



Luke 10:38-42

38 As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. 39 She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. 40 But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

41 "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, 42 but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Mary is . . .

Martha is . . .

So, what's my core identity – Mary or Martha?

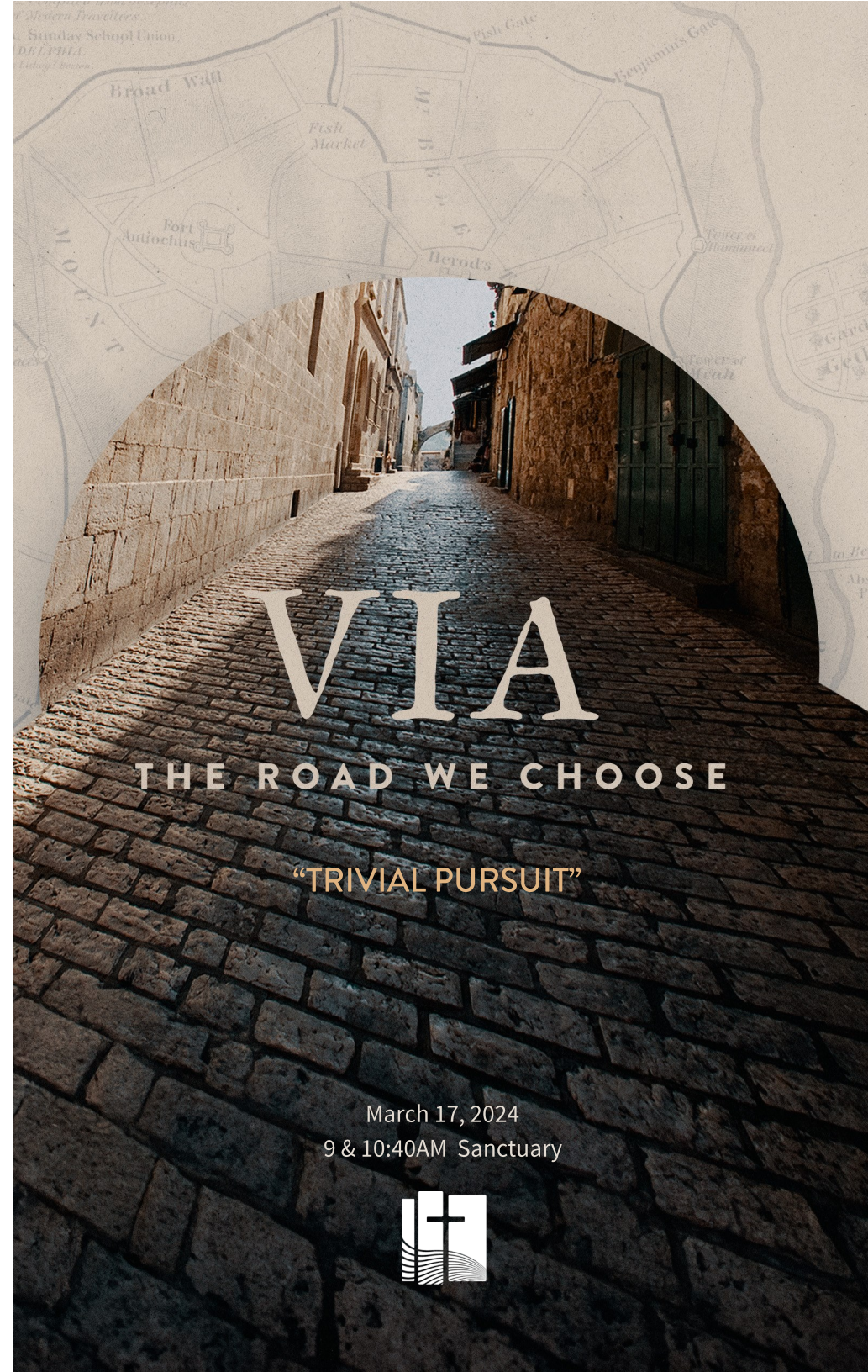
"Lord, don't you care . . . ?"

"Martha, Martha. . ."

"Mary has chosen . . ."



Sermon Notes | March 17, 2024



W E L C O M E

† Fifth Sunday in Lent

Is your spiritual life a victim of distraction? In our time and place, a focused mind seems countercultural, requiring discipline and sacrifice. We know that busy schedules can compete for God's attention – perhaps even schedules busy with important work we try to do for God. But do we not also willingly distract ourselves with forgettable trivia of little or no importance?

In his book *The Screwtape Letters*, C.S. Lewis warns against the power of seemingly minor or mundane amusements to lead us, subtly and imperceptibly, away from God: "It does not matter how small the sins are provided that their cumulative effect is to edge the man away from the Light and out into the Nothing."

As you prepare for worship today, ask God to quiet and focus your mind, and to make room within your heart for His will and intention for you.

Prelude: *Vocalise* | S. Rachmaninoff

Welcome, Life of the Church & Greeting One Another

Baptisms on the Sanctuary Patio after 9AM service:

Parisa Karimi, Saeid Ahmadi, Trenton Gannaway & Walter Schramm

Call to Worship

Children's Choir: *I Praise the God of Grace* | S. Powell

Caroler Choir (Grades 4-5)

***Songs:** *Our Great Savior* (Hymn #89, st. 1-3) | *Firm Foundation* (He Won't)

Chapel Choir Choral Anthem: *I Believe* | M. A. Miller

Chapel Choir (High School/Young Adult)

This poem was written on a basement wall in Cologne, Germany, by someone hiding from the Gestapo during *Kristallnacht* (The Night of Broken Glass) in 1938. It was discovered by liberating Allied troops at the close of World War II.

I believe in the sun, even when it's not shining.
I believe in love, even when I don't feel it.
I believe in God, even when God is silent.

* All who are able, please stand

Assisted listening devices
available. Ask an usher.



Prayer of Renewal & Help

Bereavement:

For Chris Torres & family in the death of her brother, Ricardo Rodriguez

Your Tithes & Offerings at Work

Offertory Invitation

Give ONLINE (trinityconnection.com/give), on the APP,
or TEXT any amount to (714.831.5358)

Bell Offertory: *Für Elise* | arr. K. McChesney

Chapel Bells (High School/Young Adult)

Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn:** *Make Room Within My Heart, O God* (Hymn #559)

Prayer of Preparation for the Word

Scripture: Luke 10:38-42

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE:

"Trivial Pursuit"

VIA—The Road We Choose

Rev. Bryan Eckelmann

Lead Pastor

Prayer

***Song:** *Lord, I Need You*

*Charge & Benediction

Postlude: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* | arr. L. Shackley

Worship Leaders

Bryan Eckelmann, *Lead Pastor*
Glyn Norman, *Associate Pastor*
Jeff Wagner, *Associate Pastor*
Sarah Ujifusa, *Pulpit Assistant/Guitar/Vocals*
Steve Kim, *Piano/Vocals/Director*
Sandy Rosales, *Associate Director of Music*
Yoojung Chung, *Organist*

Ava Moore, *Soloist for Chapel Choir*
Tiffany Kingsley, *Vocals*
Moses Sun, *Electric Guitar*
Phil Pacier, *Electric Bass*
Dan Meland, *Drums*
Yuna Noh, *Violinist/Pianist*