

THE LORD'S TABLE

Leader: Loving God, here at the table we remember your son Jesus came into the world that he might destroy the works of the evil one and remind us that we are your children.

ALL: Grant that, having this hope, we may allow ourselves to be made pure as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and glory, we may be made like him, wholly citizens of Your kingdom where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. 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

Take My Life

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.
At the impulse of Thy love.

Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.
Take my intellect and use every power as You choose.
Every power as You choose.

Take my love, my Lord I pour at Your feet its treasure store
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.
Ever, only, all for Thee.

THE BENEDICTION

Leader: God who cradles us in baptism's waters, sends us forth,

ALL: to draw hope from God's heart and offer it to others.

Leader: Jesus who poured the cup of grace, sends us forth,

ALL: to bring food and shelter, love and companionship to our neighbors.

Leader: The Spirit who teaches us songs of peace, sends us forth,

ALL: to offer reconciliation in every broken place, to every shattered person.

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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: (Reading from Psalm 15 and 1 Chronicles 16:34) This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

COMMUNITY SINGING

Beautiful Things

All this pain
I wonder if I'll ever find my way
I wonder if my life could really change at all

All this earth
Could all that is lost ever be found?
Could a garden come up from this ground at all?

You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us

All around
Hope is springing up from this old ground
Out of chaos life is being found in You

You make me new, You are making me new
You make me new, You are making me new
(repeat)

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.

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:

11/20: St. Andre (Wagoner) 11/27:Haffner (Foust)

Hope for Haiti Fundraiser Lunch: After the gathering today, the middle school youth group is holding a fundraiser lunch to support *Nou* Hope. The menu will be simple (soup, bread, and dessert) and will be available for donation. Along with lunch, there will be a silent auction featuring a variety of baskets created by our house churches! You do not have to be present to win a basket, so if you want to take a peek and then leave, we understand! We will also have a game room, face painting, and a photo booth!

Community Conversation: This evening, November 13 from 5:30-7pm, we'll gather together to pray and engage in discussion around our shared concerns for our community and our nation.

IPS 55 Meeting: Interested in engaging in the relationship Trinity has with IPS 55? Looking for a place to serve, but not sure where your gifts can be used? Have a heart for community engagement? Join us for a monthly meeting devoted to discussing upcoming events, coordinating volunteer activities, and praying for the teachers, students, and administrators at IPS 55. The meeting will be Trinity, from 7-8 PM on Monday, November 14th. Childcare will be provided.

Community Exegesis Class: It's not too late! Due to popular demand, the community exegesis class will continue beyond today's scheduled final session. We will take a few extra weeks to work through an extensive set of questions that will help us to gain a clearer understanding of our surrounding community. We will also take time to re-imagine community ministry in light of what we have learned. Join us next week at 9am in the youth room downstairs.

Fall Clean Up: We will be having our annual, fall clean-up day on Saturday, December 3rd from 9am-noon. As a community that strives to live simply so we can be generous toward our mission partners, we will be tackling projects around the building and cleaning areas that don't get cleaned on a regular basis.

COMMUNITY CONFESSION

Leader: We bring our flawed lives to God, not so much to be made perfect, but to be whole. Let us confess our sins to God, trusting the One who builds joy from our despair.

ALL: Our self-focus causes us to imagine how poor we are. We are convinced we don't have enough honor, respect or recognition. And so, in our poverty, we cannot trust you. We cannot see the emptiness of others. We cannot help but cling to more than we need. Forgive us, Sustaining God.

Leader: The good news is that we are made whole; not by our efforts or by any work we have done.

ALL: Out of the riches of grace, God pours forgiveness into our lives, giving us all we need in Jesus.

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

Beware of Dogs and Other Diversions to Living the Life . . .

Philippians 3

Introduction: In verses 17-20 Paul writes to the church in Philippi that many people around them are living as enemies of Christ. Therefore, they should keep their eyes on him as their model in the faith.

+ As citizens of heaven (God's "place") they are meant to be a colony of God's Kingdom right there in Philippi in the midst of those living into another story.

+ Paul speaks of resurrection as the Christian hope. That's life in the Kingdom of God right here on earth, not a post-mortem escape to a heavenly hereafter.

+ Paul speaks of participating in the Messiah's sufferings in the present time. That is, he is willing to bear whatever it might require to live as a faithful follower of the Messiah as he looks forward to God's promised future.

1. Beware of the dogs . . . those Judaizers who were at work subverting followers of the Messiah from their trust in Jesus (v. 1-3)
 - + The Judaizers are not the issue for the church today but who are those doing a similar subversive work, peddling another story? Perhaps that's the story of dual allegiance to this world and the next.
2. Self-made people need not apply (v. 4-11). Paul's status as a Jew went beyond that of all his critics yet in light of knowing Messiah Jesus he counts it all as worthless if only he should be counted worthy of a place in God's promised future (resurrection).
 - + Recall Paul's poem and encouragement in chapter 2 exhorting the church to have the same mind as Christ and referencing the 'emptying' of Jesus, his obedience to his Father, and his subsequent exaltation.
 - + What are those things on which we build our identity? Are those things that enhance our standing in the world or the Kingdom? Anything of which we would be wise to beware?
3. Paul is clear that he is still "in process" as a follower of the Messiah. We've not yet reached the "end of history." Thus, he is pressing on to the goal of participating in God's promised future (v. 12-16).
 - + This recalls the words of Jesus who said that anyone that puts their hand to the plough and then looks back is not fit for the Kingdom (Luke 9:62). Anyone with buyer's remorse after following Jesus?
 - + Paul was confident that anyone who did not see things his way would, if they were open to it, soon be convinced by God. Are we?

Additional Resources:

For a great online course with New Testament Scholar N.T. Wright on Paul's *Letter to the Philippians* check out the Wisconsin Center for Christian Study at www.wisccs.org