



PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:

- ❖ We are told to let our light shine, and if it does, we won't need to tell anybody it does. Lighthouses don't fire cannons to call attention to their shining- they just shine.
- Dwight L. Moody
- ❖ Faith is the strength by which a shattered world shall emerge into the light.
- Helen Keller
- ❖ It's not necessary to blow out your neighbor's light to let your own shine.
- M.R. DeHaan
- ❖ You can either be the light or the mirror that reflects it.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

People: We are gathered in your house, O God, to celebrate the light.

Leader: Jesus said, "Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

People: We praise you, Lord Jesus, for illuminating our path and helping us master our fear of the dark, even of the dark tunnel of death.

Leader: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world... let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

**People: Spirit of God, empower our witness to the Light, in this service of worship and in our whole being, as people claimed by the Light.
Amen.**

PRAISE SONG: "Send Down the Fire" (music at end of bulletin)

CONFESSION:

All: Searcher of hearts, you know us from the beginning. You see more good and beauty in us than we have dared to believe. You beckon us to do more than we have dared to try. Forever you call our names. But we have filled our ears with the sounds of the world; we have timidly

spoken of your great love; we have doubted the gifts hidden within each of us. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy and forgive us. (Silent Prayers)

“This Little Light of Mine” (chorus)

Searcher of hearts, shine your forgiving light into our hesitancy, and embolden us to live with such joy and fire that all the world may know of your love. Let it be so. Amen.

“This Little Light of Mine” (chorus)

THE READING: 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

19 For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might gain all the more. **20** To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to gain Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might gain those under the law. **21** To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not outside God’s law but am within Christ’s law) so that I might gain those outside the law. **22** To the weak I became weak, so that I might gain the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. **23** I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I might become a partner in it.

THE GOSPEL: Mark 9:33-30

33 Then they came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” **34** But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. **35** He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” **36** Then he took a little child and put it among them, and taking it in his arms he said to them, **37** “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

38 John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name,^[b] and we tried to stop him because he was not following us.” **39** But Jesus said, “Do not stop him, for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me.

MESSAGE: “Are we standing in God’s way?” - Pastor Cristy Schoob

MESSAGE RESPONSE: “Shalom” (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 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: Hear this command: Love one another. May God free you to obey and influence all those around you. Let your compassion be infectious. Shine.

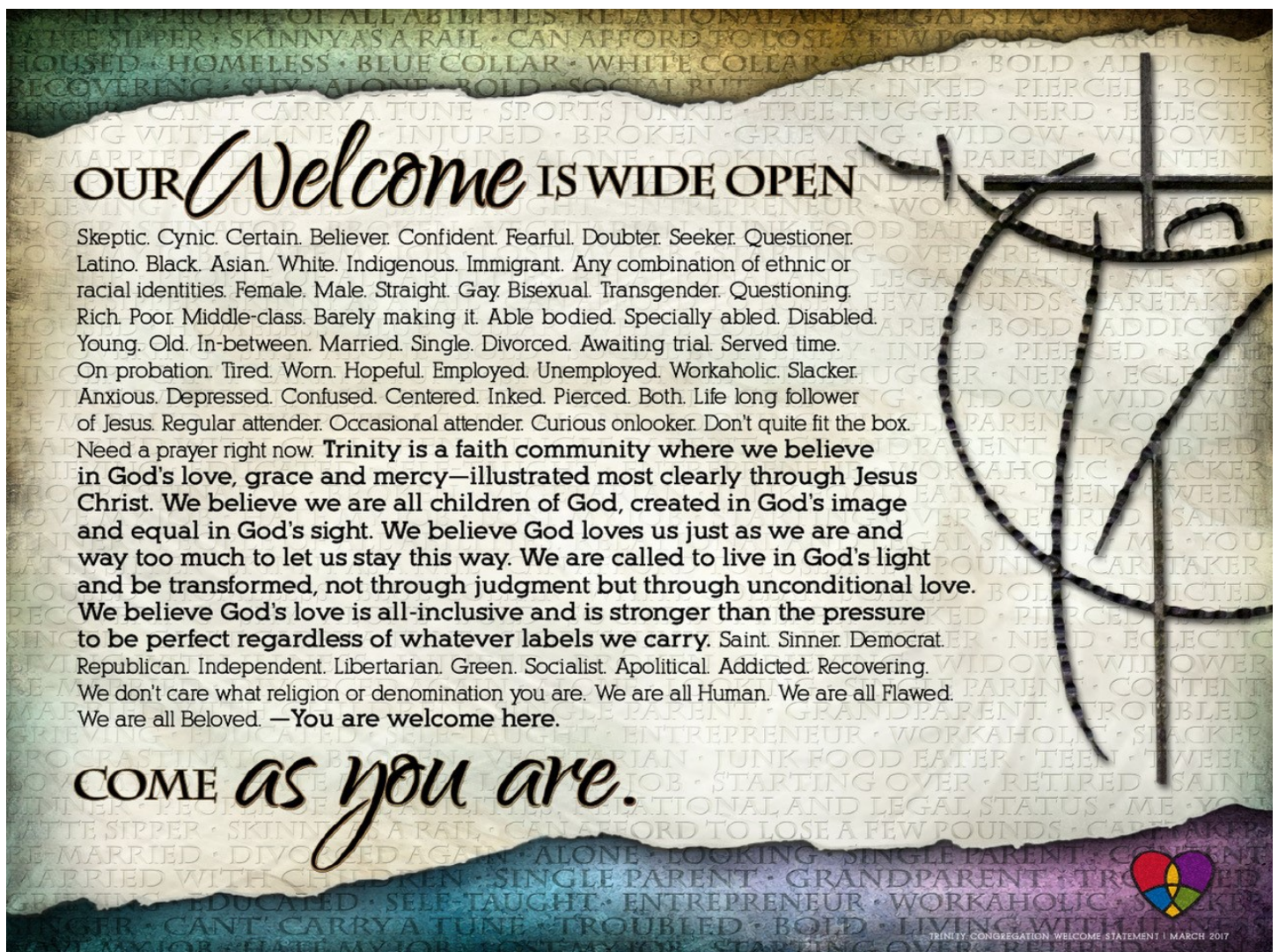
All: Amen.

THE SENDING SONG: "Ubuntu" (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.



Send Down the Fire

Send down the fire of your jus - tice.
Send down the rains of your love. Come,
send down the Sp;ir - it, breathe life in your peo - ple, and
we shall be peo - ple of God.

1.Call us to be your com - pas - sion.
2.Call us to learn of your mer - cy.
3.Call us to an - swer op - pres - ion.
4.Call us to wit - ness your king - dom.

Teach us the song of your love. Give us
Teach us the way of your peace. Give us
Teach us the fire of your truth. Give us
Give us the pres - ence of Christ. May your

hearts that sing. Give us deeds that ring. Make us
hearts that feel. Give us hands that heal. Make us
right - eous soul, 'til your jus - tice rolls. Make us
ho - ly light keep us shin - ing bright, ev - er

ring with the song of your love.
walk in the way of your peace. (Chorus)
shine with the fire of your truth.
shine with the pres - ence of Christ. (Chorus)

Shalom

We will seek the sha - lom of the cit - y. We will
 work with each oth - er hand in hand. We will
 build and we will plant. We will pray and we will dream. Come, sha -
 lom, to our cit - ies, to our land, to our land. We will
 build and we will plant. We will pray and we will dream. Come, sha -
 lom, to our cit - ies, to our land. *Fine* 2

1. Seek - ing change that will last down the a - ges, till our
 2. We'll put hands to the work set be - fore us. All our
 cit - ies will blos - som a - gain. Seek - ing hope in these
 tal - ents and gifts we will bring. Man - y faiths, man - y
 streets filled with weep - ing, health and heal - ing where now there is pain.
 cul - tures to - geth - er till our streets with glad mu - sic will ring.

Seek - ing strengths that can build new to - mor - rows,
 Come and join in this ho - ly en - deav - or.

for we know they are here to be found.
 In this work there's a place for us all

We will love God with soul, mind, and bod - y,
 bring - ing peace and good will to our cit - y;

to our neigh - bors in love, we'll be bound!
 this our dream, this our love pray'r, this our call!

Ubuntu

(pronounced "oom-BOON-too")

Chorus



U - bun - tul U - bun - tul
shar - ing our vi - sions and dreams. U - bun - tul where
jus - tice flows like a life giv - ing stream. The
peo - ple to - geth - er join - ing our hearts and our
hands to wel - come the strang - er and cher - ish the friend and to
work for the peace of the land and so we do life!

Verses (echo song leader)

1. ... Sisters and brothers ... made for communion ... bound to each other ... one holy union
... Drawn by a vision ... drawn by desire ... drawn to the circle ... round God's holy fire,
2. ... Called now we follow ... Jesus our brother ... Who gathers his children ... just like a mother
... Tenderly holding ... this new creation ... Making and molding ... a new holy nation,
3. ... This is our vision ... life's in the sharing ... Holding back nothing ... dreaming and daring,
... To live this communion ... that breaks us and binds us
... Holds us and heals us ... frees us and finds us

Bridge



1. Made by God's po - wer to live as God's own;
2. Marked by the wa - ter and giv - en our name,
3. God, give us cour - age to do what we say,
made to be seen and be heard and to be known!
moved by God's Spir - it, re - vived by hol - y flame!
Christ, give us strength for the liv - ing of these days.

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