

TRINITY MORAVIAN CHURCH

March 29 2020 Service

5th Sunday in Lent

Welcome/ Announcements

Song: "Come, Live in the Light"

Children's Chat

"Liturgy for Compassion" - written by Rick Beck

Scriptures: Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11

Offering – *Please remember to send in your pledges or give using Paypal!*

Anthem – "There's A Light" by June Edwards

During the song, we will share pictures of gatherings at Trinity in the past and current pictures from members sequestered at home!

Gospel – John 11:1-45

Hymn #338: "Come Lazarus" (to the tune of "O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing")

Mediation

Hymn #772 "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"

POEM – "When This Is Over"

Benediction

Postlude

PRAYER CONCERNS

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RESTRICTED OFFICE HOURS: Under the "Stay-At-Home" order, we are only permitted to have staff in the building on a limited basis in order to keep essential functions running. This coming week, our office administrator Tammy Mooney plans to be in the office Wednesday and Thursday from 10 am – 2 pm, but this is subject to change.

You may contact Pastor John Jackman either at home (336) 946-2040 or by cell (336) 624-0115.

PLEASE NOTE that under current rules, pastors are not allowed to visit anyone in the hospitals. If a family member is hospitalized, please get the information to Pastor John so that he can call them by telephone.

Come, Live in the Light!

By David Haas

1. Come! live in the light!

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom,

to live in the freedom of the city of God!

Refrain: We are called to act with justice.

We are called to love tenderly.

We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

2. Come! Open your heart!

Show your mercy to all those in fear!

We are called to be hope for the hopeless,

so all hatred and blindness will be no more!

3. Sing! Sing a new song!

Sing of that great day when all will be one!

God will reign and we'll walk with each other as sisters

and brothers united in love!

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A Liturgy of Compassion

LEADER: God hears the cry of the needy and does not wait for us to call before coming to our aid;

CONGREGATION: While humanity was still lost in its brokenness, God came to us in the person of Jesus Christ, lived among us, died our death and rose to lead us into life.

And so we come to worship, to offer God our devotion and love, our thanksgiving and praise.

For God is worthy of our praise.

Holy One, you are a God of compassion. You desire that all might be whole.

In the brokenness of our lives you continue to turn toward us with the hope that we will accept your renewing love and find new meaning for our lives in you.

You have established compassion as the foundation for all relationships and societies.

You commanded us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to treat others in the same manner that we ourselves wish to be treated.

Yet at times we find ourselves preoccupied with our own self-interests at the expense of helping others.

Teach us to love ourselves in a way that embraces others also. Give us courage to make room at the center of our world where others might be renewed by your healing presence.

Fill us with your spirit of compassion, Lord, that we might not act or speak out of our own self interests.

Fill us with the desire to alleviate the suffering of our fellow creatures. Heal our hearts that we might refrain from acting in ways that will cause pain.

Open the hearts of all people to the profound truth of Jesus Christ

Call all nations to repent from any action that would increase the sum of human misery in the name of religion. Replace the apathy and selfishness of the world with passion to cultivate empathy with the suffering of all human beings.

Lord, redeem us from actions that deny our common humanity.

We desire peace over war, generosity over greed, patience over intolerance, compassion over callous judgment.

At the root of God's compassion is the sacrifice of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We are each in need of Christ's compassion. Gratitude is our true response to God who calls us to be Christ's compassion in the world. *How is God inviting you to offer greater compassion?*

(Silent Reflection)

Jesus, in extravagant compassion, has already revealed our forgiveness and calls us to live as those who are renewed and thankful. Receive this grace and share it.

We are grateful; we live differently because of what you, Lord Jesus, have done for us.

As one body with one voice we share the prayer our Lord has 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.**

Note: We thank the Rev. Rick Beck for this liturgy and permission to share it.

There's a Light

Words and Music by June Edwards (2020)
Arr. Nola Reed Knouse (2020)

CHORUS:

There's a light that's shining in the darkness,
There's a candle burning in the night.
There's a star above the far horizon,
There is hope beyond our site.

Yesterday the world seemed brighter,
full of life and plans and friends.
Now we look with fear and trembling,
knowing not our journey's end.
For today the sky is darkened.
We are trapped within our homes,
but the bonds of love aren't broken,
And we'll never be alone.

CHORUS

We can't let our fears o'ercome us,
we'll not cower in distress.
Our Good Shepherd guides us onward,
and in God we will find rest.
We must reach out to each other,
put our faith in God above,
share the hope for our tomorrows,
God's redeeming, saving love.

CHORUS

God is still our great Provider,
giving all God's people need.
God will bring us through disaster
when we follow where God leads.
Put your faith in God in heaven;
give your love to all Christ claimed;
Hold to hope, for God is with us,
evermore he will remain.

"Come, Lazarus"

1. "Come, Laz - a - rus," the Sav - ior called, and
2. It was no light or eas - y task to
3. Fill us with your com --- pas - sion, Lord, our
4. Con - vert our wills and make us whole; wean

from the sto -- ny grave came forth his friend, from
wake this one who slept; the Heal - er feigned no
fear and pride re -- move, till all our lives en-
us from sel - fish strife; trans - form each heart and

death un - thralled, t - o show God's pow'r to save.
cal - lous mask; mov - ed deep - ly, Je -- sus wept.
flesh your word a -- nd bear your wounds of love.
mind and soul wi - th your a - bun - dant life.

5. Then send us forth to show your love
in every time and place,
that healed and healing we may prove
the channels of your grace.

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

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1 Pass me not, O gen - tle Sav - ior, hear my hum - ble cry;
 2 Let me at thy throne of mer - cy find a sweet re - lief;
 3 Trust - ing on - ly in thy mer - it, would I seek thy face;
 4 Thou the Spring of all my com - fort, more than life to me,

while on oth - ers thou art smil - ing, do not pass me by.
 kneel - ing there in deep con - tri - tion, help my un - be - lief.
 heal my wound - ed, bro - ken spir - it, save me by thy grace.
 whom have I on earth be - side thee? whom in heav'n but thee?

Refrain

Sav - ior, Sav - ior, hear my hum - ble cry;

while on oth - ers thou art call - ing; do not pass me by.

TEXT: Fanny J. Crosby (1868)
 TUNE: W. Howard Doane (1870)

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 PASS ME NOT