
GATHERING MUSIC

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY WELCOME

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

“Don't Just”

*Don't just learn, experience.
Don't just read, absorb.
Don't just change, transform.
Don't just relate, advocate.
Don't just promise, prove.
Don't just criticize, encourage.
Don't just think, ponder.
Don't just take, give.
Don't just see, feel.
Don't just dream, do.
Don't just hear, listen.
Don't just talk, act.
Don't just tell, show.
Don't just exist, live.”*

— Roy T. Bennett, **The Light in the Heart**

“Most people do not listen with the intent to understand; they listen with the intent to reply.” -Stephen R. Covey, ***The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People: Powerful Lessons in Personal Change***

The art of love is largely the art of persistence.

- Albert Ellis

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Our God comes and invites us into a relationship of trust and sharing.

All: We offer our whole lives to our loving God.

One: God knows our needs, but in love desires us to share them.

All: We offer to our loving parent the struggles we face.

One: God hears us and invites us to imitate God's unconditional love.

All: In gratitude we will lovingly listen to others. We praise you, O God, because you are our constant help. At all times and in all places, you come to bring healing and redemption. Open our hearts and strengthen our faith that we may welcome you as you come in justice for all. Amen.

PRAISE SONG

"All Are Welcome"

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across measures. The final measure of the seventh staff has a double bar line and repeat dots.

All are wel - come friend and stran - ger at the ban - quet
of the Sav - ior All are wel - come All are wel - come here.
1. From the wo - man who comes cry - ing
2. From the ones to who feel for - got - ten
3. Go in - to the streets and cit - ies
leav - ing tears at Je - sus' feet
those who sense their place - sus' feet
to the farms and fam - i - lies
To the man who knows the right way
Tell a - bout who the live in did hun - ta - ble
but here can you - not be - see
God's mer - long - cy.

OUR CONFESSION

Leader: Let us confess to God and before one another our sins, especially unwillingness to listen and our lack of patience and persistence.

People: We confess to you, O God, and before one another that we have sinned. We have failed to be your obedient people. We have become discouraged when things have not changed quickly enough for us. We have given up too easily when things have become difficult. We have turned away from people without really listening to their stories. Strengthen us and send us out once more to be your presence in this world. Amen.

Leader: God loves us and our world. Receive God's grace and forgiveness. Go to do the work that God has for us.

CONFESSION RESPONSE

"Grace Alone"

1. Ev - 'ry pro - mise we can make, ev - 'ry prayer and step of faith,
2. Ev - 'ry soul we long to reach, ev - 'ry heart we hope to teach,
Ev - 'ry dif - f'rence we will make is on - ly by His grace.
Ev - 'ry - where we share His peace is on - ly by His grace.
Ev - 'ry moun - tain we will climb, ev - 'ry ray of hope we shine,
Ev - 'ry lov - ing word we say, ev - 'ry tear we wipe a - way,
Ev - 'ry bless - ing left be - hind is on - ly by His
Ev - 'ry sor - row turned to praise is on - ly by His
grace. Grace a - lone which God sup - plies, strength un - known He will pro
vide. Christ in us, our Cor - ner - stone, we will go forth in grace a
1. lone. 2. lone. We will go forth in grace a - lone.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SPECIAL MUSIC *"I Wanna Be a History Maker"*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (sit)

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 32:22-31

²² That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. ²⁴ So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. ²⁶ Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak."

But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

²⁷ The man asked him, "What is your name?"

"Jacob," he answered.

²⁸ Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel,^[a] because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome."

²⁹ Jacob said, "Please tell me your name."

But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there.

³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel,^[b] saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared."

³¹ The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel,^[c] and he was limping because of his hip.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus^[a] told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'"^[b] ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen Samuelson

MESSAGE RESPONSE

"Leaning In"



We pray for the lone - ly ones know - ing
 We pray for the wound - ed ones know - ing
 We pray for the starv - ing ones know - ing
 We pray for the dy - ing ones know - ing

that some of us are lone - ly, and
 that some of us are wound - ed, and
 that some of us are starv - ing, and
 that some of us are dy - ing, and

we pray for the heart - bro - ken ones know - ing
 we pray for the re - gret - ful ones know - ing
 we pray for the im - pris - oned ones know - ing
 we pray for the new - ly born ones know - ing

that some of us are heart - bro - ken.
 that some of us are re - gret - ful.
 that some of us are im - pris - oned.
 that some of us are ar - riv - ing.

All - - our hearts and minds are lean - ing in with
 clear in - ten - tion, join - ing in your way of
 love in the world.
 heal - ing in the world.
 jus - tice in the world.
 love in the world.

1.-3. 2 4.
 A - - - men.



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.

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

P: We are a resurrection people

C: We come to share in the table Jesus has prepared for us. We come to lean on the power that brings new beginnings out of painful endings.

P: We are Easter people

C: Just as we share his death, we share his life. We are freed to live without fear. We, too, will be raised from death to life.

P: We are Good News people!

C: We are caught up in the activity of our lives and need to pause and be refreshed. In these elements of love, we find strength to live lives that reflect God's light. We are not left alone with the darkness that terrifies us, or the sin that separates us. The body and blood of Jesus are a very real presence among us. We come to the table to find forgiveness, healing, acceptance and strength.

P: Our Lord Jesus, on the night in which he was betrayed took bread, and gave thanks. He broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, *"Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this to remember me."* Again after supper he took the cup, he 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 to remember me!"* Following our Lord's command and responding to our need for forgiveness, we come!

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Send now your Holy Spirit, upon this bread and wine and all who gather at this table. By your Spirit make our hearts burn and open our eyes that we may become what we receive, the body of Christ given for the life of the world.

C: Amen.

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 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 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 celiac friendly individually packaged wafer/wine in the first pew.)

SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION

"I Believe In That Love"

1. I be - lieve in a love that is born in the song of a
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

ba - by's cry. I be - lieve in a love that lives
help - ing hand. I be - lieve in a love that sees
my - ster - y. I be - lieve in a love that for -

on and on e - ven when we die.
diff' - renc - es and seeks to un - der - stand.
gives, for - gets heals and sets us free.

I be - lieve in a love that reach - es out em -
I be - lieve in a love that has no bounds, no
I be - lieve in a love that los - es self for the

brac - ing all our pain and doubt. 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.

“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

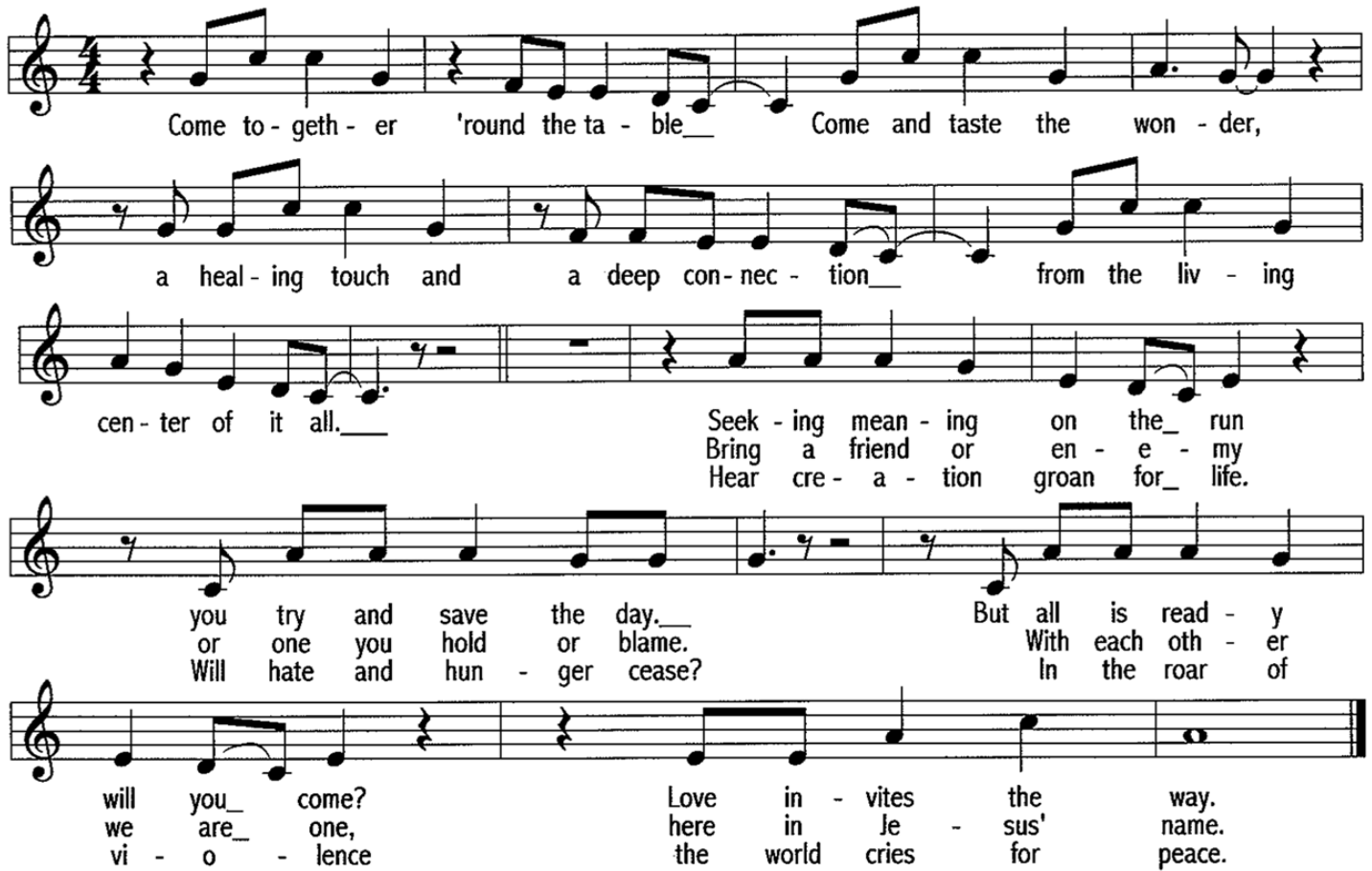
cen - ter of the city - y to the roll - ing coun - try - side. The
chil - dren on the play - ground to the wom - an on the stairs. There's a
gen - er - a - tion search - es for a free - dom lov - ing song. Still the

heal - ing and the suff' - ring runs far and near. There is
calm up - on the wa - ter but down be - low oh 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 _____

“Round the Table”



Come to- geth - er 'round the ta - ble_ Come and taste the won - der,
a heal - ing touch and a deep con - nec - tion_ from the liv - ing
cen - ter of it all._ Seek - ing mean - ing on the_ run
Bring a friend or en - e - my life.
Hear cre - a - tion groan for_ life.
you try and save the day._ But all is read - y
or one you and hold or blame. With each oth - er
Will hate and hun - ger cease? In the roar of
will you_ come? Love in - vites the way.
we are_ one, here in Je - sus' name.
vi - o - lence the world cries for peace.

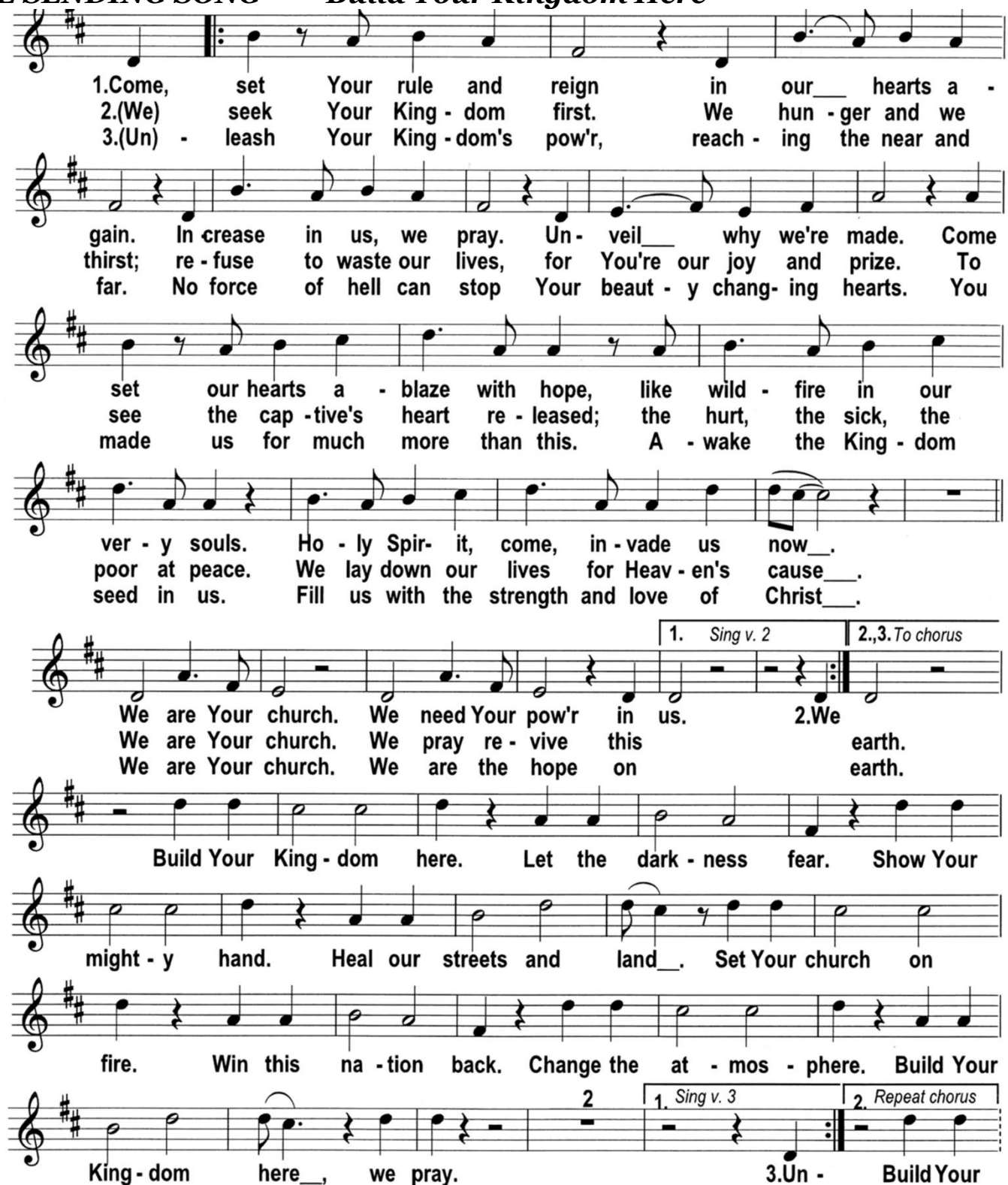
THE BLESSING (stand)

THE SENDING OUT

Leader: May the God of the Heavens cause you to soar.
May the Christ of the journey light your path.
May the Spirit of power fill your heart with the courage to follow.

C: **Amen.**

THE SENDING SONG "Build Your Kingdom Here"



1. Come, set Your rule and reign in our hearts a -
 2. (We) seek Your King - dom first. We hun - ger and we
 3. (Un) - leash Your King - dom's pow'r, reach - ing the near and

gain. In crease in us, we pray. Un - veil why we're made. Come
 thirst; re - fuse to waste our lives, for You're our joy and prize. To
 far. No force of hell can stop Your beaut - y chang - ing hearts. You

set our hearts a - blaze with hope, like wild - fire in our
 see the cap - tive's heart re - leased; the hurt, the sick, the
 made us for much more than this. A - wake the King - dom

ver - y souls. Ho - ly Spir - it, come, in - vade us now.
 poor at peace. We lay down our lives for Heav - en's cause.
 seed in us. Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.

1. Sing v. 2 2., 3. To chorus
 We are Your church. We need Your pow'r in us. 2. We
 We are Your church. We pray re - vive this earth.
 We are Your church. We are the hope on earth.

Build Your King - dom here. Let the dark - ness fear. Show Your
 might - y hand. Heal our streets and land. Set Your church on
 fire. Win this na - tion back. Change the at - mos - phere. Build Your
 King - dom here, we pray. 2 1. Sing v. 3 2. Repeat chorus
 3. Un - Build Your

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.

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