



### ***MEDITATION PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:***

O God who is revealed in the love of Jesus: Grant us the wisdom to realize that nothing is more important than our being faithful to you and to the commonwealth of love you are calling into being; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### ***PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS***

#### ***TRINITY WELCOME***

#### ***THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:***

- ❖ *“Sometimes the urge to be right can be very wrong for a relationship.”*  
- Charles F Glassman (Doctor of Internal Medicine)
- ❖ *“The mature response to the problem of existence is love.”* - Erich Fromm  
(Psychiatrist), *The Art of Loving*
- ❖ *Intense love does not measure, it just gives.* - Mother Teresa

#### ***CALL TO WORSHIP:***

Leader: Beloved, let us love one another,

**People: because love is from God.**

Leader: Whoever does not love does not know God,

**People: for God is love.**

Leader: God is love and those who abide in love abide in God,

**People: and God abides in them.**

--based on 1 John 4:7, 16b

***PRAISE SONG: “Let the Walls Fall Down” (music at end of bulletin)***

#### ***THE CONFESSION:***

**All: Loving God, we confess that we have not always loved you with all our heart, our mind and our strength. We have not loved our neighbors as your Son, Jesus, commanded us to love. We worry more about being right, one upping one another rather than about how we might love one another. Forgive us, we pray. Clothe us in your love that knows no bounds, that we may follow the**

**commandment of Jesus to love one another. Then the entire world will know us as your followers, people of love. Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Leader: In the name of Jesus, we are forgiven. Let be loving for only then can we be righteous.

**CONFESSION RESPONSE: “Healer” (music at end of bulletin)**

**THE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

*In much of this first book to the new Christian community in Corinth, Greece, the Apostle Paul is addressing issues of controversy among them. Here it is the practice of buying and eating food which had been offered to idols in Corinthian temples built in honor of certain Greek gods and goddesses. Because some in this young group of believers were confused about whether this was proper, Paul provides some interesting advice.*

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that ‘all of us possess knowledge.’ Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that ‘no idol in the world really exists’, and that ‘there is no God but one.’ Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ‘Food will not bring us close to God.’ We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling-block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

**THE GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28**

*This is a continuation of Mark's story about Jesus which we heard last week. After calling some of His disciples, part of last week's story, Jesus now shows what some of His ministry will include, namely healings. Everyone is amazed by what He does and can't help then but to tell others.*

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, ‘What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.’ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, ‘Be silent, and come out of him!’ And the unclean spirit, throwing him into

convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, ‘What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.’ At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

**MESSAGE:** *“When Being Right Ain’t Right”* - Pastor David Schoob

**THE MESSAGE RESPONSE:** *“God of the Movements and Martyrs” vs. 2 & 3*  
*(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:**

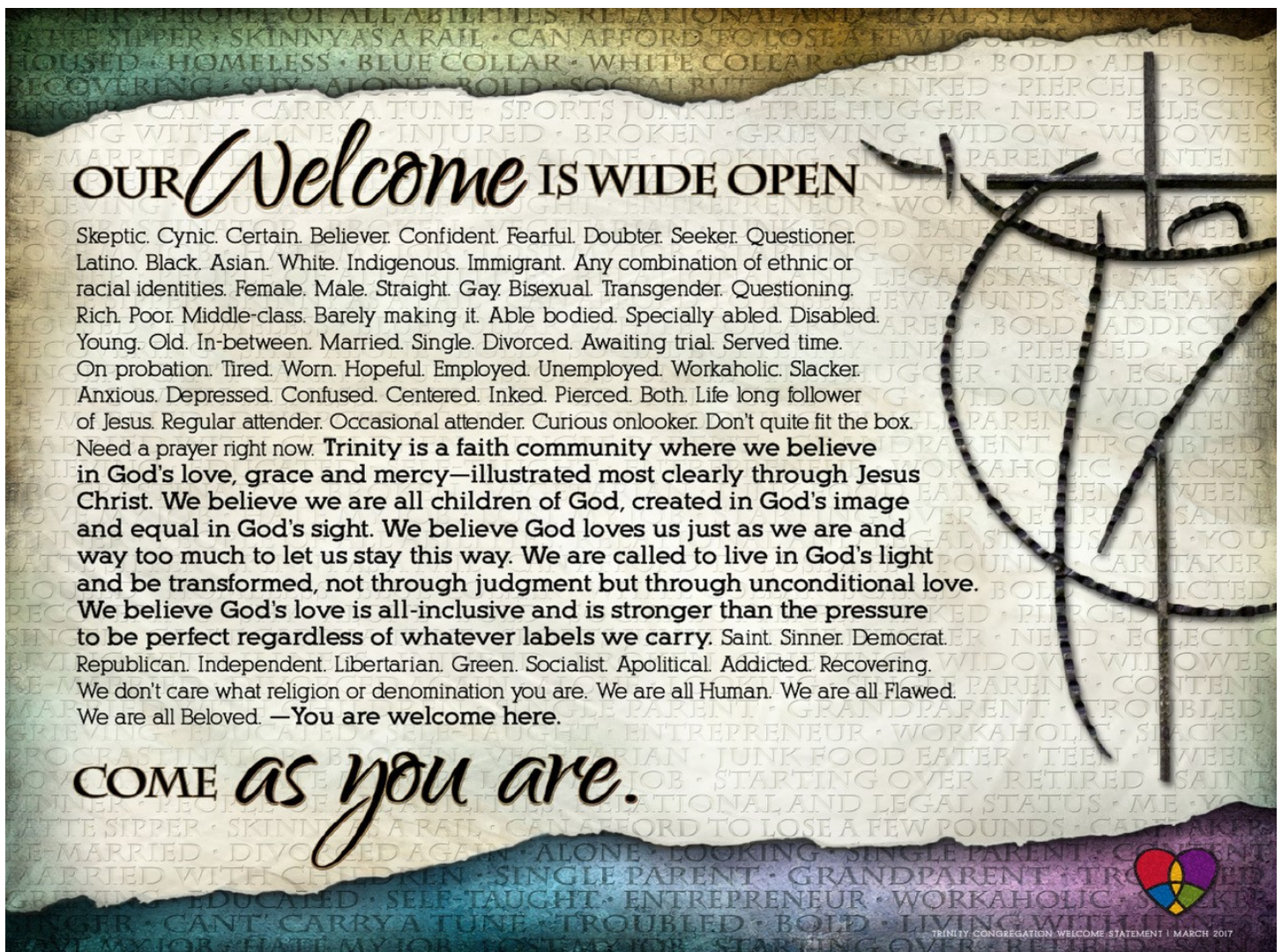
One: Go, in the love of Jesus Christ, the power of the Holy Spirit and the peace of God. Share God’s love with the world. **Amen.**

**THE SENDING SONG:** *“What is the World Like” (vs. 2, 3 & 5)*  
*(music at end of bulletin)*

#### **THE DISMISSAL:**

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



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Let the Walls Fall Down

Let the walls fall down, — let the walls fall down, —  
 let the walls fall down; —  
 By His love let the walls fall — down.  
 1. One by one, we're drawn to - geth - er, one by one, to  
 2. In His love, no walls be - tween us, in His love, a  
 Je - sus' side. One in Him, we'll live for - ev - er,  
 com - mon ground. Kneel - ing at the cross of Je - sus  
 stran - gers He has rec - on - ciled.  
 all our pride comes tum - bl'ing down. *Repeat Chorus.*

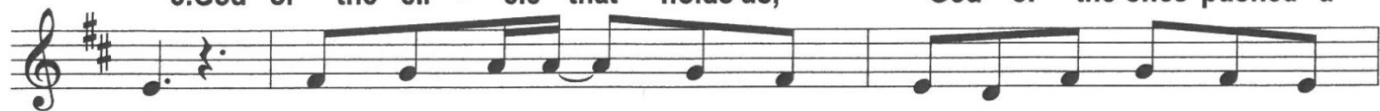
Healer

Heal - er, heal — er, come and heal this world. world.  
 1. 2.  
 1&3. May we all — of - fer up our hands. May we  
 2. May we all — lay our weap - ons down. May we  
 all — all find to - geth - er stand.  
 all — our com - mon ground.

God of the Movements and Martyrs - v. 2 & 3



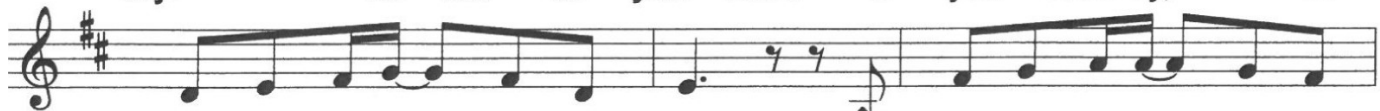
2. Now it's our turn to do jus- tice, hum- bly we rise to the  
 3. God of the cir - cle that holds us, God of the ones pushed a -



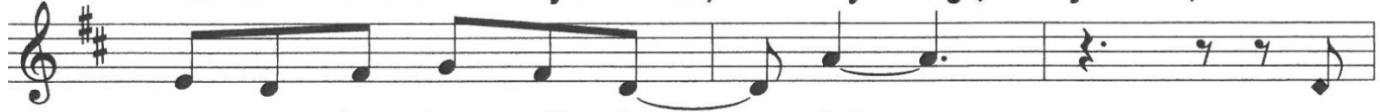
day, give us the strength and the wis- dom to walk in your  
 way, we will reach out to our neigh- bors, in your name we'll



say: No Gath - er the loaves and the fish - es,  
 say: mat - ter your creed or your coun - try, no



share un - til all have been fed, - walk in com - pas - sion and  
 mat - ter the hue of your skin, your age, who you love, or the



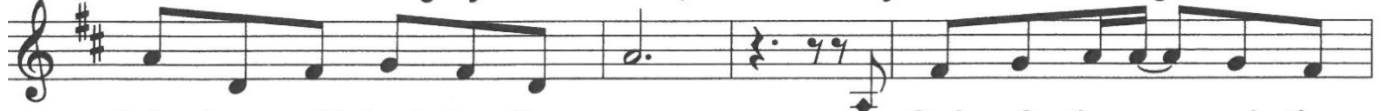
mer - cy, by love we'll be led, -  
 bod - y your soul was born in, no



stand - ing in cir - cles sur - round - ing,  
 mat - ter the plac - es you're bro - ken, no



all hold - ing hands while we pray, when pow - ers bear down on - the  
 mat - ter the things you have done, - lay down that weight on the



help - less, we'll stand in the way. - God of the worn and the  
 al - tar, a new day's be - gun. - You are a child of the

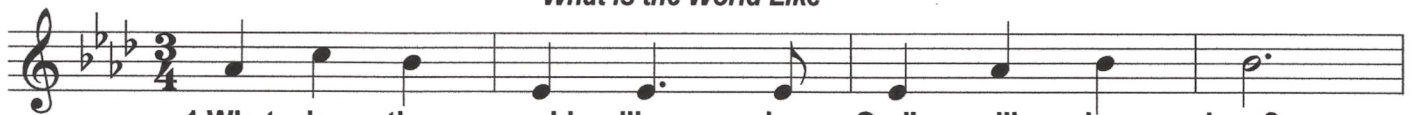


wound - ed, - let - us be healed by the truth, when  
 mak - er, - you are be - lov - ed and known, -

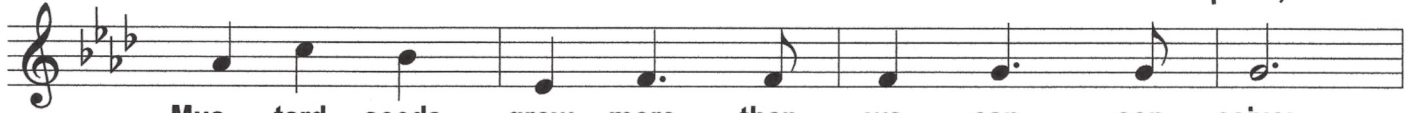


door - ways are blocked, we will low - er our friends through the roof.  
 join us in work of the kin - dom, we wel - come you home. (Repeat last line v.3)

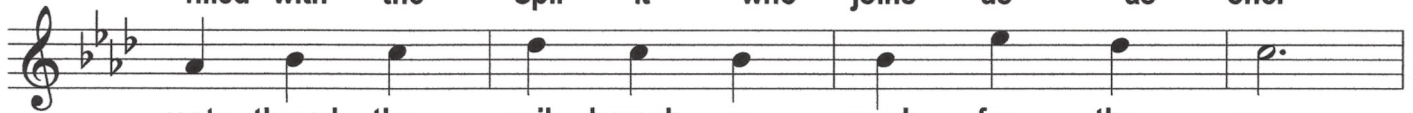
## What Is the World Like



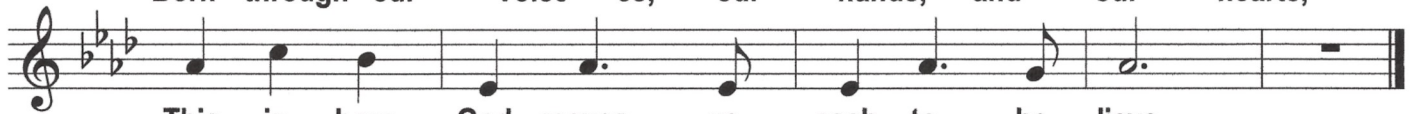
1. What is the world like when God's will is done?  
2. What is the world like when God's will is done?  
3. What is the world like when God's will is done?  
4. What is the world like when God's will is done?  
5. These are the sto - ries that Je - sus im - parts,



Mus - tard seeds grow more than we can con - ceive:  
Wit - ness the wan - der - ing child com - ing home;  
No more is neigh - bor just al - ly or friend;  
Read - y for feast - ing, we watch through the night,  
filled with the Spir - it who joins us as one.



roots thread the soil; branch - es reach for the sun.  
watch as the par - ent breaks in - to a run.  
peace thrives in place - es where once there was none.  
tend - ing our lamps till the new day's be - gun.  
Born through our voice - es, our hands, and our hearts,



This is how God moves us each to be - lieve.  
This is how God longs for us when we roam.  
This is how God works when ri - val - ries end.  
This is how God read - ies us for the light.  
this is a new world where God's will is done.