GATHERING MUSIC

MEDITATION PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O merciful and loving God, we await that day when Christ will return to call the Church home into eternity. Help us to be faithful and true servants and stewards until that day comes. In Christ we pray. Amen.

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY WELCOME

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

"Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne, and I have founded empires. But on what did we rest the creations of our genius? Upon force. Jesus Christ founded his empire upon love; and at this hour millions would die for him." -Napoleon Bonaparte

We must obey God rather than any human authority'. **-Peter in the book of Acts**

TRINITY'S LAND RECOGNITION

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CALL TO WORSHIP (stand)

Leader: My heart exults in God;
People: My strength is exalted in my God.
Leader: There is no Holy One like God.
People: There is no Rock like our God.
Leader: God raises up the poor from the dust;
People: God lifts the needy from the ash heap.
Leader: The pillars of the earth are God's.
People: God will guard the feet of the faithful.

PRAISE SONG

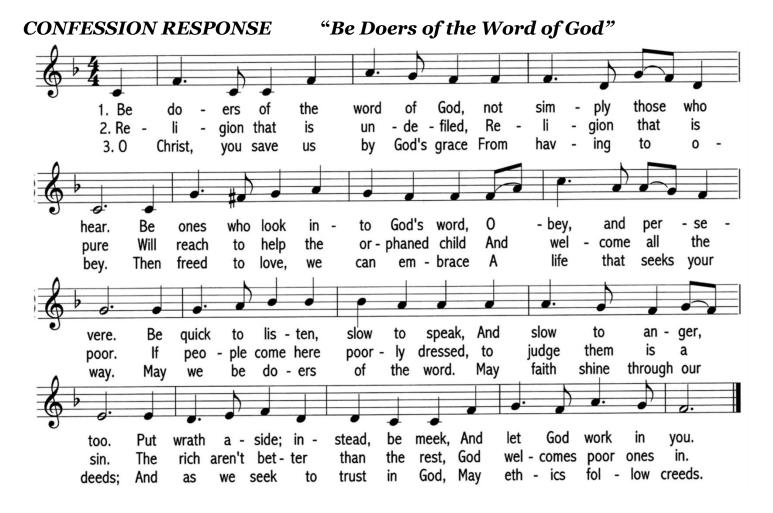


THE CONFESSION

Leader: Let us confess to God and before one another our sins and especially the sin of confusing the things of the world for the things of God.

People: We confess to you, O God, and before one another that we have sinned. We look around at the things that humans have made and we are in awe and wonder. We forget that they are only things. They are not the stuff that life can be built upon. We take national elections so seriously that we are willing to destroy ourselves as a people in order to "win" the day. We often act no better in our congregation. Forgive us and help us to hear you calling us back together to focus on justice, mercy, and our relationship with you so that we may truly be the Body of Christ. Amen.

Leader: God desires us to live, and to live joyfully and abundantly. Listen to God's call and remember that it is only God's realm that is forever.



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (sit)

THE LESSON

Hebrews 10:19-25

The readers and hearers likely had a Jewish background and understood the role of animal sacrifice for forgiveness of wrongdoing or sin. They are reminded Jesus became that substitute and with the water of baptism experience now assurance of forgiveness. The writer suggests how they can live until the day of Jesus expected return.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 13:1-8

As we approach the end of another church year, we hear this exchange of Jesus with some of His closest learners and followers or disciples. They ask about what He meant when He said the stones creating their place of worship, the temple, would be destroyed and what signs would be present when life was headed in that direction.

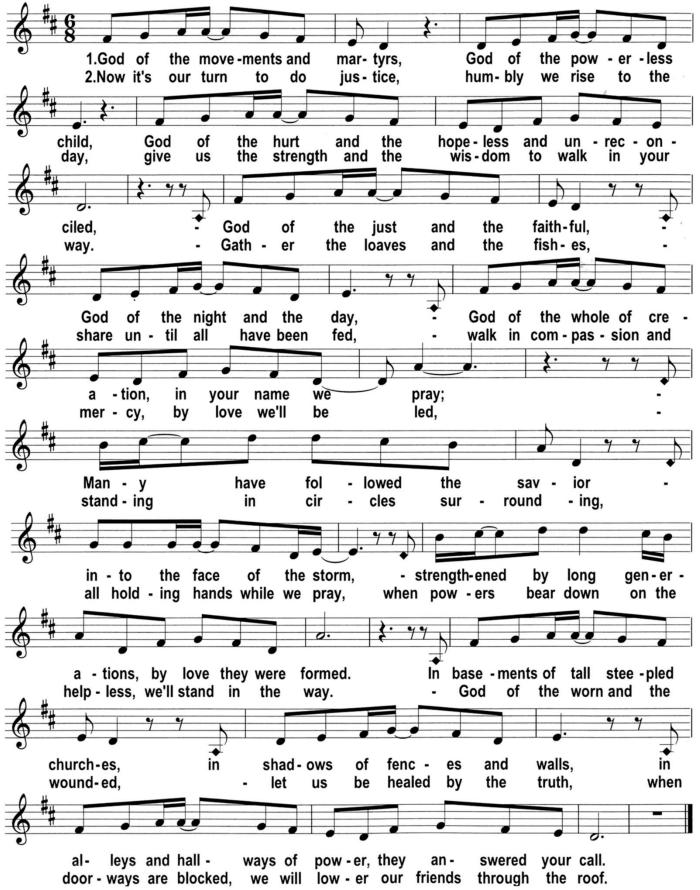
As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.' When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

MESSAGE

"Voting With Our Lives"

-Pastor David Schoob

THE MESSAGE RESPONSE (stand) "God of the Movements and Martyrs" vs 1, 2



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SPECIAL MUSIC "This is Our Path" CTP Singers

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE COMMUNION SENTENCES

One: Gather round the table,

All: Touch a mystery,

One: God's presence,

All: Around us, within us,

One: Causing us to smile,

All: To feel renewed,

One: To look with hopeful eyes,

All: To live as people who pledge allegiance to the Lord.

One: As Jesus shared with his friends, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying: "Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

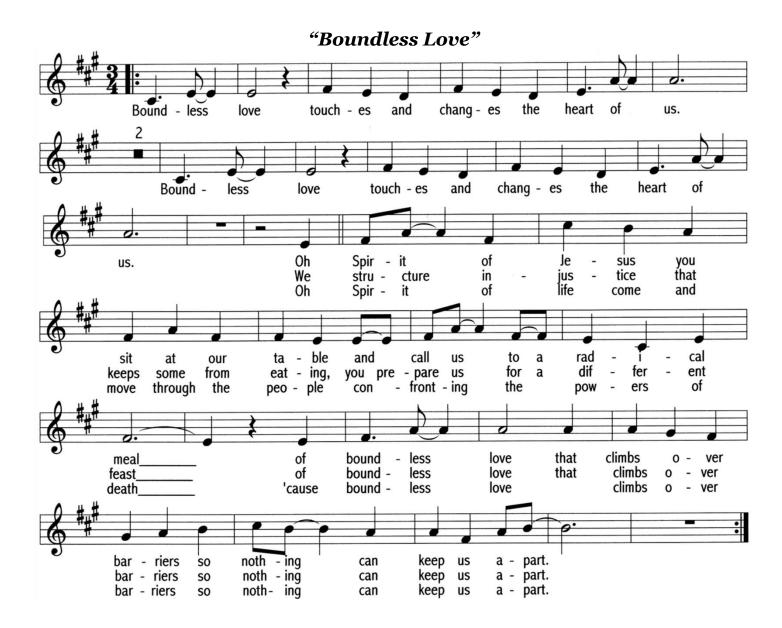
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, 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.





THE BLESSING (stand)

THE SENDING OUT

- Leader: So friends, let us keep a firm grip on the promises that keep us going. God always keeps his word. Let's see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, hearing Jesus voice above all the others, spurring each other on, as we wait for the coming of the King.
- All: Amen.

THE SENDING SONG



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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