



Methodism: The Extreme Center

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PRELUDE/ COUNTDOWN

PRAISE SONGS

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor

WELCOMING OF GUESTS

Pastor

PASSING THE PEACE

*CONGREGATIONAL

PRAYER

Liturgist

Lord, give us the eyes of Jesus to see our neighbors and the strangers we meet. Teach us what it means to love the stranger as we love ourselves. Forgive us for our selfishness, for our silence, for not caring enough for the strangers who come to our communities. Teach us to love and care for the stranger the way you do. Amen

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim (v.

1-4)

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: A Modern Affirmation

Liturgist: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true Church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

Congregation: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth.

Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

See screen

OLD TESTAMENT READING: 2 Kings 10:15 (NKJV)

Liturgist

Now when he departed from there, he met Jehonadab the son of Rechab, *coming* to meet him; and he greeted him and said to him, "Is your heart right, as my heart *is* toward your heart?" And Jehonadab answered, "It is." *Jehu said*, "If it is, give *me* your hand." So, he gave *him* his hand, and he took him up to him into the chariot.

Liturgist: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

**Please stand as you are able*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Dear Father, help us to love you with all our hearts and help us to love others as we love ourselves. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:34-40 (NKJV)

Liturgist

But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵ Then one of them, a lawyer, asked *Him a question*, testing Him, and saying, ³⁶ "Teacher, which *is* the great commandment in the law?" ³⁷

Jesus said to him, " 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸ "This is *the* first and great commandment. ³⁹ "And *the* second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ "On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Liturgist: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

MISSION MOMENT

PRESENTATION OF PRAYERS AND PRAISE

Pastor

If you have a prayer need or praise that you would like to share with the congregation, please fill out a card and pass it toward the center aisle of the congregation as we are singing the Hymn of Preparation. The pastor will collect the cards during the song and pray over the cards at the chancel rail.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

And Can It Be (v. 1-5)

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PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor

SERMON

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Title: "Christianity's Family Tree: Methodism (The Extreme Center)

Theme: Denominations within the Christian Faith

Purpose: To understand that the various forms of worship within the various denominations of Christianity should not be seen or used as a divisive measure within Christendom.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND SACRIFICES (Celebrating Our Gifts)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of unimaginable love, you have given us so much and asked so little. In the words of Jesus, we have been commanded to love you with our whole being, love our neighbors, and love ourselves. For that simple price, you have given us everything and promised to love us and not desert us. It is a covenant more generous than anyone could imagine, and yet how often we fail to keep the bargain. We love you when it is convenient and will not embarrass us before others. We pick and choose which neighbors we love. as we pick and choose when we will love ourselves. As we dedicate our gifts this morning to bringing acts of love, may we also resolve to better keep our side of your covenant of love. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings* See screen

*HYMN OF CELEBRATION *Forth In Thy Name, O Lord* (v. 1-4)
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*COMMISION / BENEDICTION
Pastor

(Based Matthew 22:34-40)

Go now, with courage in our God. Declare the message of the gospel which God has entrusted to us, and in wholehearted love for God and for others, share not only the message, but your very selves. And may God be your haven; May Christ Jesus lead you into love - heart, soul and mind; And may the Holy Spirit bless the work of your hands and gladden all your days. We go in peace to love and serve the Lord...and all of God's children said...Amen.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Love and Fellowship* See screen

POSTLUDE

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in joyous
celebration of the 2nd anniversary of
Pastor Kerry and Tiffany Foote
by
Pastor Kerry and Tiffany Foote*