



Love No Matter What
"Nothing to Fear, Nothing to Prove"

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PRELUDE / COUNTDOWN
WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS
WELCOMING OF GUESTS
PASSING THE PEACE

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

(Inspired by John 13:34-35; 1 John 4:7)

Liturgist: Come with what you have. For you who grieve this day know that you are invited to bring the broken pieces of your heart.

Congregation: Loved by one another, we discover God's love for us.

Liturgist: Come with what you have. For you who come with gladness know that your melody will find harmony.

Congregation: Accepting God's love for us, we are called to love one another.

Liturgist: Come with what you have. For you weighed down by too many 'shoulds' and 'what-ifs' know that here you may lay down the burdens of guilt and shame.

Congregation: Loved by one another, we discover God's love for us.

Liturgist: Come with what you have. For you who have the answers, know that new questions await you.

Congregation: Accepting God's love for us, we are called to love one another.

Liturgist: Come with what you have. For you who come seeking, know that your questions are safe in the presence of God.

Congregation: Loved by one another, we discover God's love for us.

*SONGS OF PRAISE

I Love You Lord

I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

Liturgist

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

**Stand as you are able.*

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

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(Please be seated after the singing of the Gloria Patri)

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 John 4:7-21 (NKJV)

Liturgist

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. ¹³ By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. ¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. ¹⁹ We love Him because He first loved us. ²⁰ If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? ²¹ And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God *must* love his brother also.

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

God, Jesus taught us to love our neighbor. Help us to be a good neighbor to everyone we meet. In Jesus' name, Amen.

BLESSING OF THE SHOE BOXES

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.

