” (music at end of bulletin)*

THE DISMISSAL:

Leader: Go into God’s world in peace to love and 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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Let This Be the Time

Verse 1:

L: When the song of your people rings out from each steeple, (C: *let this be the time.*)

L: When our praise and devotion set lives into motion, (C: *let this be the time.*)

L: When the heart of our labor promotes love of neighbor, (C: *let this be the time.*)

L: When the care for each nation brings peace to creation, (C: *let this be the time.*) **CHORUS**

Verse 2:

L: When we see in each face those we need to embrace, (C: *let this be the time.*)

L: When we turn and forgive those the world won't let live, (C: *let this be the time.*)

L: When our care for creation becomes our vocation, (C: *let this be the time.*)

L: When our deeds and good actions become our true passion, (C: *let this be the time.*) **CHORUS**

Verse 3:

L: When the voice of the Spirit transforms all who hear it, (C: *let this be the time.*)

L: When we turn from obsession and needless possessions, (C: *let this be the time.*)

L: When we give recognition to the one, true physician, the healer who bears all our pain,
when we stop and remember that you are our God, (C: *let this be the time.*) **CHORUS**

CHORUS

Come and tear down the old ways and build up the new
be the God of our promise; all hope rests in
you. With the fire of your Spirit, blaze a kingdom of
truth. Prepare us for action, let nothing dis-
tract us from you! Let this be the time!

The musical notation consists of five staves of music in a single system. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing. The chorus ends with a double bar line.

Have You Thanked the Lord? v. 1 & 2

Have you thanked the Lord? Have you praised God's name?
Don't you know that no to-mor-row is quite the same?
Have you thanked the Lord? Have you knelt in prayer
and re-joiced that rain or sun-shine, our God is there?
Hal - le - lu - jah! Thank the Lord for sun, sand, and sea,
Hal - le - lu - jah! Par - a - dise we taste where we are;
ev' - ry star at night that shines for you and
sum - mer breez - es, win - ter warmth are nev - er
me. Bless - ings so man - y come our way:
far. God's love is ev - er on dis - play:
have you thanked the Lord to - day?
have you thanked the Lord to - day?

Ever Loving God

Ev - er lov - ing God, how splen - did is your name. Ev - er lov - ing
God, how splen - did is your name in all the earth. *Fine*

Awed by the work of your hands, the
Each per - son fash - ioned with care, the
How will we walk in this world? Will

moon and the stars in their place.
made in the the im - age of love.
we have the the vi - sion to see

Oh, who are we that you would care for us?
All of the earth, the land, the sea, the air
your sa - cred touch through - out the u - ni - verse?

Each of us is held in your grace.
points to your great son good - ness, O God.
Ev' - ry per - son filled with dig - ni - ty.

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der con - sid - er
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me

all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun-tain
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad - o -

thun - der, thy pow'r through-out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
 gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
 ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain
 Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou

art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to

thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!