

GATHERING MUSIC

PRAYER UPON ENTERING

Liberating God, you set us free from our loneliness by the touch of another's hand; you deliver us from our selfishness, so we may serve others; you break the chains of our pride, that we might humbly walk with you.

Christ of Love, when we would cling to our anger, you send us forgiveness to hold our hand; when we would feast on our bitterness, you share the bread of heaven; when we would drink at sin's fountain, you pour out the cup of salvation.

Spirit of New Life, you bring us together that we might learn to live together, to love together, to serve together, so that those around us would know you are in our midst. Amen.

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY WELCOME

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

“The greatest temptations are not those that solicit our consent to obvious sin, but those that offer us great evils masking as the greatest goods.”

Thomas Merton

- No Man Is an Island

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood, and sorry I could not travel both and be one traveler, long I stood and looked down one as far as I could to where it bent in the undergrowth; then took the other, as just as fair, and having perhaps the better claim, because it was grassy and wanted wear; though as for that the passing there had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay in leaves no step had trodden black. Oh, I kept the first for another day! Yet knowing how way leads on to way, I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh somewhere ages and ages hence: two roads diverged in a wood, and I—I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.

- Robert Frost

“God changes caterpillars into butterflies, sand into pearls, and coal into diamonds by using time and pressure. God is at work in the world, in history, and in you too.”

-Anonymous

PRAISE SONG

“God Says It’s Time”

3
It's time to cel - e - brate the Love of God, it's
time for us to get bu - sy. Get bu - sy with the things that mat - ter most like
jus - tice and com - pas - sion. It's time for us to take ac - tion as we
lis - ten for the voice of the Ho - ly One 'cause God is still speak - ing, and
God says it's time, yeah God is still speak - ing, and God says it's
Fine
time. It's time to put first things first, to set all dis - trac - tions a -
side. If God is still speak - ing now, then what is God say - ing to
us? It's time to get down to work, the work of the bo - dy of
The chan - ces are good some - how the mes - sage in - volves show - ing
Christ. There's heal - ing and lov - ing and reach - ing out that
love. There's jus - tice, and for - give - ness and wel - com - ing that
God wants to do, in and through the lives that we live and the
God want to do, in and through the choi - ces we make and the
love we give. So let's roll our sleeves up now be - cause it's
risks we take. So let's live that mes - sage now be - cause it's

CALL TO WORSHIP (*stand*)

Leader: Tongues of fire

People: Set our hearts ablaze with love.

Leader: Tongues of fire

People: Kindle our passion for justice and beauty.

Leader: Mighty winds

People: Blow the timidity from our words and deeds.

Leader: Mighty winds

People: Send us along the paths of peace and reconciliation.

Leader: Wind and fire

People: Make us alive and surprise us with the depths of love and the heights of joy

OUR CONFESSION PRAYER

All: Eternal God: We plead guilty to those most basic sins, self-centeredness and pride. We often confuse that which is good and right, with that which is good FOR US. We pretend that we can get along without You despite our failings and struggles that are ever before us. Personal pride prevents us from seeking help when we need it because we are afraid to appear vulnerable.

As a nation we hoard, abuse, and destroy. We have become accustomed to greedily consuming far more than “enough”, far more than “our share”. Our pride of nation causes us to consider other nations mainly as markets or shortsightedly to label them as “enemy” or “ally.” Pride of race has stained the pages of history with war, the horror of slavery and demeaning racial discrimination.

Forgive us, merciful Father, and help us daily in our ongoing struggles; for the sake of your world and for the sake of our gracious Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silence is kept

All: This is good news: God’s love is a gift freely given. The gift brings us grace. The gift brings us forgiveness. The gift gives us direction. gift brings us new life and peace with God and with one another. Thanks be to God for such a gift. Amen.

CONFESSION RESPONSE

“Almost”

1. Je - sus, we say we love you; we've got some
2. The road lies out be - fore us; some ques - tions -
3. There will be chang - es in us, as to your -

hes - i - ta - tion. We say we want to serve you;
must be spo - ken. Will we be tak - en care of?
self you bind us. There will be man - y trea - sures

we've got some re - ser - va - tions. Not that we
Will be be bruised and bro - ken? Not that we
we'll have to leave be - hind us. Some - times we're

want to leave you, not that we want to grieve you,
are de - fec - ting; we trust in your pro - tect - ing;
run - ning for - ward, Some - times, we're step - ping back - ward

but to tell the truth we have to say,
but to tell the truth we have to say,
but to tell the truth we have to say.

1.,2. 3. D.S.

we love you al - most; al - most

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (sit)

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:1-13

This is part of the story in the first book of the Bible which is sometimes called “The Fall of Humanity”, namely, how sin or disobedience became a reality. The serpent creates doubt about what God said was forbidden. It concludes with much “buck passing” or blaming by Adam and Eve of someone else.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’”

²The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

4 “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. 5 “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?”

10 He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”

11 And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

12 The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?”
The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

THE GOSPEL

John 14:6

These are words of Jesus to Thomas and the other disciples while they were together in Jerusalem before Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion take place. They come after Thomas had said they don't know where He is going or the way.

"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life.'"

MESSAGE

“Welcome to the Crossroads”

Pastor Cristy Schoob



THE MESSAGE RESPONSE (stand)

“Choose Love”

1. It's your world. It's your life. You can
2. If you search for what's right and your

make it what-ev-er you like. It's your time - right
quest for peace be-comes a fight, don't lose faith, don't lose

now; put your foot down, stand tall and be proud. And your
hope; those are two things you tru-ly own.

days can be shaped with hands of love or of rage; choose love.

1. 2. 2. 3. Fro - zen in this mo - ment, some -
times it's so hard to move. Fro - zen in these
mo - ments, some-times it's so hard to choose. When it
comes to you, choose love.

2

THE OFFERING *Please remember that your offerings of money, time and talents enable Trinity to “share the love and promise of God” through its ministries.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: As God’s people called to love one another, let us pray for the needs of the church, the human family, and all of creation.

(Petitions end: “God of mercy”; “Hear our prayer.”)

P. All these things and whatever you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of Christ, who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

THE COMMUNION SENTENCES

Leader: We come again to the table to be made new. The cup of love and the bread of life have been given to us to share together so we can remember the love of Christ for us.

All: We come to the table Jesus has prepared for us.

Leader: All of us come to confess our need for God’s love and forgiveness.

All: Lord all of our spirits are thirsty, and we want to drink from the well giving us eternal life.

Leader: In the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks, broke it, and shared it with his friends. He said, *“Take this and eat it. This is my body.”* He also took the wine and after giving thanks to God, passed it among his friends saying, *“Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant. It is poured out for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me.”*

All: Jesus, we thank you for life and love, for grace and peace, for joy and contentment. Set us free to share these gifts with one another.

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 DISTRIBUTION OF THE FAMILY MEAL. (Sit)

All who celebrate Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to commune today.

*When you receive the bread, you may either dip the bread
in the first chalice of wine or the second chalice of grape juice*

Please indicate to the pastor if you need a gluten free wafer.

We also now have individually packaged gluten free wafer/wine in the front pews.

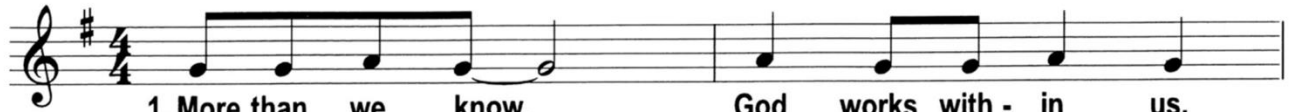
SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION

“God Will See Us Through”

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are printed below the staff, aligned with the notes. The song concludes with a double bar line.

In times of bro-ken-ness, in ev - 'ry wil - der-ness, God has seen us through.
Times when our strength was gone, some-how we car - ried on, God has seen us
through. Look be - hind and see through - out his - to - ry, God has nev - er let us
down. Lean a - head and trust God is guid - ing us, God is with us here right
now. God will see me through, God will see you through, God will see us through some-
how. Step by step we'll be. gi - ven all we need, God will see us through this now.

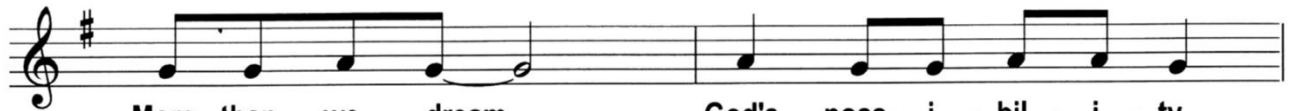
"More Than We Know"



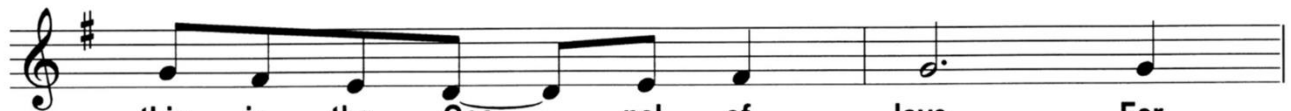
1. More than we know, God works with - in us,
2. He is God's eye, chang - ing our fo - cus;
3. He is God's face, smile of the rain - bow,
4. He is God's heart, tuned to our heart - beat,



more than we trust, mus - tard seeds grow.
He is the light, flood - ing our mind.
col - ors of peace, blend - ing us all.
He is the air, lift - ing our wings.



More than we dream, God's poss - i - bil - i - ty,
He is the fire, Spir - it and en - er - gy
He is the coin, God's new e - con - o - my,
His are the arms stretched out to chal - lenge us,



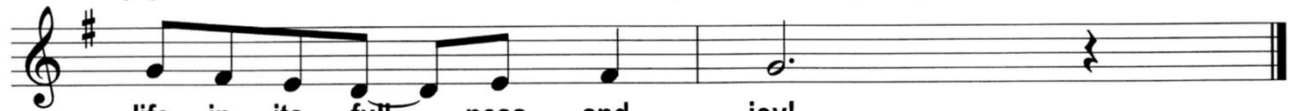
this is the Gos - pel of love. For
spark - ing our spir - it to shine. For
spend - ing to feed and to save. For
He is our cour - age to fly. For



Christ has come, bring - ing us life, life in its full - ness and



joy. For Christ has come, bring - ing us life,



life in its full - ness and joy!

“What Is the World Like”

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "What Is the World Like". It consists of five staves of music, each with a treble clef, a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has five numbered lines of lyrics. The second staff has four lines. The third staff has four lines. The fourth staff has four lines. The fifth staff has four lines. The music is simple, with a steady rhythm and a clear melody line.

1. What is the world like when God's will is done?
2. What is the world like when God's will is done?
3. What is the world like when God's will is done?
4. What is the world like when God's will is done?
5. These are the sto - ries that Je - sus im - parts,
Mus - tard seeds grow more than we can con - ceive:
Wit - ness the wan - der - ing child com - ing home;
No more is neigh - bor just al - ly or friend;
Read - y for feast - ing, we watch through the night,
filled with the Spir - it who joins us as one.
roots thread the soil; branch - es reach for the sun.
watch as the par - ent breaks in - to a run.
peace thrives in place - es where once there was none.
tend - ing our lamps till the new day's be - gun.
Born through our voice - es, our hands, and our hearts,
This is how God moves us each to be - lieve.
This is how God longs for us when we roam.
This is how God works when ri - val - ries end.
This is how God read - ies us for the light.
this is a new world where God's will is done.

THE BLESSING (stand)

THE SENDING OUT

Leader: May the hand of God hold you in your weakness,
May the arms of God comfort you in your failures,
May the power of God lift you up and set you free,
And may you live as children set free by God's love.

All: **Amen.**

THE SENDING SONG

"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 lifel

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 flamel
Christ, give us strength for the liv - ing of these days.

THE DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please join us for an Ice Cream Social after the 9:30 worship service.



Scanning our QR code takes you directly to Trinity's giving page where individuals can make a one-time donation, set up automatic giving and/or visit as many times as they wish to help support the costs of Trinity's ministries.

WE THANK OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastors: Pastor David Schoob, Pastor Cristy Schoob

Worship Assistant: Cheryl Scaffidi

Scripture Introductions: Paul Bauman

Communion Set-up: Jill Hasenstein

Communion Servers:

Ushers: Charlotte Butzler, Dan Pawlowski

Reader: Patrick Thacker

Vocalists: Rick Gilbertson, Gaytha Hillman, Darci Ketter, Phil Pierce

Keyboard: Hazel Griffin

Video: Greg Griffin **Audio:** Bryan Schlosser

Record/Edit Service: Greg Griffin

Counters: Richard Hills, David Putnam

Trinity Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Ho-Chunk and Potawatomi people. As such, we wish to give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home. It is our sincere desire that this acknowledgement initiates an ongoing instructive, and constructive journey toward respect, truth and healing regarding colonialism, the church community, and inclusivity for all children of the Great Spirit. We commit ourselves as God's children to pray for our indigenous siblings, to pray for God's blessings on them and for strength for them and for us as we work together for justice, dignity, respect and peace for all the diverse people of the land.

God Says It's Time. Lyrics and music by Bryan Sirchio. © Crosswind Music. Reprinted with permission. All rights reserved.

Almost. Words and music by Ken Medema. © 2006 Ken Medema Music/ASCAP/Brier Patch Music. Reprinted with permission under CCLI license #230769. All rights reserved.

Choose Love. Words and Music by Scott Jibben. © 2008 Scott Jibben, admin. By Dakota Road Music. Reprinted with permission under One License #A-714192. All rights reserved.

God Will See Us Through. Lyrics by Bryan Sirchio. Music by Emma Ceurvels. Lyrics and Music © 2017 Convergence Music Project. Reprinted with permission. All rights reserved.

More Than We Know. Words: Shirley Erena Murray. Music: Colin Gibson. Words © Shirley Erena Murray. Music © Colin Gibson. Reprinted with permission under One License #A-714192. All rights reserved.

What Is the World Like. Text: Adam M. L. Tice. Music: Sally Ann Morris. Text and music © 2009 GIA Publications, Inc. Reprinted with permission under One License #A-714192. All rights reserved.

Ubuntu. Words and Music by Ken Medema. © Brier Patch Music. Reprinted with permission. All rights reserved.