



JUNE 8-9, 2024

3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MEDITATION PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:

O God of creation, you rule over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:

- ❖ Jesus was God spelling God's self out in language humanity could understand. - *S.D. Gordon (evangelical lay minister)*
- ❖ Not only do we not know God except through Jesus Christ; We do not even know ourselves except through Jesus Christ. - *Blaise Pascal (Mathematician and Philosopher)*

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Let us come together, all who find their safety in God's loving care.

People: For the dangers of the world are many and on our own we are weak.

Leader: But the Lord stands mighty against all evil that would harm us

People: Let us then hold to God as the center in the midst of temptation.

Leader: Let us lift our voices with joy for God's loving care.

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

PRAISE SONG: Wind and Cold Roar (music at end of bulletin)

THE CONFESSION:

One: Let us confess to God and before one another our sins and especially our failure to seek God's leadership.

All: We confess to you, O God, and before one another that we have sinned. You call us to follow you into a life that is abundant and eternal but we insist on going our own way which leads to death and destruction. We claim we are disciples and followers of Jesus but we abandon his teachings for our own. Forgive us for our wrong thinking and give us hearts that desire to follow the good so that we may truly be your children and part of your holy family. Amen.

One: God loves us and always welcomes us back into the flock that we so often desert. Receive God's loving embrace and share it with those you encounter this week.

CONFESSION RESPONSE: *Cry Mercy* (music at end of bulletin)

THE LESSON: **Genesis 3:1-21**

Here is a story of deception, buck-passing, and judgment at the start of this first biblical book, Genesis, which means beginnings. This reading is sometimes called the Fall of Humankind involving Adam, Eve, the Serpent, and the creator of all, God.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the LORD God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The LORD God said to the serpent,

'Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel.'

To the woman he said,
'I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children,
yet your desire shall be for your husband,
and he shall rule over you.'

And to the man he said,
'Because you have listened to the voice of your wife,
and have eaten of the tree
about which I commanded you,
"You shall not eat of it",
cursed is the ground because of you;
in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread
until you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.'

The man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all who live. And the LORD God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them.

THE GOSPEL:

Mark 3:20-27

Jesus care for people was often confusing to some as to what He was seeking, whether He was under the control of another power, and if His family should stop Him. All of this is present in this story from His life.

and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin'— for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'

MESSAGE: *“How to Recognize Sin- Well Sort of...” - Pastor David Schoob*

MESSAGE RESPONSE: *God, Are You Tired? (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, and the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT:

Leader: Pardoned by God's abounding grace, empowered by God's constant love and protected by God's peace, let us go forth to serve God and others, always humbly aware of our own shortcomings, but always encouraged by the faithful and loving presence of God in Christ Jesus, to whom be glory and power, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE SENDING SONG: *Lead Us Out* (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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Wind and Cold Roar

1. Wind and cold roar through the cit - y
2. Those with in may swell with civ - ic
3. Vi - o - lence and ha - tred, near and

street; some folk have no heat; for - give us, Lord.
pride; man - y wait out - side; for - give us, Lord.
far, ter - ror, slaugh - ter, war; for - give us, Lord.

Man - y have warm homes, wool clothes to
Some have man - y chanc - es to suc -
You in - sist the hun - gry shall be

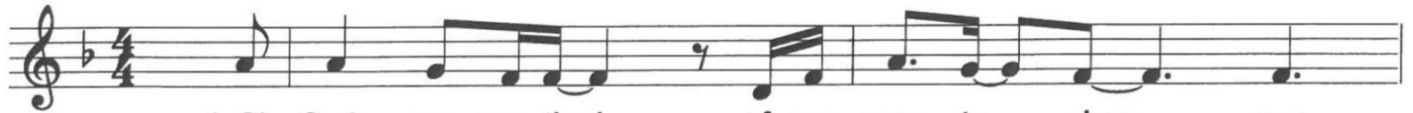
wear; this is so un - fair: for - give us, Lord. Help us
ceed; oth - ers live in need: for - give us, Lord. Help us
fed; let us give them bread: for - give us, Lord. Help us

grasp how this is our sin; teach us, save us by your cross,
for the things we crave and seek to
win cost our neigh - bors loss. For - give us, Lord.

Cry Mercy

Eyes of want and depths of need. Creeds of hate and
Worlds of hun - ger, miles of waste. Hearts of stone and
From the hurt we can't es - cape. We're con - nect - ed,
piles of greed. Loss of truth and groans of pain.
lives of haste. Crimes of war and tears of grief.
bound by grace. Ev' - ry col - or, young and old.
Voic - es cry for change. Cry mer - cy, your
Voic - es of be - lief.
Voic - es on the road.
touch I need. Cry mer - cy, oh, hear my plea. Cry
mer - cy, oh, oh, oh, oh. Cry mer - cy.

God Are You Tired



1. Oh God, are you tired of our emp- ty days, our
2. Oh God, are you tired of our bombs and guns, the
3. Oh God, are you tired of our end- less greed, our



cal- loused hearts, our bro- ken ways? How long till we wake up and
rea- sons we give to kill some- one? How long till we stand up and
mind- less chase of lux- u - ry? How long till we cry out that



heed your call? How long till we see that we don't know it all? May we
stop this race? How long till we see you in ev- er - y face?
some- thing's wrong? How long till our praise - is more than a song?



lose our - selves for you. May we lose our - selves for you. For the



least and the lost, may we take up our cross and hum- bly fol- low you.

Lead Us Out



Lead us up. We want to know You bet - ter. Lead us up.
Lead us in. We want to love like You do. Lead us in.
Lead us out. We want to be a bless - ing. Lead us out



- Fill our hearts and make us more like You. Lead us up.
- Make of us one bod - y in Your love. Lead us in.
in - to the world You gave Your life to save. Lead us out



- Ev - er grow - ing clo - ser. Oh lead us
- Lov - ing one an - oth - er. Oh lead us
to tell them all a - bout You. Oh lead us



up in - to You, Lord. Lead us up. Lead us in. Lead us out
in Your love, O Lord.
out in - to Your world.



in - to Your world. Lead us now, and we'll fol - low you to -



day. Lead us on - ward by Your grace, un - til we see Your face. Lead us



out in - to Your world. world. Lead us out in - to Your



world. Lead us out in - to Your world.