



He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. MATTHEW 28:6

APRIL 20-21, 2024

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.

Wellspring of eternal life, we come to you this day having drunk deeply the waters of anxiety and despair. Bring to us your living water. Quench our thirsting souls, for we offer this prayer in Your Name. Amen.

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:

- ❖ As our “Good Shepherd”, Jesus practiced “love” math and invites us to do likewise. “Love math” is very different from that of the world. In the world majority, or wealth, or power or tradition or personal comfort guide our actions. With “love” math, actions are determined by great need.
- ❖ This is indeed wonderful news when we are the “lost sheep”. But what about when we are one of the “99”? To follow Jesus is to celebrate with devotion and thanksgiving the fact that we are safely held in God’s care. But it is also about how we let Jesus’ voice shape our actions, attitudes and opinions in the world around us. We are indeed our sibling’s keepers.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd.

People: I shall not want.

Leader: In love, it is God who guides me.

People: In love, it is Jesus who shows me the way.

Leader: In love, God cares for us in good times and bad.

People: In love, God's Spirit sustains us our whole life long.

Leader: And this is how we know of God’s love,

People: God’s love is shown in the death and resurrection of our Lord.

Leader: In the same way, 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.

OUR CONFESSION:

All: Good Shepherd, we have resisted your loving call, preferring to go our own way, wandering from truth, hoping for what we want, and failing to see what you offer. We find it hard to admit our need, confess our faults, and return to you. Pride and self-interest get in the way.

Remind us again that you long to gather us together and forgive us, bless us, strengthen, and encourage us. Let us be humble enough to come to you this day and always. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

One: Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed!

One: We are loved, forgiven, strengthened and renewed.

All: Thanks be to God!

THE CONFESSION RESPONSE “I Come to the Cross” (music at end of bulletin)

THE LESSONS: Psalm 23 (Responsively)

One: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

All: God makes me lie down in green pastures;

One: God leads me beside still waters;^[a]

All: God restores my soul.

One: God leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

All: Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

One: I fear no evil,

All: for you are with me;

One: your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

All: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

One: you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

All: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

One: and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

John 10:11-18

¹¹ “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴ “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. The

you too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷ The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

MESSAGE: *“Sheep or ‘Sheeple’”*

- Pastor Cristy Schoob

MESSAGE RESPONSE: *“Leftover People in Leftover Places”*
(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. 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: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: Now, as you leave this place, may the Lord help us: follow Jesus' way, see and celebrate God's presence everywhere, and love our neighbors as we love ourselves. In the name of Christ.

All: Amen!

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

THE DISMISSAL:

Leader: Go in peace. 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__.

I Come to the Cross

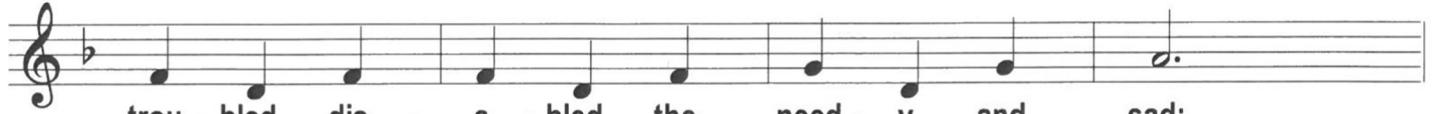
The image shows a musical score for the hymn "I Come to the Cross". It consists of eight staves of music in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The score begins with a treble clef, a 3/4 time signature, and a key signature of one flat. It features a repeat sign at the beginning. The lyrics are: "I come to the cross seek-ing mer - cy and grace. I come to the cross where You died in my place. Out of my weak - ness and in - to Your strength, Je - sus, I come to the cross. Your arms are o - pen, You call me by name, You wel - come this child that was lost. You paid the price for my guilt and my shame. Je - sus, I come, Je - sus, I come, Je - sus, I come to the cross." The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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Leftover People in Leftover Places



1. Left - o - ver peo - ple in left - o - ver plac - es,
2. Left - o - ver peo - ple, dis - pos - a - ble peo - ple,
3. Here is God's test - ing of true Eas - ter peo - ple;



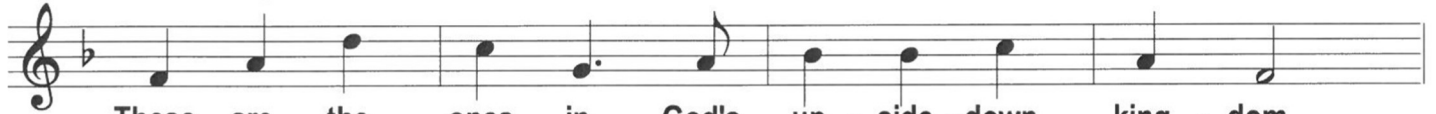
trou - bled, dis - a - bled, the need - y and sad;
locked in - to pris - ons, of drugs and des - pair;
spir - it - ed peo - ple with ser - vice to give;



scav - eng - ing crumbs from so - ci - e - ty's plen - ty;
pov - er - ty's chil - dren in pov - er - ty's spir - al,
tak - ing to heart the com - pas - sion of Je - sus;



sick to the soul when their life has gone bad.
locked out of how learn - ing and must earn - ing gone their share.
feel - ing how oth - ers must strug - gle to live.



These are the ones in God's up - side - down king - dom,
These are the ones in God's up - side - down king - dom;
We are a part of God's up - side - down king - dom.



deemed to be worth - y and called to the feast,
these are the Christ in their shab - by dis - guise.
We know the heart of the gos - pel's de - mand;

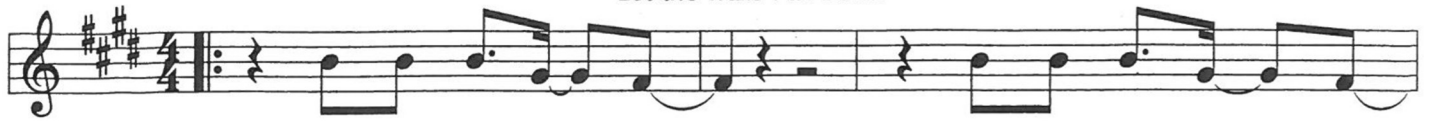


soup - kitch - en peo - ple in - vit - ed to ban - quet,
These are the least and with the high - ly un - like - ly,
tak - ing our part with the left - o - ver peo - ple,



val - ued as a great - ly and as roy - al in and priest.
giv - en a hope and new the light in in their eyes.
wid - 'ning the space of the lines in the sand.

Let the Walls Fall Down



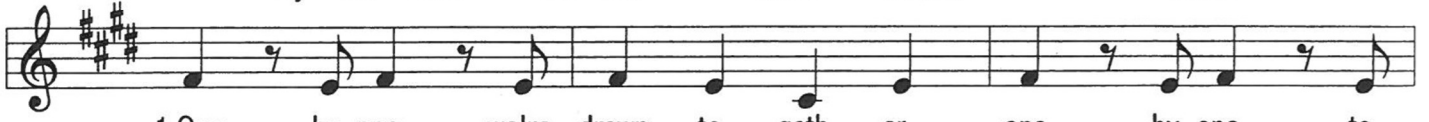
Let the walls fall down, — let the walls fall down, —



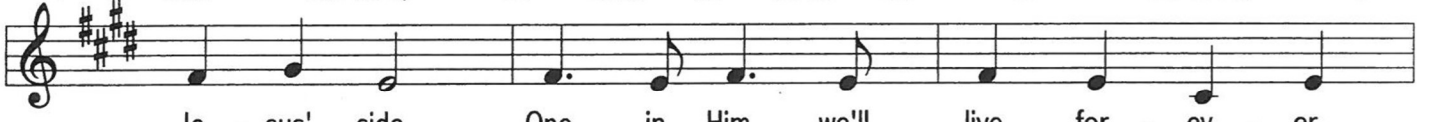
let the walls fall down; —



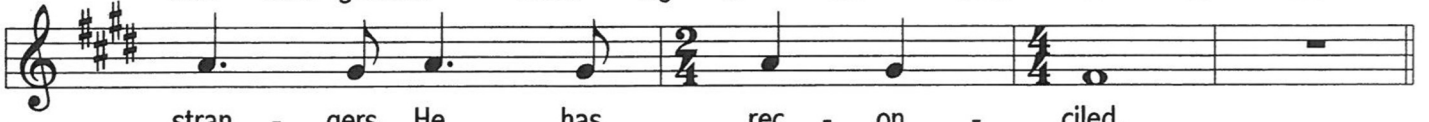
By His love let the walls fall — down.



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.