



Love God: Love Your Neighbor

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PRELUDE / COUNTDOWN
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PASSING THE PEACE

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

(Inspired by Matthew 22:37, Mark 12:30-31, Luke 10:27, Deuteronomy 6:5)

Liturgist: We are called to love the Lord our God

Congregation: We are called to love with all our heart and soul

Liturgist: We are called to love the Lord our God

Congregation: We are called to love with all our mind and strength

Liturgist: We are called to love the Lord our God

Congregation: And we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Liturgist: Come, let us love our God

Congregation: And share God's love in this time of worship!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (v. 1-7)

UMH #57

*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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. 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]. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. 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

UMH #70

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (NKJV)

Liturgist

⁴Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord *is* one! ⁵You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

⁶And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. ⁷You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. ⁸You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Kerry Foote

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Dear God, please help us to love You with all our hearts and to love others as we love ourselves. In Jesus' name. Amen.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 12:28-34 (NKJV)

Liturgist

²⁸ Then one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, perceiving that He had answered them well, asked Him, "Which is the first commandment of all?"

²⁹ Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments *is*: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This *is* the first commandment. ³¹ And the second, like *it*, *is* this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

³² So the scribe said to Him, "Well *said*, Teacher. You have spoken the truth, for there is one God, and there is no other but He. ³³ And to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

³⁴ Now when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

But after that no one dared question Him.

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PRESENTATION OF PRAYERS AND PRAISE

Rev. Kerry Foote

Prayer cards are on the information table. 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 aisle of the congregation as we are singing the Hymn of Preparation. The pastor will collect them during the hymn and pray over cards at the chancel rail.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Rock of Ages (v. 1-4)

UMH #361

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Kerry Foote

SERMON

Title: Love God: Love Your Neighbor

Theme: The Greatest Commandment

Main Idea: Understanding the spirit of the law and not just the letter of the law.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND SACRIFICES (Celebrating Our Gifts)

Rev. Kerry Foote

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	<i>Praise God, From Whom All Blessings</i>	UMH #95
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*HYMN OF CELEBRATION	<i>Victory in Jesus (v. 1-3)</i>	UMH #370
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*COMMISSION & BENEDICTION	Rev. Kerry Foote
(Inspired by Deuteronomy 6:4-5, Matthew 12:28-34)	

*Hear this: the Lord our God is the one and only Lord. Therefore, go out into the world and love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and love others as you love yourself. And may God give you justice and freedom; May Christ Jesus set you free for love; and may the Holy Spirit go where you go.....and protect you on your way...and all of God's children said... **Amen.***

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE	<i>Love and Fellowship</i>	See screens.
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POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able.*