

# **MEDITATION PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:**

Loving God, give us open hearts, as open and eager as a toddler's first steps. Give us open ears, that we may hear your words fresh and wild, comforting and challenging us. Give us open hands, ready to receive a blessing and willing to offer gentle care. Loving God, show us the depths of your grace in each precious moment and help us live our lives to the full now. Help us glorify you in all we do. Amen.

# PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

# TRINITY WELCOME

# THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:

 "This is the day the Lord has made! Do something on it before it begins to fade! Do something you have said! Do it before it's time for bed!"

– Israelmore Ayivor (author), from Daily Drive 365

 Most people would prefer to wait, wait, and wait until the perfect time has come for them to act. There is no such thing as the perfect time.

— Farshad Asl (motivational speaker)

# CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come.

## All: Stand up, a new day is dawning,

One: Now is the moment to live as God's people,

# All: Now is the time to follow our Lord.

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come.

# All: God is with us here and now.

One: On every path we take,

## All: No matter where we go.

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come,

## All: Now is the time to turn around.

One: Let Christ make us new.

## All: Now is the time.

**PRAISE SONG:** "Don't Wait" (music at end of bulletin)

#### THE CONFESSION:

All: Loving Jesus, compassionate friend and gentle guide, you call us in all the seasons of life. In darkness and in light, in joy and in sorrow, you beckon us to follow you. Yet we hold back. We question how we know your voice, we make excuses of things we have to do or skills we lack. We look for the grand task, and you give us the common work of loving and caring for those near at hand. We look for recognition, and you want others to see you more.

Loving Jesus, gentle friend and compassionate teacher, take us by the hand and lead us into your future, assured of your presence and encouragement. Amen.

#### CONFESSION RESPONSELE: "This Be the Time" (verses 1 and 2) (music at end of bulletin)

#### THE LESSONS:

#### Jonah 3:1-5, 10

This story from an Old Testament messenger for God, Jonah, may be considered by some as not very caring from God. However, Jonah's message produces the hoped for result among the people of Nineveh and they then experience God's mercy.

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed God's mind about the calamity that God had said God would bring upon them; and God did not do it.

#### 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31

Writing to this young Christian community in Corinth, Greece, the Apostle Paul suggested life is not permanent and that they should adjust their life accordingly.

I mean, my siblings, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

## THE GOSPEL:

## Mark 1:14-20

As Mark tells the story of Jesus' life, he very early includes a story of the call of four of His twelve disciples to change their life and become learners and followers of Him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

#### **MESSAGE:**

## **Reverend Marilyn Miller**

THE MESSAGE RESPONSE: "God Says It's Time" (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:

One: Where is Jesus? He is in us and among us - our risen and reigning Lord. Let us follow him always, in all our words and deeds. **Amen.** 

#### THE SENDING SONG: "Go Now"

#### THE DISMISSAL:

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.** 

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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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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





