

**April 11, 2021**  
**Sermon Series: Dear Church, Love.**  
**Sermon Title: Light-Giving Love**

**Thoughts for the Day**

*Confession reminds us that none of us gather for worship because we are "pretty good people." ~Tish Harrison Warren*

*Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession, absolution without personal confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ. ~Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

*Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness. ~Desmond Tutu*

*If there is a terror about darkness because we cannot see, there is also a terror about light because we can see. There is a terror about light because much of what we see in the light about ourselves and our world we would rather not see, would rather not have been seen. ~Frederick Buechner*

**COMING TOGETHER TO WORSHIP**

**Prelude**

**Song of Gathering (10am only)**

*Mighty to Save*

*Everyone needs compassion, Love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me*

*Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior  
The hope of nations*

*Chorus:*

*Savior, He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save  
Forever, Author of salvation*

*He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave*

*So take me as You find me, All my fears and failures  
Fill my life again*

*I give my life to follow, Everything I believe in  
Now I surrender*

*Chorus*

*Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King, Jesus  
Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King*

*Chorus (x2)*

*Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King, Jesus  
Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King*

**Welcome and Opening Prayer**

**Hymn of Praise (8am only)**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (Hymn 464)*

*Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee*

*Opening to the sun above*

*Melt the clouds of sin and sadness*

*Drive the dark of doubt away*

*Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day*

*All Thy works with joy surround Thee  
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays*

*Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise*

*Field and forest, vale and mountain*

*Flowery meadow, flashing sea*

*Chanting bird and flowing fountain*

*Call us to rejoice in Thee*

*Mortals join the mighty chorus*

*Which the morning stars began*

*Father love is reigning o'er us*

*Brother love binds man to man*

*Ever singing march we onward*

*Victors in the midst of strife*

*Joyful music lifts us sunward*

*In the triumph song of life*

**Song of Praise (10am only)**

*Great Are You Lord*

*You give life, You are love You bring light to the darkness*

*You give hope, You restore ev'ry heart that is broken*

*And great are You Lord*

*Chorus:*

*It's Your breath in our lungs*

*So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise*

*It's Your breath in our lungs*

*So we pour out our praise to You only*

*(instrumental)*

*You give life, You are love, You bring light to the darkness*

*You give hope You restore ev'ry heart that is broken*

*And great are You Lord*

*Chorus*

*And all the earth will shout Your praise*

*Our hearts will cry these bones will sing*

*Great are You Lord*

*(repeat)*

*Chorus*

**Prayer of Confession**

8am: Becky Kimmel

10:15am: Michael Adams

**One:** How often have we heard the good news of forgiveness and restoration? Yet, we are still reluctant to believe. God offers us new life, yet we are afraid to let go of

the old. Let us confess our doubts and fears to the One who waits to make us whole.

**All:** We use a lot of words, Gracious God, but do little to turn them into deeds. Instead of being of one heart and soul, we choose sides and form groups of folks just like us. Blessed with great grace, we have trouble sharing it with those who need it the most.

Forgive us, God of love. Forgive us, as we step out of our shadows into your light. Restore us, as we reveal our brokenness.

*(a time of silence)*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

This is the good news we have declared: God leads us out of the shadows to walk in the light of Christ. This is the word we have heard: our faithful God forgives our sins and raises us to new life. Thanks be to God. Amen.

### **Song of Response**

*I Stand Amazed*

*I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene  
And wonder how He could love me  
A sinner condemned unclean*

*Chorus:*

*How marvelous, how wonderful, and my song shall ever be  
How marvelous, how wonderful is my Savior's love for me*

*He took my sins and my sorrows  
He made them His very own  
(And) He bore the burden to Calvary  
And suffered and died alone*

*Chorus*

*(Instrumental)*

*And with the ransomed in glory, His face I at last shall see  
It will be my joy through the ages, to sing of His love for me*

*Chorus*

### **Passing the Peace of Christ**

*(Take a few moments to greet one another)*

### **SHARING LIFE TOGETHER**

#### **Time with Children (10am only)**

*Children are now dismissed to Sunday School*

#### **News of the Church Family**

#### **Giving Generously of our Tithes and Offerings**

*(Electronic giving instructions are on the inside of this bulletin)*

*The Doxology (Hymn 592)*

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

#### **Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

*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 sins, As we forgive those who've sinned 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. Amen.*

### **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

#### **New Testament Scripture**

1 John 1-2:2

8am: Becky Kimmel

10:15am: Michael Adams

#### **Song of Praise (10am only)**

*I Am Not Alone*

*When I walk through deep waters  
I know that You will be with me  
When I'm standing in the fire, I will not be overcome  
Through the valley of the shadow, I will not fear*

*Chorus:*

*I am not alone, I am not alone  
You will go before me, You will never leave me*

*In the midst of deep sorrow  
I see Your light is breaking through  
The dark of night will not overtake me  
I am pressing into You  
Lord You fight my ev'ry battle, and I will not fear*

*Chorus*

*You amaze me, redeem me, You call me as Your own  
You amaze me, redeem me, You call me as Your own  
(repeat)*

*You're my strength, You're my defender  
You're my refuge in the storm  
Through these trials You've always been faithful  
You bring healing to my soul*

*Chorus (x2)*

#### **Time for Reflection and Study**

Rev. Tamara Mitchell

*Light-Giving Love*

### **BEING SENT OUT INTO THE WORLD**

#### **The Benediction Sung**

*Let There Be Love Shared Among Us*

*Let there be love shared among us, let there be love in our eyes  
May now Your love sweep this nation, cause us, O Lord, to arise  
Give us a fresh understanding of family love that is real  
Let there be love shared among us, let there be love*

#### **The Benediction Spoken**

#### **Postlude**

#### Musicians:

Piano and Vocals - Laura Huckin  
Guitar and Vocals - Melissa Elliott  
Bass - Andy Calder  
Drums - Danny Weber