

Order of Worship

9:00am Contemporary Worship
August 20th, 2023

Song Set

Welcome

Blessing of Backpacks and Consecration of Sunday School Teachers

Dismissal of Children to Children's Church

***Gospel Reading**

Luke 6:27-36

Sermon

Plain Spoken Jesus: "A Challenging Love"

Rev. Jim Ward

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Nicene Creed

880 UMH

Prayers of the People

Lifting Up Our Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to the Table and Prayer of Confession

All: Loving God, Creator of us all, we confess that we do not turn to love first. Instead we often turn to anger or judgment. We harbor feelings of disappointment, betrayal, and hurt. We forget that the one who harms us is also your beloved child. Remind us to begin with love, O God, and nothing else, so that others might turn to love as well. In the name of Jesus Christ, Love Incarnate, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession of Personal Sin

Pastor: And now faith, hope, and love abide, but the greatest of these is love. Remember that you are a beloved child of God, and God's love surpasses all, forgives all, restores all. There is no place you can hide from God's love, and no moment when you are forgotten by God. This is the Good News of God's grace and forgiveness. Amen.

Passing the Peace

Reflections on Giving

Offering

****Great Thanksgiving and Holy Communion**

15 UMH

***Closing Song**

Dismissal

*Please stand if you are able

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UMH - United Methodist Hymnal located under chairs

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10:30am Traditional Worship
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Prelude

Susan Fraser

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come – let us worship and bow down;

People: For we have been blessed by God's steadfast love.

Leader: Come – let us take refuge in the God of our salvation;

People: For God is our shield, our protection in times of trouble.

Leader: Come – let us rejoice and sing for joy;

People: For surely God is in this place!

Leader: Indeed – God is in this place –

All: And we, God's children, together praise His name. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (Vs. 1-3, 7)

57 UMH

*Collect

Loving and Living God, be among us now. Show us your ways. Guide our steps. Live in us that we might be people of steadfast hope and powerful love. Help us hear your words that challenge us to new life. Help us remember that all we have and all we are come from You. Live among us so we can be a holy people, receiving your word with joy, and living your message with love. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

*Gospel Reading

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***Affirmation of Faith** The Nicene Creed 880 UMH

***Response** Jesus, United by Thy Grace (Vs. 1 & 2) 561 UMH

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

All: Loving God, Creator of us all, we confess that we do not turn to love first. Instead we often turn to anger or judgment. We harbor feelings of disappointment, betrayal, and hurt. We forget that the one who harms us is also your beloved child. Remind us to begin with love, O God, and nothing else, so that others might turn to love as well. In the name of Jesus Christ, Love Incarnate, we pray. Amen.

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Passing the Peace

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

Reflections on Giving

Offering Prayer

Offertory Music

***Doxology** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow Susan Fraser
95 UMH

****Great Thanksgiving and Holy Communion** 15 UMH

***Closing Hymn** The Gift of Love 408 UMH

Sending Forth Rev. Jim Ward

Postlude Susan Fraser

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Sermon Notes

1. The Greek word for “love” when Jesus is teaching about loving your enemies is _____. This is a selfless, giving love like God offers us.
2. “Turning the other cheek” means forgoing what remedy when insulted by a slap to the face?
3. Jesus’ teaching about treating others as you would want to be treated is often called The _____ Rule, and is found in some form in nearly all major world religions.

Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday, August 21, 2023:

Psalm 130; Genesis 43:1-34; Acts 15:1-21

Tuesday, August 22, 2023:

Psalm 130; Genesis 44:1-34; Romans 11:13-29

Wednesday, August 23, 2023:

Psalm 130; Genesis 45:16-28; Matthew 8:1-13

Thursday, August 24, 2023:

Psalm 124; Genesis 49:1-33; 1 Corinthians 6:1-11

Friday, August 25, 2023:

Psalm 124; Genesis 49:29-50:14; 2 Corinthians 10:12-18

Saturday, August 26, 2023:

Psalm 124; Genesis 50:15-26; Matthew 16:5-12

Readings for Next Sunday August 27, 2023

Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20