

May 9, 2021
Sermon Series: Dear Church, Love.
Sermon Title: "I Want To Know What Love Is"

Thoughts for the Day

I wanna know what love is, I want you to show me, I wanna feel what love is, I know you can show me. ~Foreigner

To love another person is to see the face of God. ~Victor Hugo

A mother's heart is a vast and glorious thing. My mother's heart was expansive, having been enlarged by suffering and years of clinging to Jesus while being misunderstood, dismissed, and judged by those she loved most. Me included. It had cost her to love, had cost her much to mother. It always does. But she would tell you that it's worth it, that there is no other way. ~Stasi Eldredge

We should be astonished at the goodness of God, stunned that He should bother to call us by name, our mouths wide open at His love, bewildered that at this very moment we are standing on holy ground. ~Brennan Manning

COMING TOGETHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Laura Huckin

Song of Gathering (10am only)

10,000 Reasons

Chorus:

*Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul. Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name*

*The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes*

Chorus

*You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find*

Chorus

*And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore*

Chorus

*Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name. Worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name*

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Tamara Mitchell

Hymn of Praise (8am only)

All Things Bright and Beautiful (Hymn 267)

*Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings
God made their glowing colors, God made their tiny wings*

Chorus:

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all*

*The purple-headed mountain, the river running by
The sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky*

Chorus

*The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun
The ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one*

Chorus

*God gave us eyes to see them and lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty, Who has made all things well*

Chorus

Song of Praise (10am only)

Hold Us Together

*It don't have a job, it don't pay your bills
Won't buy you a home in Beverly Hills
Won't fix your life in five easy steps
Ain't the law of the land or the government
But it's all you need*

Chorus:

*And love will hold us together
Make us a shelter to weather the storm
And I'll be my brother's keeper
So the whole world will know that we're not alone*

*It's waiting for you, knocking at your door
In the moment of truth
When your heart hits the floor and you're on your knees*

Chorus

*This is the first day of the rest of your life
This is the first day of the rest of your life
'Cause even in the dark you can still see the light
It's gonna be alright, it's gonna be alright*

Chorus

Prayer of Confession

8am: Ally Kiefer

10am: Deb Keenan

Eternal God, in whom we gain strength and hope: We thank You for your incredible love. The height, depth, and width of Your love cannot be measured or comprehended. Yet by trusting in the life, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, we may personally experience it. We confess the many times we choose to neither live in Your love, nor to express Your love through our words and actions. We love ourselves instead of loving our neighbors and loving You with all we have and all we are. We focus on our needs and wants and do not think about what you may desire for our lives. We are consumed by our worries and cares and fail to lay them at your feet and seek your wisdom. We chase after our own goals and purposes, instead of your mission and your kingdom. Forgive us,

gracious Lord. Free us from our self-centeredness. Release us from the chains of pride and disobedience, so we may love You and love others, and thus bring honor to Your Name. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Response

8:00am

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go (Hymn 384)

*O love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.*

*O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,*

That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be

*O joy that sleekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,*

And feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be

*O cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, And from the ground there
blossoms red life that shall endless be.*

10:15am

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved*

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed

Chorus:

*My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior, has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love, amazing grace*

*The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures*

Chorus

*The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below will be forever mine
Will be forever mine, You are forever mine*

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)

Song of Thanksgiving

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks (Hymn 106)

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His Name. (x3)

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 4:7-21

8am: Ally Kiefer

10am: Deb Keenan

Song of Preparation (10am only)

Make You Feel My Love
by Adele

*When the rain is blowing in your face
And the whole world is on your case
I could offer you a warm embrace
To make you feel my love*

*When the evening shadows and the stars appear
And there is no one there to dry your tears
I could hold you for a million years
To make you feel my love*

*I know you haven't made your mind up yet
But I would never do you wrong
I've known it from the moment that we met
No doubt in my mind where you belong*

*I'd go hungry, I'd go black and blue
I'd go crawling down the avenue
No, there's nothing that I wouldn't do
To make you feel my love*

*The storms are raging on the rolling sea
And on the highway of regret
Though winds of change are throwing wild and free
You ain't seen nothing like me yet*

*I could make you happy, make your dreams come true
Nothing that I wouldn't do
Go to the ends of the Earth for you
To make you feel my love
To make you feel my love*

Time for Reflection and Study

Rev. Tamara Mitchell

I Want to Know What Love Is

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