

Prelude: “Grand Choeur” from the oratorio JOSHUA—George Frederic Handel, AD 1685—1759

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Lighting the Candles

The World is darkened by Sin. Jesus says, “You are the light of the World.” Let the world see Christ in your darkness!

Special Music: Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Welcome

Through Christ, God welcomes sinners. In Christ, God clothes sinners in mercy, grace, and love. In the name of Christ, Welcome.

Prayer

Lord, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about (us) saying, ““These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.””

Holy Spirit, melt out hearts of shame, guilt, and blame. Mold our hearts in our Father’s Love. Lord, Jesus, fill our hearts with your mercy, grace, and love. Use our lips to speak the Good News of Jesus’ suffering, death, and resurrection.

The Lord’s Prayer

Reading the Word: Matthew 15: 1-12

Then some Pharisees and teachers of the law came to Jesus from Jerusalem and asked, ² “Why do your disciples break the traditions of the elders? They don’t wash their hands before they eat!”

³ Jesus replied, “And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition? ⁴ For God said, ‘Honor your father and mother’ and ‘Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.’ ⁵ But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to

help their father or mother is ‘devoted to God,’ ⁶ they are not to ‘honor their father or mother’ with it. Thus you nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition. ⁷ You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you:

⁸ ““These people honor me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.

⁹ They worship me in vain;
their teachings were merely human rules.””

¹⁰ Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen and understand. ¹¹ What goes into someone’s mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them.”

¹² Then the disciples came to him and asked, “Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?”

Meditation: “Andante” from Reinaldo—Handel, AD 1685—1759

Do not take God’s name in vain. God revealed the power and authority of His name through Jesus Christ. Jesus suffered sin to reveal God’s merciful forgiveness. Jesus’s death reveals God’s Grace is greater than all our sin. Jesus rose from the dead to reveal God is Love and Love is Life. Why do we submit to human rules and call it worship of God?

The Message: Keeping Up Appearances

Special Music: Wonderful Words of Life

Tithes and Offerings

Money is World currency. Mercy if Kingdom of Heaven currency. As Jesus says, “The measure we give is the measure we receive.

Benediction

Announcements

- Beginning Sunday, March 21, Trinity will return to one in-person worship service at 11 am. Covid-19 protocols will remain in effect. Facebook Live virtual worship and Worship at Home will continue.
- Trinity has received several generous gifts remembering Debbie Gillespie, Jean Hendrick, Kenneth Herndon, Paula Sue Isaac, Jane Stone, Nancy Toney, Kathleen Gillespie's brother, and Sandra Rich's mother.
- These memorial gifts were lovingly given by Dotty Allen, Ruben & Nancy Allman, Peggy Beverly, Wilma Brooks, Gary & Marilyn Bumgarner, Betsy Cadwell, Patty Cooper, Larry & Betty Fleenor, Ann & Charles Fugate, Charles & Sallie Graham, Robert & Dorothy Isaac, Jimmie & Nancy Kilgore, Jackie Mainous, Gerald & Diane Marks, Carol Daugherty Rasnick & Bill Stone, Renee Roberts, Lloyd & Cecilia Robinette, Mary K. Wilson, Heritage Church of God, Jeff & Sandy Wright, Blue Grass Community Foundation, and Cloverleaf Rentals & Toby Keller.

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