

Grace *at home*

ORDER OF WORSHIP | SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020 | 10 A.M ONLINE

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Welcome

The Rev. Chris French, Pastor of Missional Living

Raise a Hallelujah (Stevens, J.D. Helser, M. Helser, Skaggs)

There's Just Something About that Name (G. Gaither, W. Gaither)

Morning Prayer

The Rev. Dr. Trey Little, Senior Pastor

Restoration (Edwards, Hartke; arr. Bell)

Expressing our Gratitude

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Stories of Fruitfulness

Cara Adams

Sermon Text

1 Corinthians 13:1-8a

Sermon

One Fruit, Nine Flavors: Love

Hymn: *Abide With Me*

Benediction

Choral Response

Go Ye Now in Peace (Eilers)

Go ye now in peace and know that the love of God will guide you.

Feel His presence here beside you, showing you the way.

In your time of trouble, when hurt and despair are there to grieve you,

Know that the Lord will never leave you, He will bring you courage.

Know that the God, who sent his Son to die that you might live,

Will never leave you lost and alone in His beloved world.

Go ye now in peace. Go ye now in peace.

Postlude

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HOUSE WORSHIP LITURGY | SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020

Invitation and Gathering

Consider lighting a candle to signal that worship has begun and that God is present wherever and whenever two or more gather in God's name. When we gather for worship we acknowledge that God is the one who gathers us together.

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Application Questions

1. During the sermon, Pastor Chris had several people answer the question, "What is love?" How would you answer this question? What is love to you?
2. Reflect on this quote from the sermon "Anything you do, even the most religious stuff, even the generous, selfless, other focused actions, do not matter if you don't do them with love." What comes to mind in your own life of faith as you reflect on this statement?
3. In 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a, Paul lists a number of positive and negative characteristics to define love. As you read and reflect on the list of traits, which come more easily to you and which are more difficult?

Call to Prayer

From Hebrews 10:19-22

Since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith.

Prayer

Oh Lord, you who are the refuge of the poor and needy,
we ask that you would save us
from the pestilence that stalks in the darkness
and the plague that destroys at midday.
Be our sun and shield.
Be our fortress.
Be our comfort this day.
May we not fear any evil
but rather trust in your might to save and your wisdom to guide,
so that we might rest always in the shadow of the Almighty.
In the name of the One who heals our diseases.
Hear us now as we bring our own confessions before you ...

Brief time of silence

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Prayers of the People

Jesus, we praise you that you are with us and you care about us. We thank you that you are present in the world and love it. Please hear now our prayers for ourselves, for our church, for our nation, and for our world.

(take a few minutes to lift up the needs of the world before God now)

We thank you that you hear our prayers and are always with us. Amen.

Declaration of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Question and Answer #1

Question: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Answer: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way

that not a hair can fall from my head

without the will of my Father in heaven;

in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,

assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Sending

We do not worship for ourselves alone, but for the sake of the world. God gathers us, speaks to us, and feeds us so that we might be formed into people who look and act like Jesus in our everyday lives.

Benediction

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Go and love those around you!

Activity:

Make a list of five people that you love. From the list below, choose one way you could show each person love this week.

- Pick up the phone and call and ask, “How are you- really?” Then do nothing but listen and respond to what you hear for as long as they’d like.
- Have a “dinner care package” from your favorite grocery store or amazon delivered to their doorstep, including ingredients for an easy dinner- like spaghetti, sauce, salad and dessert.
- Tell them which qualities of theirs you admire and why.
- Send a few of your favorite recipes to them and tell them why you like them.
- Send them a picture of you two together and remind them why that day was special.

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Dig Deeper:

Study John 15:9-17 using the *Observation, Interpretation, Application* format. First begin by reading the passage through. Now take a moment to pray and trust God to speak through His Word to you. Now walk through these three steps:

First—*Observation: What Does the Text Say?*

Make simple observations by asking

- Who?, What? Where?, When?, Why?, How?

As you do, make note of:

- Words repeated multiple times in a passage
- Anything that can be put into a list
- Words that indicate a change in topic or time
- Words that contrast one thing against another
- Words that indicate cause and effect

Second—*Interpretation: What Does the Text Mean?*

Start to look at what the text means and discover what the author is trying to communicate. You look for the context by asking:

- What is the cultural and/or historical context of this passage?
- What else do I know about the book, author, and broader context of the passage?
- What other Scripture passages might help me better interpret this one?
- Have I overlooked anything or made any assumptions?
- What is the clearest meaning of this text?

Third—*Application: What Does This Text Mean for Me?*

- How do we apply what we just learned to everyday life?
- Remember we study to gain knowledge so we know how to live our lives in light of what we've learned.
- Go back to your observation questions and ask them again in light of what you've learned, and apply it to our the passage.