



*Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.* Luke 23:34

MARCH 16-17, 2024

5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

### **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.*

God of all hopefulness, mold us, shape us, and empower us. Help us to imagine a community of people from different walks of life and from different places in your world that gathers together in the name of Christ. Open our eyes and prepare our spirits to see that we really are connected in, with, and under all things in Christ, who holds all things together. Amen.

### **PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

- ❖ The midrash tells the story of passengers on a boat. As the boat pulled away from the dock to begin its voyage, one passenger opened his bag and took out a drill. The other passengers became alarmed as he put the drill bit against the floor under his seat and begin to make a hole in the bottom of the boat. The other passengers, in fear and astonishment, pleaded with him, “Stop! What are you doing?” The man was surprised by their objections. He calmly said, “What business is it of yours? Why should you care? I’m only drilling under my own seat. I have no intention of drilling under yours.” The other passengers frantically told him, “The seat might only be yours, but the water will rise up to drown us all!”
- ❖ First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out—  
Because I was not a Socialist.  
Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out—  
Because I was not a Trade Unionist.  
Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—  
Because I was not a Jew.  
Then they came for me —  
and there was no one left to speak for me.

- Martin Niemöller (1892-1984)

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: A word spoken,

**All: A voice heard,**

One: A dream revealed,

**All: A mission received.**

One: God calls

**All: Again and again.**

One: God beckons us

**All: To follow,**

One: To love,

**All: To serve,**

One: To give.

**All: Again and again**

One: God invites us

**All: To embrace the lonely,**

One: To feed the hungry,

**All: To tell the Good News of Jesus,**

One: Light of the world, help us see all these people you love.

**PRAISE SONG:** *“All My Relatives” (music at end of bulletin)*

**CONFESSION:**

**All: God of Light and Life, we are all born blind. We look upon the world with eyes of fear and prejudice, deceiving ourselves into believing that we can see. Help us to recognize our blindness and to ask for your healing touch. Restore our vision, that we may see the world with the compassionate eyes of Christ. Amen.**

**CONFESSION SONG:** *“Come, Lord Jesus” (music at end of bulletin)*

**THE GOSPEL READINGS:** *Mark 10:35-45*

<sup>35</sup> James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” <sup>36</sup> And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” <sup>37</sup> And they said to him, “Appoint us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” <sup>38</sup> But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” <sup>39</sup> They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized, <sup>40</sup> but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to appoint, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

<sup>41</sup> When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup> So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup> But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among

you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many.”

***Mark 12:28-31***

<sup>28</sup> One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?”

<sup>29</sup> “The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.’<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>30</sup> Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>31</sup> The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’<sup>[c]</sup> There is no commandment greater than these.”

**MESSAGE:** *“We’re ALL in this TOGETHER”* - *Pastor Cristy Schoob*

**MESSAGE RESPONSE:** *“Who Sweeps the Stables”* (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: We have been marked by the cross of Christ. We have heard the Word. We have been fed by God’s meal of grace, and now we are being sent out.

Go into the world in God’s peace. Be of good courage.

Hold fast to that which is good. Return no one evil for evil.

Strengthen the faint-hearted. Support the weak.

Make common cause with the poor and the oppressed.

Help the afflicted, Honor all people.

Love your life and love the One who bestowed it upon you.

May God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer bless us now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

**THE SENDING SONG:** *“All the People Said Amen”* (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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*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

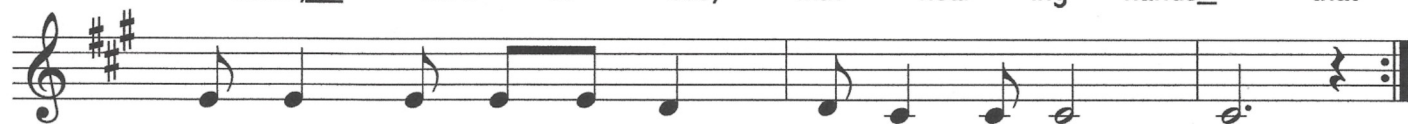


sing, one with ev' - ry - thing\_\_.

*Come, Lord Jesus*



Come, Lord Je - sus, with heal - ing hands\_ that



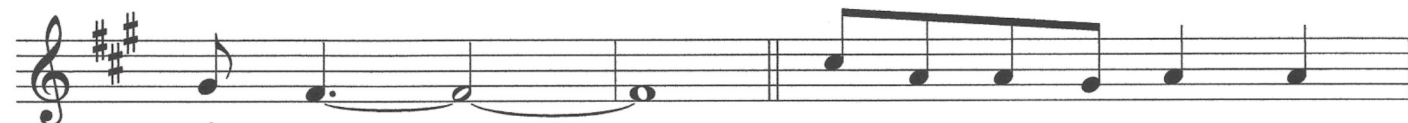
bind us to - geth - er in u - ni - ty.



1. Take from us our words that sound full of peace, but are  
2. Take from us our fear that keeps us bound, un -



on - ly sub - tle wea - pons that sep - a - rate us from each  
a - ble to reach out\_ and com - fort\_ one an -



oth - er. *(Repeat chorus.)*  
oth - er. *(Repeat chorus.)*

3. Fill us with your Ho - ly

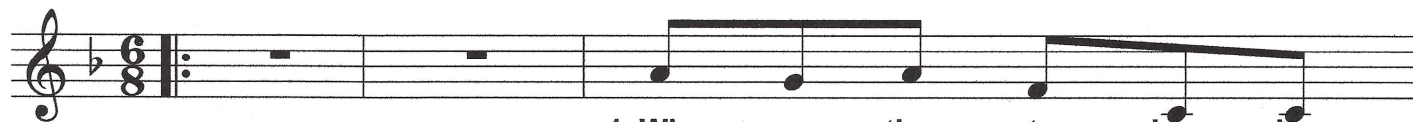


Spi - rit. Cre - ate in us a new heart that



reach - es out to hold each oth - er. *(Repeat chorus.)*

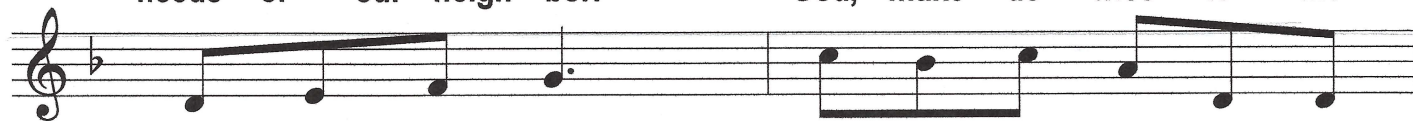
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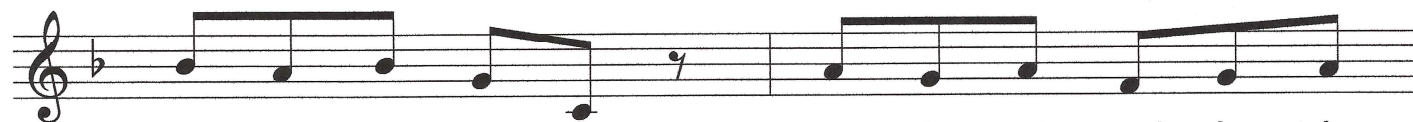
1. Who sweeps the sta - ble when  
 2. Who takes the load for the  
 3. Who is the first to bring  
 4. God, give us eyes for the



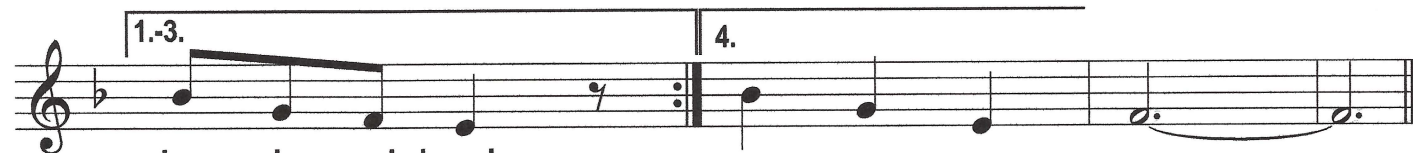
Christ - mas is o - ver, who clears the ta - ble, the  
 help - less and hurt - ing, who drives the road when the  
 calm in - to cha - os, who tends the worst and re -  
 needs of our neigh - bor. God, make us wise to the



crumbs of the meal? Prac - ti - cal peo - ple, com -  
 cri - sis is there? Peo - ple of spi - rit, com -  
 stores what is best? Heart - and - soul peo - ple, com -  
 ac - tions that bless, be - ing your ser - vants and



pas - sion - ate peo - ple, peo - ple not proud, who take  
 pas - sion - ate peo - ple, peo - ple with hand at the  
 pas - sion - ate peo - ple, sav - iors and ser - vants, hu -  
 tak - ing di - rec - tions, glad - ly and in - stant - ly

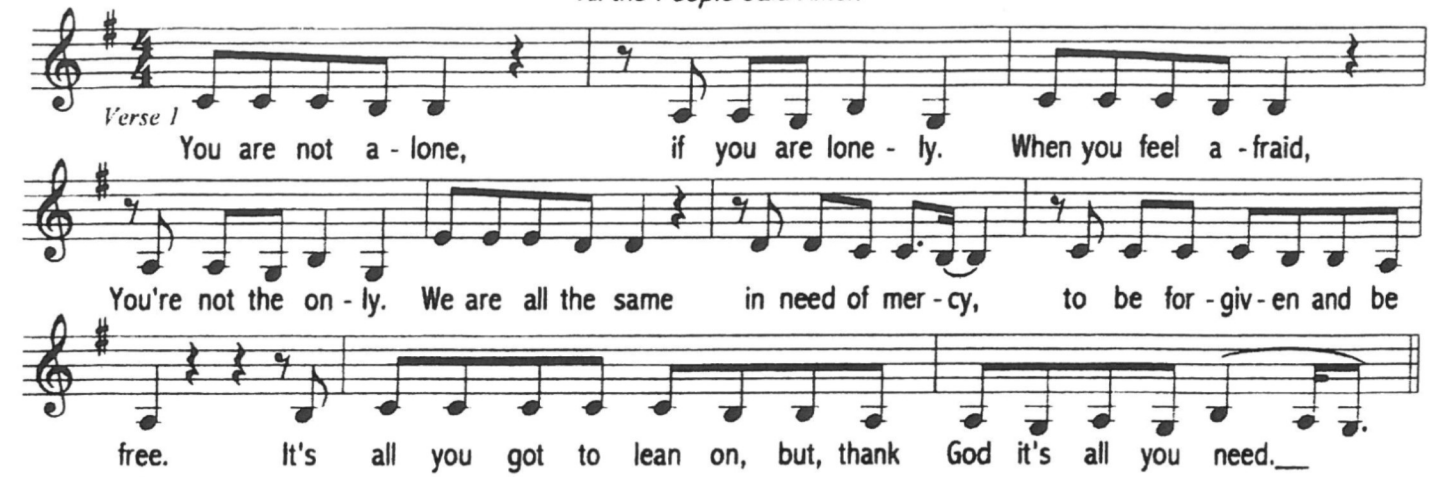


1.-3.  
 ba - sin and kneel.  
 read - y to care.  
 man - i - ty's test.

4.  
 an - swer - ing, "Yes!" \_\_\_\_\_

All the People Said Amen

*Verse 1*



You are not a - lone, if you are lone - ly. When you feel a - fraid,  
You're not the on - ly. We are all the same in need of mer - cy, to be for - giv - en and be  
free. It's all you got to lean on, but, thank God it's all you need.

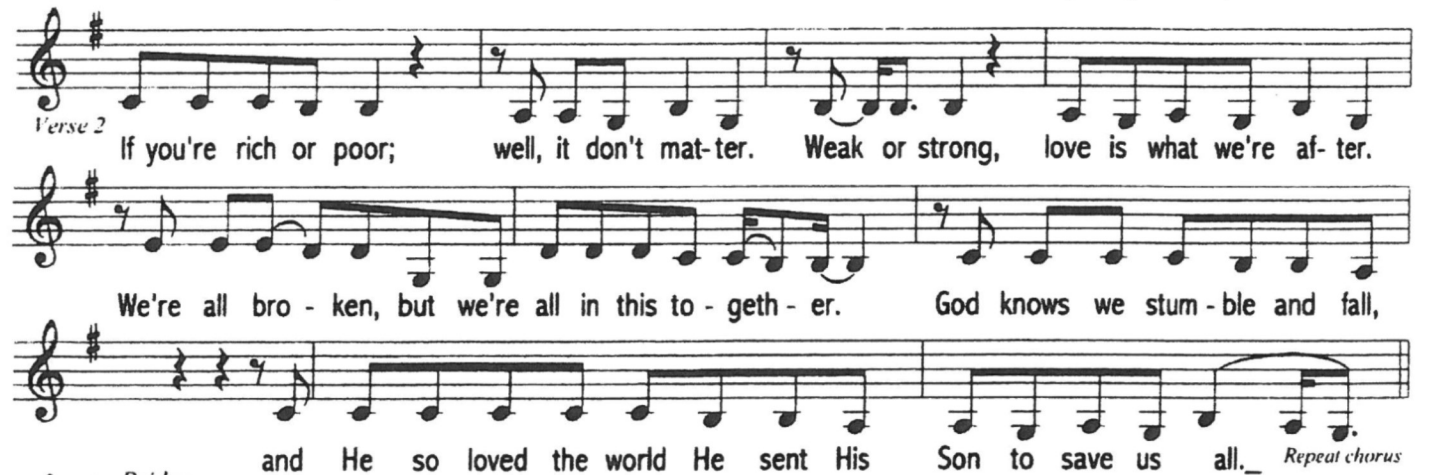
*Chorus*



And all the peo - ple said, "A - men." Whoa, and all the peo - ple said, "A - men." Give  
thanks to the Lord, for His love ne - ver ends. And all the peo - ple said, "A - men."

*2nd time to Bridge* *Last time - repeat tag.*

*Verse 2*



If you're rich or poor; well, it don't mat - ter. Weak or strong, love is what we're af - ter.  
We're all bro - ken, but we're all in this to - geth - er. God knows we stum - ble and fall,  
and He so loved the world He sent His Son to save us all. *Repeat chorus*

*Bridge*



And all the peo - ple said, "A - men." Bless - ed are the poor in spir - it who are torn a - part. Bless - ed are  
the per - se - cut - ed and the pure in heart. Bless - ed are the peo - ple hun - gry for an  
-oth - er start, for theirs is the King - dom, the King - dom of God. *Repeat chorus 2X*