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GATHERING MUSIC

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY WELCOME

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

I am who I am in the eyes of God-nothing more and nothing less. ~Richard Rohr

God defines Godself as "I am who I am", which also means: My being is such that I shall always be present in every moment of becoming. ~ Hans Urs von Balthasar

I found power in accepting the truth of who I am. It may not be a truth that others can accept, but I cannot live any other way. How would it be to live a lie every minute of your life. ~Alison Goodman

We are Christians because God surprised us. Coming in water, God washes us and grafts us into Christ. Our identity for all the days of our life is set! We are children of God... disciples of Christ...a servant people...the communion of saints...proclaimers of God's wonderful deeds.

~Trinity Baptismal Service

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are called by God,

All: Drawn to the water,

One: Sprinkled with love,

All: Claimed forever.

One: We are loved by God,

All: Never forgotten,

One: Treated as honored and precious,

All: Receiving divine blessing.

One: We are sent by God,

All: To befriend the world,

One: Cherish the young,

All: Comfort the grieving,

One: Lift up the fallen,

All: Forever shining with the light of God's love.



OUR CONFESSION

All: God of Light and Life, we are all born blind. We look upon the world with eyes of fear and prejudice, deceiving ourselves into believing that we can see. Help us to recognize our blindness and to ask for your healing touch. Restore our vision, that we may see the world with the compassionate eyes of Christ. Amen.

Leader: The light of Jesus' love sets us free from our blindness and our prisons and guides us into new possibilities; let us then live in the light as God's children, following our Lord in joy and hope.



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE READING Romans 12:9-21

9-10 Love from the center of who you are; don't fake it. Run for dear life from evil; hold on for dear life to good. Be good friends who love deeply; practice playing second fiddle. 11-13 Don't burn out; keep yourselves fueled and aflame. Be alert servants of the Master, cheerfully expectant. Don't quit in hard times; pray all the harder. Help needy Christians; be inventive in hospitality. 14-16 Bless your enemies; no cursing under your breath. Laugh with your happy friends when they're happy; share tears when they're down. Get along with each other; don't be stuck-up. Make friends with nobodies; don't be the great somebody. 17-19 Don't hit back; discover beauty in everyone. If you've got it in you, get along with everybody. Don't insist on getting even; that's not for you to do. "I'll do the judging," says God. "I'll take care of it." 20-21 Our Scriptures tell us that if you see your enemy hungry, go buy that person lunch, or if he's thirsty, get him a drink. Your generosity will surprise him with goodness. Don't let evil get the best of you; get the best of evil by doing good.

THE GOSPEL Luke 4:14-30

¹⁴⁻¹⁵ Jesus returned to Galilee powerful in the Spirit. News that he was back spread through the countryside. He taught in their meeting places to everyone's acclaim and pleasure.

¹⁶⁻²¹ He came to Nazareth where he had been raised. As he always did on the Sabbath, he went to the meeting place. When he stood up to read, he was handed the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll, he found the place where it was written,

God's Spirit is on me;

he's chosen me to preach the Message of good news to the poor, Sent me to announce pardon to prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, To set the burdened and battered free,

to announce, "This is God's time to shine!"

He rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the place was on him, intent. Then he started in, "You've just heard Scripture make history. It came true just now in this place."

²² All who were there, watching and listening, were surprised at how well he spoke. But they also said, "Isn't this Joseph's son, the one we've known since he was just a kid?"

²³⁻²⁷ He answered, "I suppose you're going to quote the proverb, 'Doctor, go heal yourself. Do here in your hometown what we heard you did in Capernaum.' Well, let me tell you something: No prophet is ever welcomed in his hometown. Isn't it a fact that there were many widows in Israel at the time of Elijah during that three and a half years of drought when famine devastated the land, but the only widow to whom Elijah was sent was in Sarepta in Sidon? And there were many lepers in Israel at the time of the prophet Elisha but the only one cleansed was Naaman the Syrian."

²⁸⁻³⁰ That set everyone in the meeting place seething with anger. They threw him out, banishing him from the village, then took him to a mountain cliff at the edge of the village to throw him to his doom, but he gave them the slip and was on his way.

MESSAGE RESPONSE

"Let This Be The Time"

Verse 1:

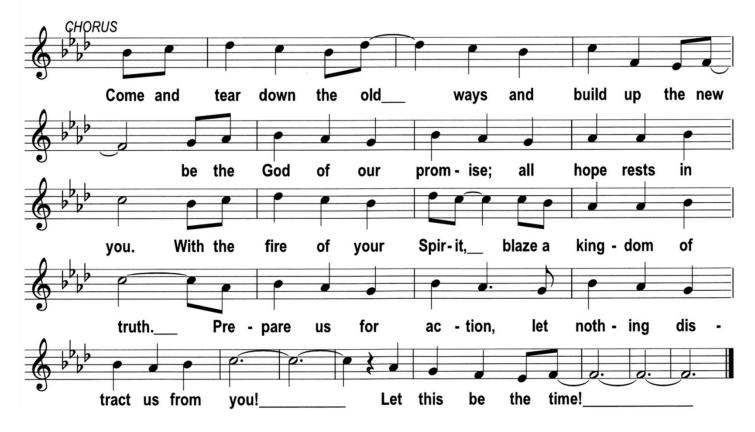
- L: When the song of your people rings out from each steeple, (C: let this be the time.).
- L: When our praise and devotion set lives into motion, (C: let this be the time.)
- L: When the heart of our labor promotes love of neighbor, (C: let this be the time.)
- L: When the care for each nation brings peace to creation, (C: let this be the time.) CHORUS

Verse 2:

- L: When we see in each face those we need to embrace, (C: let this be the time.).
- L: When we turn and forgive those the world won't let live, (C: let this be the time.)
- L: When our care for creation becomes our vocation, (C: let this be the time.)
- L: When our deeds and good actions become our true passion, (C: let this be the time.) CHORUS

Verse 3:

- L: When the voice of the Spirit transforms all who hear it, (C: let this be the time.).
- L: When we turn from obsession and needless possessions, (C: let this be the time.)
- L: When we give recognition to the one, true physician, the healer who bears all our pain, when we stop and remember that you are our God, (C: let this be the time.) CHORUS



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.

Special Musical Offering "How Can I Keep From Singing"

THE PRAYERS

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

One: Gather round the table,

All: There's room for you and me.

One: Gather round the table,

All: Eat and drink, be made new.

One: Gather round the table, **All: It's big enough for all.**One: Gather round the table,

All: See your family.

One: Gather round the table,
All: All you hungry, thirsty.

One: Gather round the table,

All: Doubts and burdens set free.

One: Gather round the table:

Leader: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave

thanks and broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat this is

my body given for you, do this in 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, signed in my blood and shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin, do this as often as you drink it

in 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

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

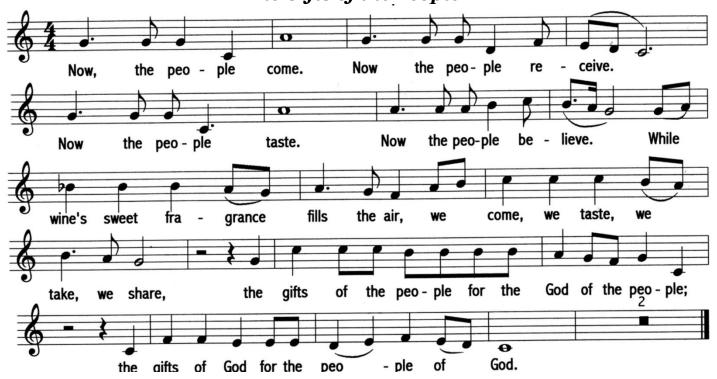
When you receive the bread, you may either dip the wafer in the first chalice of wine or the second chalice of grape juice Please indicate to the pastor if you need a gluten free wafer.

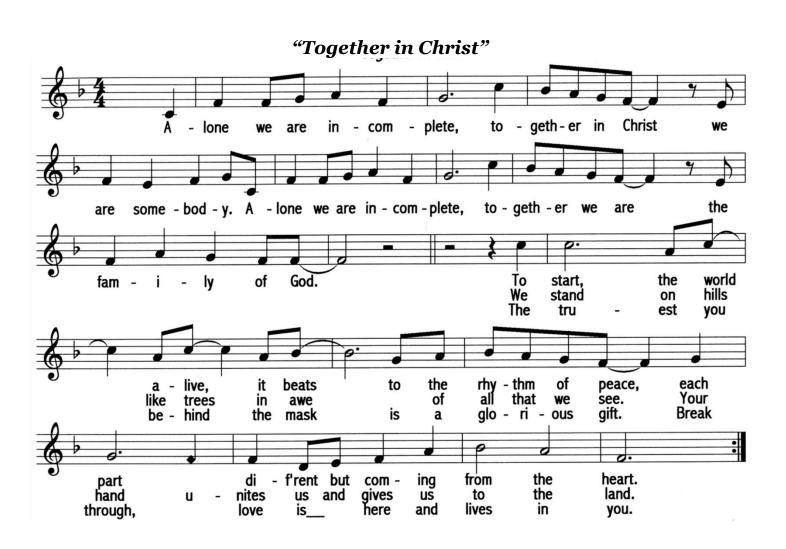
(We also have individually packaged gluten free wafer/wine.)

COMMUNION SONGS "Let Us Go Now To The Banquet"









THE BLESSING

THE SENDING OUT

Leader: As we leave this time of worship, may we walk with a renewed understanding of who we are. May God grant us the vision, new insight and renewed faith to enable us to see more clearly God's presence at work in each of us, and in our lives together.

All: Amen.



THE DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Following worship, please join us for our Annual Meeting followed by our Chili Cookoff.

WE THANK OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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