

April 25, 2021
Sermon Series: Dear Church, Love.
Sermon Title: Back to the Basics

Thoughts for the Day

Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. ~ 1 John 3:18

Preach the gospel at all times and when necessary use words. ~ Francis of Assisi

Love is a verb. Love is something you do: the sacrifices you make, the giving of self. If you want to study love, study those who sacrifice for others. Love – the feeling – is a fruit of love the verb. ~ Stephen Covey

COMING TOGETHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Laura Huckin

Song of Gathering (10am only)

Holy Spirit

*There's nothing worth more that will ever come close
No thing can compare You're our living hope, Your Presence*

*I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone
In Your Presence Lord*

Chorus:

*Holy Spirit You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your Presence Lord*

(repeat verses 1 & 2)

Chorus

*Let us become more aware of Your Presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness (x4)*

Chorus

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Ben Pascal

Hymn of Praise (8am only)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (Hymn 376)

*Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;*

Visit us with Thy salvation, enter, every trembling heart.

*Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy life receive
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore Thy temples leave
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.*

*Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our
place, till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise.*

Song of Praise (10am only)

Lord, I Need You

*Lord I come, I confess, bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart*

Chorus:

*Lord I need You oh I need You, every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness, oh God how I need You*

*Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free, Holiness is Christ in me*

Chorus

*So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay*

*Lord I need You oh I need You, every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness, oh God how I need You
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Responsive Prayer of Confession

8am: Martha Van Gendren. 10am: Diane & Clara McGee

One: God our Father, in your love you welcome us as your children, through your care you have shaped the universe, with your mercy you hear our prayers.

All: Hear us, your children, as we come before you in worship.

One: Jesus, our risen Lord, in our weakness you call us, in our confusion you teach us, in our troubles you offer us peace.

All: Meet us, your disciples, as we come to hear your word.

One: Spirit, the Living One, in the beginning you breathed life, in chaos and darkness you brought hope, in many tongues you spread good news.

All: Transform us, your people, as we open our minds and hearts to you.

One: God: Loving Father, Son and Spirit, we come. Yet we know we come with doubts and fears. We know we come in ignorance. We know we have failed you, your creation and your people, in many ways.

All: Trusting in your love, we turn again to you. As we open our hearts to your mercy and forgiveness, grant us your peace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Response

My Worth Is Not In What I Own

*My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross*

*My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross*

Chorus:

*I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone*

*As summer flowers we fade and die
Fame youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us at the cross*

*I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross*

Chorus

*Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed my ransom paid at the cross*

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)*

8:00am only – Glory Be to the Father (Hymn 579)

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.*

*10:00am only – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (Hymn 376)
(see 8am Hymn of Praise above)*

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

Scripture Lesson

1 John 3:1-18

8am: Martha Van Gendren

10am: Diane & Clara McGee

Song of Preparation

Open Our Eyes, Lord

*Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus
To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him
Open our ears Lord, and help us to listen
Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus*

Time for Reflection and Study

Rev. Ben Pascal

Back to the Basics

Song of Reflection

Melissa Elliott

*Love is a Verb
by John Mayer*

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
Percussion: Zachary Singer
Bass: Taylor Upton