

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TRINITY WELCOME**

**THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY**

*“Diversity is being invited to the dance. Inclusion is being asked to Dance. Equity is allowing you to choose the Music.”*  
**-Cynthia Olmedo**

*Each human being, however small or weak, has something to bring to humanity. As we start to really get to know others, as we begin to listen to each other's stories, things begin to change. We begin the movement from exclusion to inclusion, from fear to trust, from closedness to openness, from judgment and prejudice to forgiveness and understanding. It is a movement of the heart.*  
**- Jean Vanier**

*Inclusion is not a matter of political correctness. It is the key to growth.*  
**-Jesse Jackson**

*“It is not our differences that divide us. It is our inability to recognize, accept, and celebrate those differences.”*  
**-Audre Lorde**

*I would rather be excluded for who I include, rather than included for who I exclude.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

One: We come bearing treasures—some hidden, some apparent.

**All: We come with our own life histories, our ethnic and linguistic histories, our spiritual and religious histories.**

One: We come hungry for justice—in all its intersections of race, gender identity, class, ability and language, in ways not yet articulated.

**All: We come with a hunger for life budding along the margins and for right relationships among us.**

One: People of God come, let us worship together in the name of the One who makes us all one.

## PRAISE SONG

### "I Believe in That Love" vs 2, 3

2. I be - lieve in a love that is felt in the touch of a  
3. I be - lieve in a love that is here at the heart of a  
help - ing hand. I be - lieve in a love that sees  
my - ster - y. I be - lieve in a love that for -  
diff - renc - es and seeks to un - der - stand.  
gives, for - gets heals and sets us free.  
I be - lieve in a love that has no bounds, no  
I be - lieve in a love that los - es self for the  
I be -  
class or race to hold it down.  
sake of life for some - one else.  
lieve in that love, I be - lieve I be - lieve in that love.  
I be - lieve in that love. I be  
- lieve I be - lieve in that love.

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## OUR CONFESSION

**All:** O God of the Exodus and Easter, of liberation and new life, We come to you in prayer naming the “old things” to which we cling: stereotypes based on race and class; unearned privileges that are ours because of gender or skin color; unwillingness to speak out against all the “isms” that diminish other human beings; blindness that keeps us from acknowledging our cultural and ethnic gifts.

O God, we confess our complicity in the struggles of our world, whether we participate intentionally or not. We live in societies, institutions and churches built on structures that privilege one group over the others. The words “systemic racism and prejudice” are difficult for us to hear and to speak.

Open our eyes so we may understand that this is not your desire or vision for us. We come with contrite hearts, longing to have new hearts created within us, seeking the waters of righteousness that will overturn injustice and create anew ways of living faithfully together that honor the dignity of each person.

We long for right relationships, O God, for abundance of life within you. In your grace, heal and transform us and our institutions that the rainbow of humanity may be fully reflected, gloriously alive in you. In all things we pray, through the fully Human One, Jesus the Christ, Amen.

## CONFESSION RESPONSE

### *“Take My Life That I May Be”*

Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord  
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;  
let them flow in cease - less praise.

1. Take my hands and let them move  
2. Take my sil - ver and my gold,  
3. Take my voice and let me sing  
4. Take my will and make it thine;

at the im - pulse of thy love;  
not a mite on - ly no I for long - with my er hold;  
it - ways, shall be no long - er King;  
mine;

take my feet in - tel - lect them be swift and  
take my my in - tel - lect them and use ev - 'ry  
take my my lips, and it let is them and them be use ev - 'ry  
take my my heart, and it let is them and them be use ev - 'ry

beau - ti - ful for thee  
pow'r - as - ful thou shalt choose  
mes - sag - es thy roy - al throne.  
be thy roy - al throne.

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (sit)****THE FIRST READING****Acts:11:1-18** (the Message)

The news traveled fast and in no time the leaders and friends back in Jerusalem heard about it—heard that the non-Jewish “outsiders” were now “in.” When Peter got back to Jerusalem, some of his old associates, concerned about circumcision, called him on the carpet: “What do you think you’re doing rubbing shoulders with that crowd, eating what is prohibited and ruining our good name?”

<sup>4-6</sup> So Peter, starting from the beginning, laid it out for them step-by-step: “Recently I was in the town of Joppa praying. I fell into a trance and saw a vision: Something like a huge blanket, lowered by ropes at its four corners, came down out of heaven and settled on the ground in front of me. Milling around on the blanket were farm animals, wild animals, reptiles, birds—you name it, it was there. Fascinated, I took it all in.

<sup>7-10</sup> “Then I heard a voice: ‘Go to it, Peter—kill and eat.’ I said, ‘Oh, no, Master. I’ve never so much as tasted food that wasn’t kosher.’ The voice spoke again: ‘If God says it’s okay, it’s okay.’ This happened three times, and then the blanket was pulled back up into the sky.

<sup>11-14</sup> “Just then three men showed up at the house where I was staying, sent from Caesarea to get me. The Spirit told me to go with them, no questions asked. So I went with them, I and six friends, to the man who had sent for me. He told us how he had seen an angel right in his own house, real as his next-door neighbor, saying, ‘Send to Joppa and get Simon, the one they call Peter. He’ll tell you something that will save your life—in fact, you and everyone you care for.’

<sup>15-17</sup> “So I started in, talking. Before I’d spoken half a dozen sentences, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as it did on us the first time. I remembered Jesus’ words: ‘John baptized with water; you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ So I ask you: If God gave the same exact gift to them as to us when we believed in the Master Jesus Christ, how could I object to God?”

<sup>18</sup> Hearing it all laid out like that, they quieted down. And then, as it sank in, they started praising God. “It’s really happened! God has broken through to the other nations, opened them up to Life!”

**THE GOSPEL READING****John 13:33-35**

<sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

## THE MESSAGE RESPONSE (Stand)

### "It's All About Love" vs 1,2

What does it mean to call my - self a Chris - tian?  
If you ask me why I'm drawn to Je - sus;

What does it mean to live out my faith?  
if you ask me why I fol - low Christ;

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."

That's just not deep e - nough. It's all a bout  
That's just not 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 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 MUSIC

### "How Great Thou Art"

### Special Trinity Choir

## 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 to the table in hope and joy.

**All: We enter with awe and devotion to meet together with God.**

Leader: This is a safe place where we know we are loved.

**All: We feel the presence of God's Spirit and the Spirit of God's people.**

Leader: Here we always find forgiveness and new beginnings.

**All: We trust God's love and open our hearts today.**

(A time of silence for remembering our brokenness, and our need for a Savior.)

Leader: God calls us to carry Jesus' light out into the world.

**All: In the bread and the wine God nourishes and strengthens us for our ministry in the world.**

Leader: In this meal we take our place as followers of Jesus and all of God's children

**All: In this meal we find the grace to start again and the courage to follow the way of Jesus.**

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 a new life. It is the sign of the new covenant between us. Drink this to remember me."

**All: This is the new relationship we share together.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and 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

### *"May Love Rise Above"*

The beau - ty and the blood - shed runs deep and wide from the  
The cour - age and the cau - tion, it fills the air from the  
The pro - mise and the pas - sion rings loud and strong as a

cen - ter of the city - y to the roll - ing coun - try - side. The  
chil - dren on the play - ground to the wom - an on the stairs. There's a  
gen - er - a - tion search - es for a free - dom lov - ing song. Still the

heal - ing and the suff' - ring runs far and near. There is  
calm up - on the wa - ter but down block be - low on the  
mem - o - ries are haunt - ing, will they block the way? What can

hope for each to - mor - row but still so man - y fears.  
anx - ious hearts are beat - ing, will this peace ev - er hold?  
bring us all to - geth - er to start a brand new day?

Oh may love rise a - bove the moun - tains. May love rise a - bove  
the plains. May love rise a - bove the ha - tred. May  
love rise a - bove all the pain, rise a - bove it all,  
oh \_\_\_\_\_ rise a - bove it all, oh \_\_\_\_\_

*"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love" vs 1, 3, 4*

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are  
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will  
 4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from

one work in the Lord, We are one in the  
 whom side by side, We We will work with each  
 all things come, And all praise to Christ

Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, And we  
 oth - er, we we will work side by side, And we'll  
 Je - sus, His on - ly Son, And all

pray guard - that all u - ni - ty may one day be re  
 praise to each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's  
 the Spir - it who makes us

- stored: And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our  
 pride:  
 one:

love, Yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.



## ***“His Banner Over Me”***

His ban - ner o - ver me is love, His  
ban - ner o - ver me is love; And He  
takes me to His ta - ble of love  
and He takes me to His ban - quet - ing  
ta - ble of love. *Song ending.* Sure - ly His  
good - ness and mer - cy shall fol - low me,  
all of my life I will dwell in the  
house of the Lord, of the Lord.

## ***THE COMMUNION BLESSING***

### ***THE SENDING OUT***

Leader: Go into God's world knowing that you are loved more than you can imagine. Share God's love and forgiveness with all you encounter. Love and forgive them as God has loved and forgiven you and you will find and share the blessing of God Almighty.

**All: Amen.**

## THE SENDING SONG

### "Boundless Love vs" 1, 3



Bound - less love touch - es and chang - es the heart of us.

Bound - less love touch - es and chang - es the heart of

us.

1. Oh Spir - it of Je - sus you and

3. Oh Spir - it of life come and

sit at our ta - ble and call us to a rad - i - cal of

move through the peo - ple and con - front - ing the pow - ers of

meal of bound - less love that climbs o - ver

death 'cause bound - less love climbs o - ver

bar - riers so noth - ing can keep us a - part.

bar - riers so noth - ing can keep us a - part.

## THE DISMISSAL

**Leader:** Go into God's world in peace to love and serve the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*Following worship, please join us in the Heritage Room for an Ice Cream Social.*

### WE THANK OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

**Pastors:** Pastor David Schoob, Pastor Cristy Schoob

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