

THIS IS HOW WE KNOW WHAT LOVE IS:
JESUS CHRIST LAID DOWN HIS LIFE FOR US.

1 JOHN 3:16

Courageous Love "Nothing to Fear, Nothing to Prove"

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE / COUNTDOWN

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor

WELCOME OF GUEST

Pastor

PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP / CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Liturgist

(Inspired by Psalm 23, 1 John 3:16-24)

Liturgist: Day by day, God leads us:

Congregation: To the deep, deep pools of peace, to the green, lush lawns of grace.

Liturgist: Day by day, Jesus calls us:

Congregation: To pour out ourselves in service, to anoint the stranger with hope.

Liturgist: Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

Congregation: The community we could be, the family we are called to become.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

They'll Know We Are Christians

CEL #429

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A Modern Affirmation Liturgist 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

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NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 John 3:16-24 Liturgist NKJ **1 John 3:16** By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren. <sup>17</sup> But whoever has this world's goods, and sees

his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? 10 My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. 19 And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. 20 For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. 21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. <sup>22</sup> And whatever we ask we receive from • Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. 23 And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment. <sup>24</sup> Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Dear Father, help us to love you with all our hearts and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. Amen.

MISSION MOMENT

PRESENTATION OF PRAYERS AND PRAISE

Pastor

Prayer cards are located in the bulletin and if you have a prayer that you would like to share with the congregation, please fill out the card and pass it toward the center isle of the congregation as we are singing the Hymn of Preparation. The pastor will collect during song and pray over cards at the chancel rail.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

What Wondrous Love Is This

**UMH #292** 

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON

Pastor

Title: Nothing to Fear, Nothing to Prove

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Theme: Courageous Love

Main Idea: Jesus tells a story that shows exactly what self-giving, life-giving, courageous love looks like.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND SACRIFICES (Celebrating our gifts)

## OFFERTRORY PRAYER

God, whose giving knows no ending, we offer up the treasure that you have entrusted to us; we offer up the skills and time that you have graciously given to us; we offer up ourselves in service and praise. Receive these gifts by your grace. Multiply and use them through the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish Christ's work of love in the world. Amen.

PASSING THE PLATE

\*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings

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\*HYMN OF CELEBRATION

I Stand Amazed

**UMH #371** 

## \*COMMISION / BENEDICTION

Pastor

Go out into the world to serve God with love. Be ready to laugh with delight at the good news God has to offer you. Make room at your table for unexpected guests. When the work of discipleship leaves you weary or frustrated, rest in Christ's presence and listen to what he is saying. And the blessing of God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, go with you today and always...and all of God's children said, Amen.

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Love and Fellowship

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**POSTLUDE** 

