JANUARY 29, 2023

*Congregation is invited to stand, if able.

GATHERING MUSIC:

ONE THING REMAINS HOW HE LOVES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MIKE BALLARD

PRELUDE

*A SONG OF PRAISE: AMAZING LOVE (YOU ARE MY KING)

*CALL TO WORSHIP LED BY MARTHA GILL:

- L CHILDREN OF GOD: WELCOME!
- P WELCOME TO THIS PLACE OF LOVE AND GRACE,
- L WELCOME TO THIS PLACE OF HOPE AND PERSEVERANCE.
- $P\ \ God$ invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,
- $L\,$ God invites all of us to share in the good news:
- P WE ARE WELCOME, JUST AS WE ARE. WE ARE LOVED, JUST AS WE ARE. INGRATITUDE FOR ALL OF THIS, LET US WORSHIP GOD.

*OPENING PRAYER LED BY MARTHA GILL (IN UNISON):

Lord, be with each one of us today. We have come seeking your love, guidance, and direction for our lives. Help us recognize the gifts you have given to us, and enable us to put these gifts to good use to love all of creation in your world. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen

CHORAL ANTHEM

A TIME FOR CHILDREN WITH DIANE VARNUM

This, this is where children belong. Welcomed as part of our worship and song. Hearing God's Word, sharing love all along. This is where children belong. *A SONG OF PREPARATION: OH HOW I LOVE JESUS

SCRIPTURE: ROMANS 12:1-9 BY KANE MACCOURTNEY

12 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. 3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4 For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. 6 We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; 7 ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; 8 the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. 9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good;

This is the Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

SERMON: FIRST COMES LOVE, THEN COMES (SACRIFICE)

REV. DUSTIN MCCUNE

A TIME OF PRAYER WITH SUE DOSTAL

A TIME OF GIVING WITH ANITA LOONEY

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*A Song of invitation: What a Friend We Have in Jesus UMH 526

***THE BENEDICTION**

* CONGRAGATIONAL BENEDICTIONAL: THE BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you

make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace. Amen.

Discussion Questions from today's message:

- 1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
- 2. Do you think that love is all you need? Why or why not?
- 3. What does it mean to be a living sacrifice?
- 4. Do you ever feel like you sacrifice more for your spouse than they do for you? How can you constructively communicate those feelings to your partner if you feel that way?
- 5. Do you think your love for God can conflict with your love for your spouse? Explain or give an example.
- 6. What things might you need to sacrifice to be a better husband or wife?
- 7. How will you do that this week?
- 8. 8. How can we pray for you?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Common Grounds: February 2 at 6:00 pm

Bake Sale: Youth Fundraiser: Sunday, February 5, before and after service.

30 Hour Famine: The Youth will participate in the 30 Hour Famine February 24-26.

WNK BBQ Fundraiser: Sunday, February 12.

Valentines Treat: The Missions Committee will be delivering Valentine treats to first responders again this year and will need your help. Please bring homemade Valentine cookies, muffins, etc. to the church on Sunday, February 12, and leave them in the choir room. Thank you for your support of this mission outreach.

UMW Crockpot Fundraiser: February 26

Pecans: The Hospitality Team is still selling Pecans

Wednesday Night Dinner: Main Dish

February 1: Chili, Cheese, Sour Cream compliments of Deb & Wally February 8: Hamburgers & Fixins compliments of Bill Nieman February 15: Spaghetti /Alfredo compliments of Patrick & Kyra compliments of Carol MacCourtney and Martha Gill

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