

## THE LORD'S TABLE

**ALL: Gracious God, lover of all, in this meal we are one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood and one in the communion of your Spirit: help us to grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ. Amen.**

Leader: The Table of the Lord is open for all who would seek and accept the forgiveness Christ offers us.

*++An allergen free communion station is available in the southwest corner, near the sound booth ++*

## COMMUNITY SINGING

### **Great is Thy Faithfulness**

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

## THE BENEDICTION

Leader: God sends us from this place with hope.

**ALL: We will offer the shelter of grace to all in need.**

Leader: Jesus sends us out with new life.

**ALL: We will seek to share community with those we will meet.**

Leader: The Spirit sends us into a world which longs for justice.

**ALL: We will seek to offer God's freedom to all people.**

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## COMMUNITY SINGING

### **All Creatures of Our God and King**

All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
Oh, praise Him, Alleluia  
Thou burning sun with golden beam  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam

Oh, praise him  
Oh, praise him  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Thou rushing wind that art so strong  
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along  
Oh, praise him, Alleluia  
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice  
Ye lights of evening find a voice

Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness  
Oh, praise him, Alleluia  
Praise, praise the Father praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit Three in One

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: (Read Ps. 91:1-6) This is the word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## COMMUNITY SINGING

### **Open Up**

You heard the cry of our hearts, and you came down.  
Freely you gave us your love, showing us how.

Make me an instrument of your peace,  
Where there is hatred let me sow love,  
Where there is darkness let me shine light, and

May your love cause us to open up,  
Cause us to open up our hearts.  
May your light cause us to shine so bright,  
That we bring hope into the dark.

### **We Will Run**

Create in me a clean heart  
For I have turned my face from you  
Save us from our ways, oh God, oh God  
For we have turned away from You  
Lord, have mercy

We will run to you, we will run to you  
Turning from our sin we return to You  
Father heal your world, make all things new  
Make all things new

Your love and mercy build and shape us  
Break and then recreate us now  
Lord, have mercy

Oh, bring us back to you  
Oh, bring us back to you

All that we do without love, it means nothing.  
Grant us the courage to give, as you're calling.

Hope for the hopeless, your love is,  
Strength in our weakness, your love is,  
May we love, as you love.

## TRINITY'S MISSION

Trinity is a Community following Jesus on a common mission to love God, one another and a broken world in Jesus' name.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Hosting Schedule:**

10/2: Youth (Fahrner)      10/9: Wagoner (St. Andre)      10/16: Foust (Haffner)

**Co-Pastor Candidate:** Now that the leadership team has selected Matt Conner and presented him to the church, everyone at Trinity is invited to contact members of the Leadership Team to share comments or questions regarding the candidate. For more information, if you missed the conversation with Matt, or would like the leadership team's contact information, check out the notes from our August 21st gathering on the "teachings" page of our website.

**IPS 55 Art Show:** This **Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7**, the Art Collaboration Show between Trinity and IPS 55 will be at Rocket 88 on College Ave. Dress up to meet our friends at School 55 and check out the collaborative art projects made by Trinity and IPS 55 children.

**Trinity's Care Team** uses the gifts inventory to connect us all in tangible ways. Take a moment and let us know what gifts you might offer to our community. The inventory is online at: <http://tinyurl.com/trinitygiftsinventory>

## COMMUNITY CONFESSION

Leader: In God's presence, our lives are exposed, our words are shown for their hollowness, our need is revealed. Let us confess who we are, as we ask God to embrace us with grace and hope.

**ALL: Often we are not content with the simple gifts and lives you offer. Chasing after all which has no value, we are foolishly distracted from pursuing the faith, love, and gentleness you have for us. Forgive us, generous God. You have sent the One who speaks the words we need to listen to in order to have life. Help us to remember how you have redeemed us.**

Leader: This is the good news that comes from God: God hears our prayers and answers with hope and peace. God delivers us from our sins.

**ALL: God has covered us with grace; under God's hope we will find shelter. Thanks be to God.**

## BLESSING AND PASSING THE PEACE

**Adults: The Lord be with you!**

**Children: And also with you!**

*++During this time we greet one another, recognizing that we are all a part of the body, as parents lead children to their ministry spaces (nursery through preschool are in the upstairs hallway and PreK-5th grade are downstairs).++*

## TEACHING NOTES

### **Joining God's Story: Where We Find Ourselves in the Story**

Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:3,6-8; Acts 28:23-24, 30-31

1. Church is more like being on a journey together than a destination to be reached. God has always been forming a people for his purposes in the world and it is God's intention to be with that people. "Church" is the name given to our part, here and now, in God's story.
2. We live in a strange time between the "now" and the "not yet" of God's kingdom. We are confronted with competing stories that challenge us. Jesus came proclaiming the KOG, now we find ourselves as the church. What's with that!? What are we thinking? Church business or Kingdom business?
3. We need to re-imagine church in a way that fits with where we are in the story in light of God's present and coming Kingdom. Contemplative activists as possible way of understanding ourselves as God's people for God's purposes now. Encounter God! Encounter one another! Encounter the world! There is no "next big thing" there is only "a long obedience in the same direction."

### **For discussion:**

- + Can you tell the biblical story; past, present and future?
- + What is the "business" of the church?
- + What is your understanding of a "contemplative activist." Do you think this a good fit with the story and with Trinity?

### **FYI:**

- + *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer (2015, Fortress) is the source for the quote in today's message.
- + Check out *The True Story of the Whole World* by Michael Goheen and Craig Bartholomew (2009, Faith Alive) for the best short introduction to the bible as story.
- + *Announcing the Kingdom* by Arthur Glasser, C. Van Engen and D. Gilliland (2003, Baker Academic) is the source for the quote in today's message.
- + *The Pastor; A Memoir* by Eugene Petersen (2011, HarperOne) is the source of the brief story in today's message.
- + Check out *Shrink: Faithful Ministry in a Church-Growth Culture* (2014, Zondervan) for a counter-cultural take on church similar to that of Trinity.