



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

MAY 4-5, 2024

6TH 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:

- ❖ "Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend."
~ Martin Luther King Jr.
- ❖ "Love is the doorway through which the human soul passes from selfishness to service."
~ Jack Hyles
- ❖ "But the kind of love that God created and demonstrated is a costly one because it involves sacrifice and presence. It's a love that operates more like a sign language than being spoken outright."
~ Bob Goff
- ❖ "Do not waste time bothering whether you love your neighbor; act as if you did."
~ C S Lewis.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: The work of our hands,

All: Our labor of care.

One: Our open hand,

All: Our tender embrace,

One: Loving God, we serve you...

All: By loving the world,

One: Caring for all people,

All: Especially the poor, the young, the forgotten.

One: We serve God not by being "right",

All: But by being loving.

One: By this they will know we are your disciples.

All: May our love glorify our Savior.

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

OUR CONFESSION:

One: Let us confess to God and before one another our sins and especially the ways in which we exclude others.

All: We confess to you, O God, and before one another that we have sinned. You have made us all of one blood and yet we constantly look for ways to divide us. We never seem content until we have made it us versus them. It is so difficult for us to use the word ‘we’ unless it is to exclude the ‘them’. We would rather shed blood than to pour out the waters of baptism which make us all one. Forgive us and renew your likeness within us so that we can see your likeness in others. Amen.

One: God continues to call all of creation home. As you answer God’s call and receive divine mercy, share that grace with others.

THE CONFESSION RESPONSE: *The God of Second Chances Vs. 1, 3 & 5*
(music at end of bulletin)

THE LESSONS:

Matthew 18:21-22

Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

John 15:9-17

-from *The First Nations Version: An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament*
(Downers Grove, Illinois: InterVarsity Press, 2021, p. 198).

In the same way the Father loves me, I have loved you. Never stop walking this road of love. By doing what the Father has told me, I have remained in his love. As you walk in my ways, my love will remain in you. I am saying this so your hearts will be filled with the same joy I have.

To walk the road with me, you must love each other in the same way I have loved you. There is no greater way to show love to friends than to die in their place. You are my friends if you walk in my ways and do what I say. I no longer see you as my servants but as friends. Masters do not share their hearts and plans with their servants, but I have shown you everything I have heard from my Father.

You may think you chose me, but I am the one who chose you. You are my new garden where I will grow a great harvest of my love — the fruit that remains. When you bear this fruit, you represent who I am — my name. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask for. I am telling you this so you will walk the road of love with each other.

MESSAGE: *Be Doers of the Word*

-Pastor Cristy Schoob

MESSAGE RESPONSE: *Be Doers of the Word* (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: *The Reconciliation Song* (music at end of bulletin)

THE DISMISSAL:

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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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.*

TRINITY CONGREGATION WELCOME STATEMENT | MARCH 2017



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.

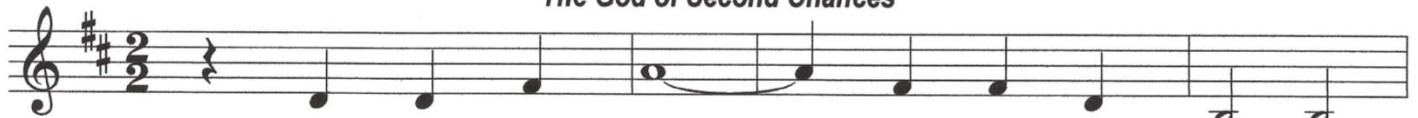


Ev' - ry place, all my rel - a - tives. Hear cre - a - tion

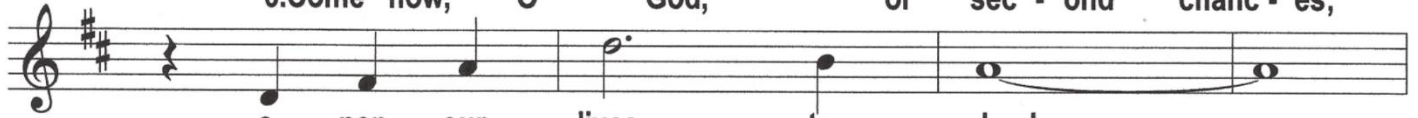


sing, one with ev' - ry - thing__.

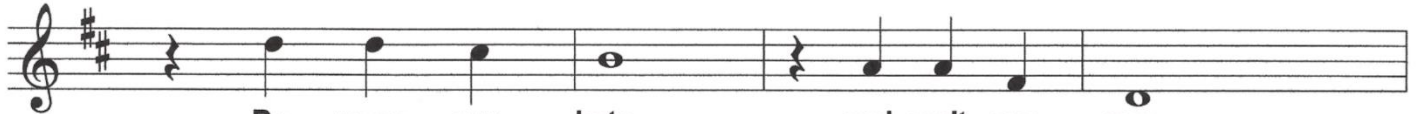
The God of Second Chances



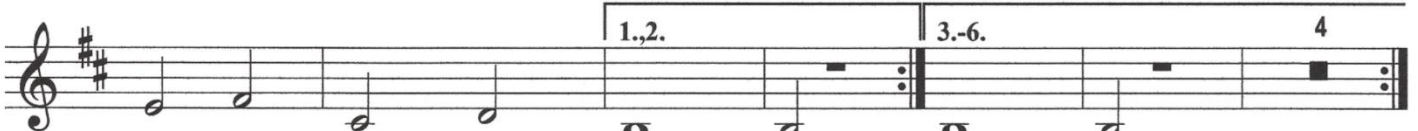
1. Come now, O God of sec - ond chanc - es;
 2. Come now, O God, re - lease our de - mons;
 3. Come now, O God, and still our an - ger;
 4. Come now, O God, shake our re - sent - ment;
 5. Come now, O God, and grant com - pas - sion;
 6. Come now, O God, of sec - ond chanc - es;



o - pen our lives to heal.
 o - pen our eyes to see
 o - pen our minds to peace.
 o - pen our way to choose
 o - pen our hearts to love.
 may we for - give our - selves;



Re - move our hate, and melt our rage.
 the shame with - in, our guilt and pain,
 Em - brace our fear, and hold us close.
 the way of love, o - ver re - venge.
 May we let go of all our hurt.
 may we be - come your liv - ing sign:



Save us from our - selves.
 Mend us; make us whole.
 Calm the storm with -
 Show us a new in.
 Help us to move way.
 Chil - dren of God's on.
 love.

Be Doers of the Word of God to ELW 661



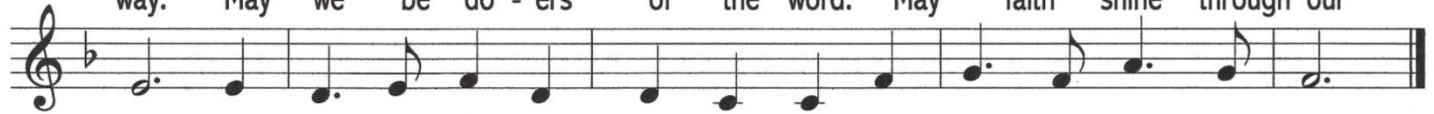
1. Be do - ers of the word of God, not sim - ply those who
2. Re - li - gion that is un - de - filed, Re - li - gion that is
3. O Christ, you save us by God's grace From hav - ing to o -



hear. Be ones who look in - to God's word, O - bey, and per - se -
pure Will reach to help the or - phaned child And wel - come all the
bey. Then freed to love, we can em - brace A life that seeks your



vere. Be quick to lis - ten, slow to speak, And slow to an - ger,
poor. If peo - ple come here poor - ly dressed, to judge them is a
way. May we be do - ers of the word. May faith shine through our



too. Put wrath a - side; in - stead, be meek, And let God work in you.
sin. The rich aren't bet - ter than the rest, God wel - comes poor ones in.
deeds; And as we seek to trust in God, May eth - ics fol - low creeds.

