



MAY 25-26 2024

1ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MEDITATION PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:

O God, we have gathered to worship you on this day that remains so much a mystery for us. We cannot fathom to the fullest depths the teaching that you are three persons. Even where we cannot understand, we can worship and experience a sense of awe. We worship you as the Father who created us, but loves us as a mother loves her nursing child. We worship you as the Son who walked in our shoes, felt our temptation and took on our vulnerability. In human flesh you atoned for our sins. We worship you as the Spirit who warms our hearts and dwells within us. Enable us to be comfortable with the mystery of your nature, and grateful that you have revealed as much of yourself to us as you have. As we worship, may we experience in a deep way your mysterious presence. Amen.

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY WELCOME

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

- ❖ *Who is God? God is the God of relationship, who commits Godself to us and gives us the wedding gift of this world for us to live in. God whose vows are sealed with the blood of Christ on the cross. God who passionately and lovingly walks with us in the Holy Spirit. God has committed to this relationship in full.*
- Mike Yaconelli

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: God, the three in one, is with us.

All: Praise be to our God who loves us.

One: God comes to us as we need God to be.

All: What wondrous love God has for each of us.

One: We were created in God's image and likeness.

All: We will show that likeness as we love one another.

PRAISE SONG: We Are One Body (music at end of bulletin)

THE CONFESSION:

All: Holy Trinity, in your dance of Father, Son and Holy Ghost, you have given us the perfect model for community. Yet we have not always nourished this gift. We have not always opened our hands to friendship. We have enjoyed stepping on the toes of others far too often. We have carried immense baggage and used it as obstacles between us and others. We have preferred superiority to kindness, and false appearances to truthful living. We have cultivated the admiration of the strong at the expense of nourishing relationships with those on the margins. You know, Holy Trinity, when we have not lived up to the best of community with each other, and thus not nourished our relationships with you. Forgive us, we pray. (time for silent prayer)

Words of Assurance:

Those who ask for God's forgiveness with a truthful heart are never turned away. Accept God's mercy and grow to be more open to community each day, with each other and with God.

CONFESSION RESPONSE: *Shalom* (music at end of bulletin)

THE GOSPEL:

John 3:1-17

Here is a conversation of Jesus with a Jewish religious leader, Nicodemus, which takes place at night. Jesus enlarges his understanding of God's work and actions mentioning Spirit and Son who are involved with the Christian teaching about the Trinity.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

MESSAGE: “The World Doesn’t Understand the Trinity”

- Pastor David Schoob

THE MESSAGE RESPONSE: *Ubuntu* (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:

Leader: May the God of mystery, Three-in-One and One-in-Three, hold you close this week that you may live into the mystery that is holy and of God. Go, seeking unity in diversity and diversity in unity, knowing that in Jesus Christ all things hold together for good.

THE SENDING SONG: *We Are a Rainbow* (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 attendee. Occasional attendee. 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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We Are One Body

Chorus

Though we are man - y, we are one bod - y,
we are one bod - y in Christ; Though we are man - y,
we are one bod - y, we are one bod - y in Christ. *Song Ending*

Verse

One faith in the Lord Je - sus Christ,
bind - ing us to - geth - er in one cause; One hope in the
one God, one Fa - ther o - ver all. *Repeat 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.

We Are a Rainbow

1. We're the light of all the world; we are a
 2. We are coat of man - y col - ors, sewn from
 3. We are hope to still be - lieve _____ in to -
 4. When we face the storms of life _____ we will

cit - y on a hill; we're a can - dle on a stand
 man - y dif - f'rent threads, cov - 'ring all in warmth, in wel
 morrow's be - ter day. We are peace _____ in a world
 nev - er be a - lone for our God _____ will be with

pro - claim - ing light, We will not hide our lamp
 - come and in grace. God said, "let there be light,"
 that's torn a - part. We are joy that will last,
 us on the way. Hand in hand, side by side,

be - neath a bush - el an - y - more. We will
 cre - at - ed ev - 'ry va - ried shade. In the
 in all the strug - gles that we face. We are
 we won't be fright - ened an - y - more as the

shine a ray of hope that's burn - ing bright. We
 rain - bow, each of us can find a place. We
 love that blooms and grown in ev - 'ry heart. We
 mourn - ing night of tears breaks in - to day. We

are a rain - bow, sign of cov - e - nant and peace for the
 flood of tears will fin - 'ly cease to be. Come shine your rain - bow,
 splash your hues a - cross the sky. (Paint the world in col - ors
 proud and bold and free.) *Repeat (tag) last time.*