

Pastor: So we can confidently say,

People: **“The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?”**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION *John 14:19*

Pastor: We confess: Father, we have neglected You and Your commandments.

People: **Forgive us, Lord.**

Pastor: Jesus, we have doubted Your Word and failed to display Your love to others.

People: **Forgive us, Lord.**

Pastor: Spirit, we have trusted our own sinful hearts rather than seeking Your truth.

People: **Forgive us, Lord.**

Pastor: O Triune God, look on us in mercy and make Your dwelling within us.

People: **Restore us as Your rescued people to seek Your holy will. Amen.**

Pastor: To save you from sin, the Father gave you His very own Son. On His cross, Jesus paid your debt and rose to declare, “because I live, you also will live.” By the Spirit’s power, we trust in the pardon won for us by Christ, our Lord. In the stead and by the command of Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

MONTHLY VERSE (Acts 2:38)

“Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

SONG

“Give Us Clean Hands”

#71 Key of F

Vs. *We bow our hearts we bend our knees
Oh Spirit come make us humble
We turn our eyes from evil things
Oh Lord we cast down our idols*

Chorus *Give us clean hands give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another
Give us clean hands give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another
Oh God let us be a generation that seeks
That seeks Your face oh God of Jacob
Oh God let us be a generation that seeks
That seeks Your face, oh God of Jacob*

(Repeat Song)

That seeks Your face, oh God of Jacob

FIRST READING Acts 17:16-31

¹⁶ Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷ So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸ Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹ And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?" ²⁰ For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." ²¹ Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

²² So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶ And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷ that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸ for "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we are indeed his offspring." ²⁹ Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

SECOND READING 1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³ Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵ but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹ Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

GOSPEL READING John 14:15-21

¹⁵ [Jesus said:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ Whoever has my

commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

SONG OF THE DAY

“O Lord My Rock And My Redeemer”

#36 Key of D

Vs.1 *O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
Greatest treasure of my longing soul
My God like You there is no other
True delight is found in You alone
Your grace a well too deep to fathom
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach
Your truth a fount of perfect wisdom
My highest good and my unending need*

Vs.2 *O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
Strong defender of my weary heart
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver
And my shield against his hateful darts
My song when enemies surround me
My hope when tides of sorrow rise
My joy when trials are abounding
Your faithfulness my refuge in the night*

Vs.3 *O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
Gracious Savior of my ruined life
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders
In my place You suffered bled and died
You rose the grave and death are conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame
O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
May all my days bring glory to Your Name*

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MESSAGE

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People: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

ATTENDANCE /CONNECT TIME / OFFERING (Instrumental) “O Lord My Rock And My Redeemer”

During this time, please sign the attendance book found in the pew or use your mobile device to fill out the Connect Card or submit prayer requests on our app or online at www.trinitymerrill.com/live. You can also visit our app or www.trinitymerrill.com/give to learn more about other ways to support the ministries at Trinity.

PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

✠ WELCOME TO THE LORD’S TABLE ✠

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION SONGS

“O Come to the Altar” #66 Key of G

Vs.1 *Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling*

Chorus ***O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ***

Vs.2 *Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy*

*From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling
(Chorus)*

Bridge *Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
(Chorus)*

Vs.3 *Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found*

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“The Cross Was Meant For Me” (Instrumental) #43 Key of D

COMMUNION BLESSING & BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

“Called Me Higher” #22 Key of D

Vs.1 *I could just sit I could just sit
And wait for all Your goodness
Hope to feel Your presence
And I could just stay I could just stay
Right where I am and hope to feel You
Hope to feel something again*

Vs.2 *I could hold on I could hold on
To who I am and never let You
Change me from the inside
I could be safe oh I could be safe
Here in Your arms and never leave home
Never let these walls down*

Chorus 1 ***But You have called me higher,
You have called me deeper
And I'll go where You will lead me Lord
You have called me higher,
You have called me deeper
And I'll go where You will lead me Lord
Where You lead me***

(Repeat Verse 2 and Chorus 1)

Where You lead me Lord

Bridge *I will be Yours oh,
I will be Yours for all my life
I will be Yours oh,
I will be Yours for all my life
I will be Yours oh,
I will be Yours for all my life
So let Your mercy
Oh I will be Yours Lord,
I will be Yours for all my life
So let Your mercy,
light the path before me*

Chorus 2 ***'Cause You have called me higher, You
have called me deeper
And I'll go where You will lead me Lord
(Repeat)***

Ending *Where You lead me Lord,
where You lead me Lord
Where You lead me,
where You lead me Lord*

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The radio broadcast today is sponsored in honor and in celebration of Leila Marnholtz and in loving memory of Mary Ann Hinner and Rose Zahn by Roger & Rebecca Hinner and family.

Trinity is offering **summer care for school aged children** who have completed Kindergarten up to completed 4th grade students. We are offering up adventure and fun – Contact the school for more information.

SAVE THE DATE – Rainforest Falls – Trinity VBS is coming June 22- 26th. Volunteers are needed. Please call the church office if you would like to help by being a part of this fun exploration of the nature of God and His children.

CHILDREN'S CLOTHING DRIVE FOR ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

Dorcas will be collecting new or lightly used children's clothing (size infant to 5T) and shoes from May 1st through Mother's Day, May 10th. There will be a pack-n-play in the narthex for items. The clothing will be given to Orphan Grain Train for distribution to families in need. Thank you for caring!

"I was naked and you clothed Me...." Matt. 25:36

