**Go forth for God, go to the world in love;**

**strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;**

**help the afflicted; richly from above**

**God's love supplies the grace and power we seek.**

**Go forth for God, go to the world in love.**

**Go forth for God, go to the world in strength;**

**hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;**

**render to no one evil; Christ at length**

**shall overcome all darkness with his light.**

**Go forth for God, go to the world in strength.**

**Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,**

**to serve God's people every day and hour,**

**and serving Christ, our every gift employ,**

**rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.**

**Go forth for God, go to the world in joy!**

BLESSING *Snippets, O God; cuttings only are we without our connection to you. Help us thrive in connection and avoid damaging the life-sustaining bonds you have designed to be our way of life. Amen!*

POSTLUDE

*Trinity United Methodist Church*

April 28th, 2024 10:30 a.m. DIGITAL BULLETIN

Rev. David S. Vallelunga, Pastor; Priscilla Hanford, Liturgist;

Christina Wong, Zoomologist; The Mountain Ridge Singers, Musical Guests

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Dave

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER IN CHRISTIAN LOVE Everybody

CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

Jesus said to his disciples, ”I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower.

**GOD REMOVES EVERY BRANCH IN ME THAT BEARS NO FRUIT,**

And every branch that bears fruit, God prunes to make it bear more fruit.

**ABIDE IN ME AS I ABIDE IN YOU. JUST AS THE BRANCH CANNOT BEAR FRUIT BY ITSELF UNLESS IT ABIDES IN THE VINE, NEITHER CAN YOU UNLESS YOU ABIDE IN ME.**

My Father is glorified by this,

**THAT YOU BEAR MUCH FRUIT AND BECOME MY DISCIPLES.” AMEN!**

HYMN # 561 “Jesus, United by Your Grace” (sung to ANTIOCH)

**Jesus, united by thy grace and each to each endeared,  
with confidence we seek thy face, and know our prayer is heard,**

**and know our prayer is heard, and know,**

**and know our prayer is heard!**

**Help us to help each other, Lord, each other's cross to bear;  
let all their friendly aid afford, and feel each other's care,**

**and feel each other’s care, and feel, and feel each other’s care!**

**This is the bond of perfectness, thy spotless charity;  
O let us still, we pray, possess, the mind that was in thee,**

**the mind that was in thee, the mind, the mind that was in thee.**

**Safe in the vineyard of thy love, let all our hearts agree,  
and ever toward each other move, and ever move toward thee,**

**and ever move toward thee, and ever, ever move toward thee!**

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US Pastor Dave

OUR LORD’S PRAYER

WE GATHER OUR PRAYERS BEFORE SINGING

SONG # 549 “Where Charity and Love Prevail” (sung to ST. ANNE)

**Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;  
brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.**

**With grateful joy and holy fear, God's charity we learn;  
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in return.**

**A TIME FOR QUIET CONTEMPLATION and PRAYER**

**Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess,  
and let us love each other well in Christian holiness.**

**Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease.  
Be God's the glory that we seek; be ours his holy peace.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**Let us recall that in our midst dwells God's begotten Son;  
as members of his body joined, we are in Him made one.**

**Love can exclude no race or clan if honored be God’s name;  
our common life embraces all whose maker is the same.**

THE GOSPEL John 15:1-8 Liturgist

MUSICAL INSPIRATION “On the Wings of a Dove”

HOMILY “The Courage to Be Fruity” Pastor Dave

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (10:30) “This Little Light of Mine”

DOXOLOGY #94 and BLESSING OF THE GIFTS

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,**

**praise God, all creatures here below,**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

CLOSING HYMN # 670 “Go Forth for God”

**Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;**

**be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,**

**in God's good Spirit, daily to increase,**

**till in the kingdom we see face to face.**

**Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.**