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PRESERVICE SINGING *WOV 781, 731, 650*

A LITANY ADAPTATION OF “*Lift Every Voice and Sing*”

Celebration rises, up from deep places,
Finding voice in the light and air no longer denied.

**Lift every voice and sing, sing till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.**

Celebration rises, not blind to the suffering, not blind to the sorrow.
Celebration comes at a cost.

**Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our parents sighed.**

Celebration rises, remembering the way we have come,
The paths taken that have brought us here now to this place and time of
celebration.

Celebration rises, up and up, full of remembering.
Remembering the ones led to freedom by Harriet;
Remember lives and freedom stolen.

**We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
we have come treading our path through the blood of the
slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past till now we stand at last where the white
gleam of our bright star is cast.**

Celebration rises, recognizing what has been done and left undone,
knowing there is still and yet much to do, so much further to go.
Celebration rises, naming the victories, recognizing the challenges yet
ahead.

Celebration rises on voices offering unfinished praise.
**Lest our feet stray from the place, our God where we met thee;
Lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;**

Celebration rises, resisting illusions,
To be embraced by the real and abiding presence of God who breaks
our chains,

And sets us free for freedom, in power and love and joy.

**God of our weary years, God of our silent tears
thou who hast brought us thus far on our way;
thou who has by thy might led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.**

Celebration rises, with the power of healing wings and promise to
endure.

Celebration rises, celebrating that by God’s grace,
I am because You are, You are because I am;

Celebrating that the fullness of my humanity does not diminish yours
And the fullness of your humanity does not diminish mine.
**Shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.**
**True to who we are, true to who we have been
and who we are becoming, thanks be to God.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy and righteous God, you created us in your image. Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression Help us, like those of generations before us who resisted the evil of slavery and human bondage in any form and any manner of oppression. Help us to use our freedom to bring justice among people and nations everywhere, to the glory of your Holy name through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Susan Scheulen

A reading from Ezekiel.

²²Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.
I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;
I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.

²³On the mountain height of Israel
I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.

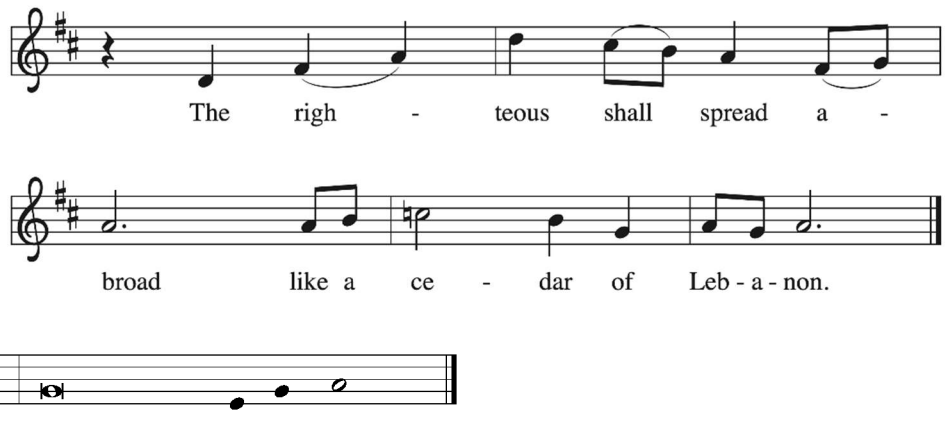
²⁴All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;
I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.
I the LORD have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15



¹It is a good thing to give thanks | to the LORD,
to sing praise to your name, | O Most High;
²to herald your love | in the morning
and your faithful- | ness at night;
³on the psaltery, and | on the lyre,
and to the melody | of the harp.
⁴For you have made me glad by your | acts, O LORD;
and I shout for joy because of the works | of your hands. R
¹²The righteous shall flourish | like a palm tree,
and shall spread abroad like a ce- | dar of Lebanon.
¹³Those who are planted in the house | of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts | of our God;
¹⁴they shall still bear fruit | in old age;
they shall be | green and succulent;
¹⁵that they may show how up- | right the LORD is,
my rock, in whom there is | no injustice. R

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head.

²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples. The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

The Reverend Heidi David Young

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Day of Peace

ELW 711

1 O day of peace that dim-ly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce de - vour the small;
guide us to jus - tice, truth, and love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes.
as beasts and cat - tle calm-ly graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all.
May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re - lease,
Then en - e - mies shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac - cord;
till by God's grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's prom - ised reign of peace.
the hope of peace shall be ful - filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

Nature sings your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night. Sustain the holy rhythms of creation: days and seasons, hibernation and activity, phases of the moon and tides of the sea. Let these patterns assure us of your constancy. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son. Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance, indifference and hatred that infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us. Unite us in bonds of love and through our struggle and confusion, work to accomplish your purposes on earth, so that in your good time, every people and nation may serve you in harmony. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You raise the lowly and humble those in high regard. Raise up all who are victims of marginalization, discrimination, and hate. Banish white supremacy and bigotry from the hearts of your people and remove the inclination toward anger and violence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Tend to all who journey by faith and who wait with patience for the fulfillment of your healing promises especially Shirley, Charlotte, Louise, Stephen, Barb, Hadley, Carl, and others we name now (*worshippers may add names silently or aloud*). Grant perseverance to people doing physical and occupational therapy, people living with mobility concerns, and people facing chronic pain. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

As you have loved us, so let us love one another. Empower fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, adoptive fathers, and chosen fathers to embody this gift of love for their children. Where these relationships are strained or broken, bring your comfort and peace. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

With gratitude, we remember the Emanuel Nine martyrs and all the saints who are now at home with you. Plant seeds of their wisdom and witness in our hearts, that we grow in faith until we join them in your heavenly dwelling. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Other prayers may be offered now.

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**



OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING *(benefits I Can 2)*

Standin' in the Need of Prayer traditional spiritual

Trinity Choir

Offering is an act of worship that shows our gratitude to God for all that we are and have in our lives. The offering today will provide support for the ministries of Trinity both locally and in the world around us. You may provide your offering in person, scan the QR code adjacent or send it by mail. We thank you for sharing not only your monetary gifts but also your gifts of time and talent to further our mission to share Jesus' love in worship, fellowship, hospitality, and community, doing God's work with our hands.

OFFERING PRESENTATION *Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us vs. 3*

ELW 707

3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en to our hum - blest
 char - i - ty in your own mys - te - rious sen - tence, "You have
 done it all to me." Na - ked, sick, in pris - on, hun - gry—
 in the least, your face we view, say - ing by your
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you."

Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818–1889, alt.
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen.**

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
 who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Those communing from home, have your package ready to open, but do not consume the elements until the pastor acknowledges those at home and says: "Take and eat. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ is given and shed for you." Then you may partake.

COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW 471

- 1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
- 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
- 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - 'ry - where their high com - mu - nion find;
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your race may be.
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com - mu - ni - ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
 his ser - vice is the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 All chil - dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 all Christ - ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt.
 Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

TFF 247



Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing, Lord, send your Spir - it in this place;



Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943
 Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema
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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
 God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

ELW 325

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Plenty Good Room

traditional spiritual

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This week: Greeters: David & Pam Reichert; Reader & Comm. Asst: Susan Scheulen

Next week: Greeter: Maxine Rogers; Reader: Sue Teal; Comm. Asst.: Carole Pfisterer

This morning's Noisy Offering benefits our neighbor, I Can 2 which trains and employs people with disabilities for the career of their dreams. The primary focus is on the discovery and development of each individuals' creativity, strengths, and passion for a career they would love and enjoy. By supporting their efforts to make a measurable difference in the lives of others Trinity can help others' light shine.

TRENDING @ TRINITY

This morning Trinity welcomes back to the pulpit and table, The Reverend Heidi David Young. Please make her feel welcome.

CHURCH WORKDAY, Sat. June 29: We need all hands on deck – outside work, trim shrubs, pull weeds, wash windows, etc... bring your tools and gloves. Start at 9AM.

Pastor JMe is away June 7- 29. During non-office hours, in case of pastoral emergency contact Council President Roger Wickboldt who will see that you receive pastoral care.

This morning Trinity celebrates and recognizes Juneteenth. This is a holiday that commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. It recalls how the states of Louisiana and Texas hear the news that President Abraham Lincoln had signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863. Slavery continued in those two states for more than two years after the proclamation was signed because word had yet to travel there. The two states finally got the good news on June 19, 1865. Former slaves broke out in spontaneous celebration. These were dangerous times, even in the face of resistance and threat, the formerly enslaved Africans found ways to give voice to the wide range of thoughts and emotions at the announcement of the end of legalized slavery in the U.S.A.

Sankofa – the West African spiritual proverb and teaching reminds us to “Go back and fetch it.” Taking hold of our past, our history in such a way that it becomes nourishment and guidance for journeying into our future.

“Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world. Now I’ve been free, I know what a dreadful condition slavery is. I have seen hundreds of escaped slaves, but I never saw one who was willing to go back and be a slave.” – Harriet Tubman

“Liberty is meaningless where the right to utter one’s thoughts and opinions has ceased to exist. That, of all rights, is the dread of tyrants. It is the right which they first strike down. They know it is power. Thrones, dominions, principalities, and powers, founded in injustice and wrong, are sure to tremble, if men are allowed to reason... Equally clear is the right to hear. To suppress free speech is a double wrong. It violates the rights to the hearer as well as those of the speaker.” -- Frederick Douglas

Food pantry donation request for June is spaghetti sauce. The black bin for donations is in the Narthex.

The June Community Meal will be on the 26th. The menu is fried chicken, baked beans, greens or carrots and dessert. Please look for the sign-up list in the parish hall for opportunities to participate. As always, your monetary donations are always appreciated.