

*CLOSING HYMN #693

Though I May Speak

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Do, Lord, Remember Me; Spiritual arr. Jason Krug

Congregation remains seated

Liturgist	Glenn Mojzer
Ushers	Ginny Kramer, Edna Campbell, Linda North
Director of Music	Davis McKinney
Co Pastor	Rev. Tom Dunlap

Bolded words are read by the congregation. *Indicates please stand as you are able.

Welcome: to all who worship with us this morning, especially our visitors! If you have a joy or concern that you would like to share with the congregation, please use the yellow slips which are on the table in the narthex and place it in the offering plate. These will be shared with the congregation during our “Joys and Concerns.”

We hope you feel at home at Trinity, and that you will join us again. We invite you to consider becoming part of our church family.

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC

*This is My Father’s World by Franklin Sheppard
arr. Larry Shackley*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let the righteous be joyful!
Let them rejoice before God.
Let us all be jubilant with joy!
Sing to God, all peoples of the world.
Sing praises to God most high.
**From the sanctuary of heaven,
God gives life and renews the face of the earth.**

*OPENING HYMN #625

O Lord My God

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rom. 4:4–5

We cannot earn God’s grace or favor. It comes to us, not as something owed, but as a gift freely given. Confident in God’s love for us, even when we are ungodly, we confess our sins in faith.

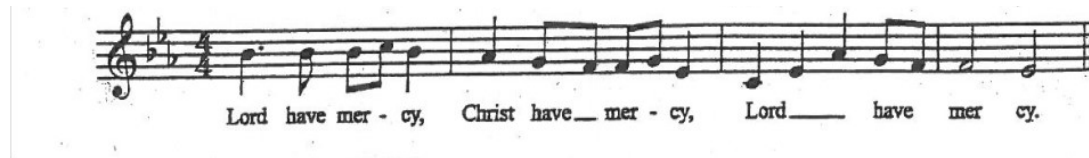
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

written by Rev. Tom Dunlap

God of Mercy, we stand before you and confess that we have often allowed our dismay over both conditions in our world and complications in our own lives to darken our hearts and to squash our joy in living. Instead of focusing on the many positive things and wonderful people in our lives, we have chosen to obsess over all that displeases and upsets us. Forgive us and help us to refocus on the generosity of your Spirit so that we may live in the fullness of Life you have granted us. Amen.

MINUTE OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION *Let us sing to the Lord...*

KYRIE—All Sing



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

written by Rev. Tom Dunlap

Jesus said that he did not come to save the righteous, but sinners...like ourselves. So in the spirit of thanksgiving, let us accept the forgiveness offered to us and resume our lives as redeemed people. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Morning Has Broken; Gaelic melody arr. Mark Hayes

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #591

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Children's Sermon

(The children will be dismissed to Children's Church after the Children's Moment.)

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus Loves the Little Children

Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world.
Red, and yellow, black, and white, They are precious in His sight,
Jesus loves the little children of the world

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Spirit of Glory, Spirit of God, bless us with a word of life this day to restore, support, and strengthen us as we seek to be one with you. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Matthew 5:43-48

SERMON

Be Your Purpose

Rev. Tom Dunlap

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***HYMN #754**

Help Us Accept Each Other

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Jesus taught us to speak of hope as the coming of God's kingdom.

**We believe that God is at work in our world,
turning hopeless and evil situations into good.**

**We believe that goodness and justice and love will triumph in the end
and that tyranny and oppression cannot last forever.**

**One day all tears will be wiped away; the lamb will lie down with the lion,
and justice will roll down like a mighty stream.**

**True peace and reconciliation are not only desired, they are assured and
guaranteed in Christ. This is our faith. This is our hope.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Jesus said to the Father, All mine are yours, and all yours are mine. Therefore, let us offer to God this day our lives and labors in service of Christ's love.

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

Faith of Our Fathers by Henri Hemy arr. Dennis Alexander

***DOXOLOGY Hymn #609**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Glorious God, everything that is given to us rains forth out of the abundance of your love, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Bless these gifts and our lives together that all we are and all we offer give glory to you; in the name of Christ, who is the way, truth, and life. **Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER — Hymn #471 (verse 1)

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBT, DEBTORS)

***OPENING HYMN #625**

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin;

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim,
My God, how great thou art!

O Lord My God

***HYMN #754**

Help Us Accept Each Other

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all not just for some,
to love them as we find them or as they may become.

Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
in living situations to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.

Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance, for justice and for bread,
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on:
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

***CLOSING HYMN #693**

Though I May Speak

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain;
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship and are freed.