

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

We praise you, O God, because you come to share in every aspect of our lives and in doing so make our lives holy. Open our eyes to the love that made such a miracle possible and help us share that love in all we do. Amen.

GATHERING MUSIC

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY WELCOME

SCOUT RECOGNITION

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

Jesus Christ is the condescension of divinity and the exaltation of humanity.

-Phillip Brooks (Episcopal clergy and author)

"When you know how much God is in love with you, then you can only live your life radiating that love."

-Mother Teresa

The mystery of the humanity of Christ, that He sunk Himself into our flesh, is beyond all human understanding.

-Martin Luther

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: You have set your glory above the heavens.

Leader: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

People: the moon and the stars that you have established;

Leader: what are human beings that you are mindful of them,

People: mortals that you care for them?

Leader: Yet you have made them a little lower than God,

People: and crowned them with glory and honor.

PRAISE SONG

“Your Love is Everlasting”

1. Since time be - gan, through cen - tu - ries, God's
2. A moth - er's womb, a brand new life. God's
- 3. Signs of hope, a voice of peace. God's

love is ev - er - last - ing. To dis - tant un - known
love is ev - er - last - ing. An emp - ty tomb, the
love is ev - er - last - ing. The pro - phet's cry for

gal - ax - ies God's love is ev - er - last - ing.
ris - en Christ. God's love is ev - er - last - ing.
war to cease, God's love is ev - er - last - ing. For the

Splen - dor springs forth 'cross the land. God's love is ev - er - last
Weep - ing may last for the night. God's love is ev - er - last
down and out and high and proud, God's love is ev - er - last

- ing. A - bun - dance, shar - ing hand in hand. God's
- ing. But joy breaks forth with morn - ing light. God's
- ing. Come, all you peo - ple, shout out loud God's

love is ev - er - last - ing. Your
love is ev - er - last - ing.
love is ev - er - last - ing.

love is last - ing, your love is ev - er - last - ing. Your
love is last - ing, your love is ev - er - last - ing.

OUR CONFESSION

Leader: God our Creator is the One who knows us and names us. Let us confess to God and before one another how we have accepted as our identity what others say about us.

People: **God, we have sinned against you and before our sisters and brothers. We have been given an identity in you that rises us up beyond all creation. We have been adopted by you and called your very own children. You have placed in us the Spirit of Jesus so that he has become our elder brother. And yet we view ourselves as having little worth or we think our worth depends on the things we have done or that we own. We have forgotten that you are our creator and our parent who loves us and calls us by our true name. Forgive our foolish ways, and by the power of your Spirit inspire us to live out our identity in you for all to see, so that they may know they too are your children. Amen.**

Leader: You are God's children and God will never abandon you or forsake you. In the Name of Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

CONFESSION RESPONSE "I Have Decided"

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of ten staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "I have de - cid - ed I'm gon - na live like a be - liev - er. Turn my back on the de - ceiv - er, Gon - na live what I be - lieve; I have de - cid - ed be - ing good is just a fa - ble I just can't 'cause I'm not a - ble, Gon - na leave it to the Lord. 1. There's a wealth of things that I pro - fessed, I said that I be - lieved, But - get the game of be - ing good and your self - right - eous pain, 'Cause the deep in - side I nev - er changed, I guess I'd been de - ceived; A on - ly good in - side your heart is the good that Je - sus brings; When the voice in - side kept tell - ing me that I'd change by and by, But the world be - gins to see you change, don't ex - pect them to ap - plaud, Keep your Spi - rit made it clear to me that kind of life's a lie. eyes on Him and tell your - self: I've be - gun the work of God."

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE FIRST LESSON

Hebrew 2:14-18

This is written to early Christians who may have an understanding of Jews or Hebrews especially the role of the high priest as the one who conducts the sacrifice on the Day of Atonement for the sins of the people. The writer here suggests and elsewhere that Jesus is greater than any high priest for he became the sacrifice for sins.

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore, he had to become like his siblings in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

Luke is unique in telling this story of what happened when Jesus was circumcised as a Jewish infant. Two devotees at the temple in Jerusalem, Simeon and Anna, afterwards surprise Jesus' parents with what they say this child will mean for others.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

MESSAGE "Nobody Know the Trouble I've Seen" **Pastor David Schoob**

MESSAGE RESPONSE (stand) **"From Now On"**

Congregational lyrics in bold type. Song leader lyrics in italics.

From now on (*I'll be with you till the end of the age.*) From now
on (*your king - dom come, for this we'll live and we'll pray*) From now
on (*we'll work for peace un - til the fi - nal day*). From now on... *Fine*
God's near cares (*giv - ing his (God won't for - sake you.)*
Christ cares (*life for all peo - ple.*)
God's here share (*and knows the pains that face you.*
We share (*the love of his that's e - ter - nal.*)
Now we're (*called to go out in the world.*
Go there (*for he has asked us to fol - low.*)
Teach and the heal word and that meet ev - 'ry need, help the
Spread the word that God's in our land. Spread the
lame to sage walk and the blind to see.
mes - sage that - will al - ways stand.

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 – “A Humble Prayer”

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE COMMUNION SENTENCES

Leader: Have you come seeking God?

People: We have come seeking and longing for God.

Leader: Jesus has prepared a table for us.

People: We want to meet God through the power of the Holy Spirit at the table of Jesus Christ.

Leader: Come, God knows our needs and God is waiting to fill us.

Leader: In the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and gave thanks. He broke it, and shared it with disciples saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you." Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: "This is my blood shed for you and for all people. It promises forgiveness and new life. It is the sign of the new covenant between us. Drink this to remember 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”

Sing chorus 2X at beginning and end, 1x between verses.

Let us go now to the ban-quet, to the feast of the u - ni -
verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.
I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -
God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the
May we build such a place a - mong us where all
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm
ban - quet of jus - tice and good, where the har - vest will not be
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

“For Everyone Born” vs 1,3,5



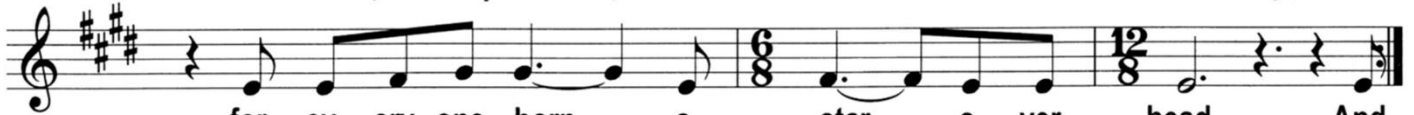
1. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 3. For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 5. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 to live with-out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head. And
 for young and for old, the right to be - long. And
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free. And



God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and



joy com - pas - sion and peace; yes,



God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice, jus - tice and joy.

“Sanctuary”



Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and



ho - ly, tried and true; With thanks - giv - ing I'll be a



liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

THE COMMUNION BLESSING

THE SENDING OUT

Leader: Let God love you. Lean on the everlasting arms. Let God love you. Lean on the Holy Spirit. Let God love you. Let Jesus into your hearts.

All: Amen.

THE SENDING SONG

“It’s All About Love“

What does it mean to call my-self a Chris-tian?
If you ask me why I'm drawn to Je-sus;
When I feel lost and ev-'ry-thing's un-cer-tain;

What does it mean to live out my faith?
if you ask me why I fol-low Christ;
when I'm not sure what choic-es to make,

I do not think it's a list of dos and don'ts.
I won't tell you "I'm a-fraid of judg-ment day."
these sim-ple words always help me find my way.

That's just not deep e-nough. It's all a bout
That's just not deep e-nough.
They're al-ways deep e-nough.

love. It's all a-bout love. It's all a-bout love and the kinds of
things that love does, things like jus-tice and com-
pas-sion. It's all a-bout love.

THE DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Following worship, please join us for a coffee hour in the Heritage Room.

WE THANK OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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Rick Gilbertson, Lori Hassig,

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Video: Peter Nelson **Audio:** Sue Gilbertson

Coffee Hour: Sue and Matthew Walker

Counters: Shirl Curreri, Diane Ferstadt

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