

***MEDITATION PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP***

*Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

***GATHERING MUSIC***

***PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS***

***TRINITY WELCOME***

***THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY***

*[God] works on us in all sorts of ways. But above all, he works on us through each other. [People] are mirrors, or "carriers" of Christ to other [people]. Usually it is those who know him that bring him to others. That is why the church, the whole body of Christians showing him to one another, is so important.*

**-C.S. Lewis**

*Never doubt that this is God's world, and that it is brought near to him by the right works of the least of his children no less than by the mighty works of geniuses.*

**-Helen Keller**

***CALL TO WORSHIP (stand)***

**L:** Today we stand beside saints in the making.

**C:** **Yesterday we stood by those who now live as saints in light.**

**L:** Tomorrow may be our turn to take our place among them.

**C:** **While we live, we live to the Lord.**

**L:** When we die, we die to the Lord.

**C:** **So then, whether we live or whether we die,**

**All:** **We are the Lord's.**

**PRAISE SONG**

**"To Be God's People"**

1. Al - might - y Fa - ther give us a vi - sion  
2. And when we fal - ter be Thou our com - fort;

of a dy - ing world that needs Your love and care.  
guide us as Your chil - dren that our lives may be

We see the need, the year - ing for a Sav - ior,  
A bea - con in this dark - ness that sur - rounds us,

In Je - sus' name, grant this our prayer. To be God's  
A light that oth - ers then may see.

peo - ple in this place, \_\_\_\_\_ live His good - ness,

share His grace, Pro - claim God's mer - cy through His

Son, be His love to ev - 'ry - one. \_\_\_\_\_

**OUR CONFESSION**

**All:** Lord, the saints have shown us that there is so much to live up to: You want us to be kind, humble, meek and patient, and most days we struggle, at best. We are to forgive, love and let peace rule our hearts, yet the focus is often on me, not on others' needs. Studying your Word has not become a priority for us. There is so much work to do - so we recommit our lives to you with the promise that this will be a fresh start. Help us to follow the example of the saints who have gone before me. Help us to give others a glimpse of your kingdom that is to come in all we say and do. Amen.

**Leader:** Believe it or not we are saints, set free by God to live as the people of God. Let us live lives worthy of the Gospel.

**CONFESSION RESPONSE**

**“We Are Called”**

1. Come!  
2. Come!  
3. Sing!

Live in the light!  
O Sing a new heart!  
Sing a song!

Shine with the joy and the love of the  
Show your..... that mer - cy day to all those in  
Sing of that great day when all will be

Lord! We are called to be  
fear! We God are will called reign, to and be  
one!

light for the king - dom, to live in the  
hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and  
walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

free - dom of the cit - y of God!  
blind - ness..... will be..... no more.  
broth - ers..... u - nit - ed in love.

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are  
called to love ten - der - ly; we are called to  
serve one an - oth - er to walk  
hum - bly with God.

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**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (sit)**

## THE LESSONS

## Hebrews 12:1-17 (The Message)

The writer assumes the readers and hearers are acquainted with the history of God's first people, the Israelites, as shown by his reference to Esau, but now they have a new identity through Jesus and suggests what that could mean for their living.

<sup>1-3</sup> Do you see what this means—all these pioneers who blazed the way, all these veterans cheering us on? It means we'd better get on with it. Strip down, start running—and never quit! No extra spiritual fat, no parasitic sins. Keep your eyes on *Jesus*, who both began and finished this race we're in. Study how he did it. Because he never lost sight of where he was headed—that exhilarating finish in and with God—he could put up with anything along the way: Cross, shame, whatever. And now he's *there*, in the place of honor, right alongside God. When you find yourselves flagging in your faith, go over that story again, item by item, that long litany of hostility he plowed through. *That* will shoot adrenaline into your souls!

<sup>4-11</sup> In this all-out match against sin, others have suffered far worse than you, to say nothing of what Jesus went through—all that bloodshed! So don't feel sorry for yourselves. Or have you forgotten how good parents treat children, and that God regards you as *his* children?

My dear child, don't shrug off God's discipline,  
but don't be crushed by it either.  
It's the child God loves that God disciplines;  
the child God embraces, God also corrects.

God is educating you; that's why you must never drop out. God's treating you as dear children. This trouble you're in isn't punishment; it's *training*, the normal experience of children. Only irresponsible parents leave children to fend for themselves. Would you prefer an irresponsible God? We respect our own parents for training and not spoiling us, so why not embrace God's training so we can truly *live*? While we were children, our parents did what *seemed* best to them. But God is doing what *is* best for us, training us to live God's holy best. At the time, discipline isn't much fun. It always feels like it's going against the grain. Later, of course, it pays off big-time, for it's the well-trained who find themselves mature in their relationship with God.

<sup>12-13</sup> So don't sit around on your hands! No more dragging your feet! Clear the path for long-distance runners so no one will trip and fall, so no one will step in a hole and sprain an ankle. Help each other out. And run for it!

<sup>14-17</sup> Work at getting along with each other and with God. Otherwise you'll never get so much as a glimpse of God. Make sure no one gets left out of God's generosity. Keep a sharp eye out for weeds of bitter discontent. A thistle or two gone to seed can ruin a whole garden in no time. Watch out for the Esau syndrome: trading away God's lifelong gift in order to satisfy a short-term appetite. You well know how Esau later regretted that impulsive act and wanted God's blessing—but by then it was too late, tears or no tears.

## John 6:52-59

This takes place after Jesus had provided food for 5,000 people and the Jewish leaders were wondering who He was. He told them prior to this reading, "I am the bread of life" and metaphorically what eating Him can mean. We experience this through the bread and wine offered weekly during our worship experience.

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

### THE MESSAGE

### "Follow the Leader(s)"

Pastor David Schoob

### THE MESSAGE RESPONSE (stand) "Find Us Faithful"

1. We're pilgrims on the journey of the narrow road,  
And those who've gone before us line the way  
Cheering on the faithful, encouraging the weary,  
Their lives a stirring testament to God's sustaining grace. (chorus)
2. Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
Let us run the race not only for the prize,  
But as those who've gone before us, let us leave to those behind us  
The heritage of faithfulness passed on thru Godly lives. (chorus)
3. After all our hopes and dreams have come and gone,  
And our children sift thru all we've left behind,  
May the clues that they uncover, and the mem'ries they uncover  
Become the light that leads them to the road we each must find. (chorus)

Chorus

O may all who come be - hind us find us  
faith - ful, May the fire of our de - vo  
- tion light their way. May the foot - prints that we leave  
lead them to be - lieve, and the lives we live in -  
spire them to o - bey. O may all who come be - hind  
us find us faith - ful.

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The score consists of six lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The lyrics are: "O may all who come be - hind us find us faith - ful, May the fire of our de - vo - tion light their way. May the foot - prints that we leave lead them to be - lieve, and the lives we live in - spire them to o - bey. O may all who come be - hind us find us faith - ful." The score ends with a double bar line.

## **LIGHTING CANDLES AND REMEMBERING SAINTS**

*John Abel Sr.*

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*Robert "Bob" Peters*

*Rose Ann Peters*

*Robert Arthur Peters*

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*Mary Rady*

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## **THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

### **THE COMMUNION SENTENCES**

**L:** In the still of this hour, we come to find rest for our hearts and contentment for our souls.

**C: We come to remember, to give thanks, and be refreshed.**

**L:** In the quiet of this place, we come to find new life in the bread and the wine.

**C: We praise you, God, for your heavenly food given in love for us.**

(A time of silence)

**L:** In the night in which Jesus was betrayed he took bread, and after giving thanks broke it and shared it with his friends saying: "Take this, and eat it. This is my body." Also, he took the wine and gave thanks saying: "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant. It is poured out for the forgiveness of sins. Do this to remember me.

**C: Jesus is the true gift of love from God.**

**L:** At the table of the Lord we find fulfillment of all we desire. In the body and blood we experience the forgiveness of a dying Savior whose resurrection belongs to us. We are united with all who have gone before and all who will come after. All things come together in the risen Savior, Jesus. Praise God!

### **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**

***“For the Ones Who Have Gone Before Us”***

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (D major) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The score consists of six lines of music. The lyrics are: "For the ones who've gone be - fore us, bless - ed pil - grims  
Moth - ers, fath - ers, sis - ters, broth - ers, child - ren held deep  
of our faith, we give thanks and we re - mem - ber,  
in this place, we give thanks and we re - mem - ber,  
pre - cious ones we hold as saints. God of love you  
through your lives we know God's grace.  
are for - ev - er. Through the days you lead us on. Though we wan - der  
in the dark - ness. God of love you lead us home."

*As Sisters, Brothers, Called by Christ” vs 1,3,4,5*



1. As sis - ters,\_\_\_ bro - thers, called by Christ to serve His\_\_\_  
 2. Give us the\_\_\_ gift of char - i - ty that seeks the\_\_\_  
 3. Give us the\_\_\_ cour - age to stand firm for prin - ci\_\_\_ -  
 4. From dif - fer - ent cul - tures we are drawn, in dif - fer - ing  
 5. As mem - bers\_\_\_ of one fam - i - ly are bond - ed\_\_\_  
 6. May we show\_\_\_ forth by word and deed Christ's at - tri\_\_\_ -



church on earth,\_\_\_ give us\_\_\_ your\_\_\_ gifts of wis\_\_\_ - dom,\_\_\_  
 oth - er's good,\_\_\_ the out\_\_\_ - stretched hand of fel\_\_\_ - ow\_\_\_ -  
 ples held dear,\_\_\_ but o\_\_\_ - pen\_ minds to seek\_\_\_ new\_\_\_  
 tongues we speak;\_\_\_ but u\_\_\_ - ni\_\_\_ - fied by Christ\_\_\_ we\_\_\_  
 yet u - nique,\_\_\_ ac - cept\_\_\_ our\_\_\_ in - di - vi\_\_\_ - dual\_\_\_  
 butes and care,\_\_\_ that oth\_\_\_ - ers\_\_\_ may be drawn\_\_\_ to\_\_\_



grace, re - spect for\_\_\_ hu - man worth.\_\_\_\_\_  
 ship, ac - cept - ed,\_\_\_ un - der - stood.\_\_\_\_\_  
 truths and ques - tion\_\_\_ with - out fear.\_\_\_\_\_  
 stand, the strong to\_\_\_ help the weak.\_\_\_\_\_  
 skills, di - rect the\_\_\_ path we seek.\_\_\_\_\_  
 Him and in His\_\_\_ church may share.\_\_\_\_\_



## “God, We Gather as Your People”

1. God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -  
 2. Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be  
 3. Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and  
 4. God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and

bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.  
 free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,  
 shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.  
 wide can live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.

Though the day may not yet be here, we  
 that they nev - er have a rea - son to  
 May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your  
 As they grow in strength and sta - ture, may they

trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free. (sing v.2)  
 doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.  
 love is for the few, may their faith in you re - new. (sing v.4)  
 join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.

Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the  
 church doors o - pen wide. May there be room e - nough for  
 ev - 'ry - one in - side. For in God, there is a wel - come, in  
 God we all be - long. May that wel - come be our song.

**THE BLESSING** (stand)

**THE SENDING OUT**

Leader: O God, let us remember all the saints who shared your light with us. Let Your light shine through us and help us follow in Your way, until we too join You in the feast which has no end.

**All: Amen.**

# THE SENDING SONG

## "Send Us Out"

1. We have been called by the Lord.  
2. We have who were bound by our shame,  
We ruled have by been our saved fears by the with Word. in.  
Now Stand let and the de - Word clare be by re the - stored. name,  
Now let the Gos - pel of be heard. Send us out to teach what  
free - dom from all of our sin.  
God has done. Send us out to reach ev' - ry  
sin - gle one. Send us out. Send us out.  
Teach what God has done. Reach ev' - ry sin - gle one.  
Teach what God has done. Reach ev' - ry sin - gle one. Send us  
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sin - gle one. Send us out. Send us out.

# THE DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Please join us for a coffee hour after the 9:30 worship service.*



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