

Response Glory to God

Sharing the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Response Peace Song

We Receive the Word

Children's Message

Scripture Acts 11:1-18, John 13:31-35

Sermon The Law of Love

We Respond to the Word

Offertory

Holy God, we have heard the commandment Jesus gave us, to love one another, and we know that you call us to love you and love others. Help us to make love tangible with our gifts and our support for your ministries, and help others to know that we disciples of Jesus, as they see the way we love one another and the world. We pray in his name. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

We Are Sent Out to the World

Benediction

Leader: And let all God's people say...

People: Alleluia! Amen!

Response Dream Statement

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We Gather

Welcome

First Reading: *When This is Over* by Laura Kelly Fanucci

When this is over, may we never again take for granted

A handshake with a stranger

Full shelves at the store

Conversations with neighbors

A crowded theater

Friday night out

The taste of communion

A routine checkup

The school rush each morning

Coffee with a friend

The stadium roaring

Each deep breath

A boring Tuesday

Life itself.

When this ends may we find that we have become

more like the people we wanted to be

we were called to be

we hoped to be

and may we stay

that way — better

for each other

because of the worst.

Setting intentions to love one another. How will you set an intention to love others in your community?

Silence is kept

Call to Worship

Leader: Come with what you have. Whether gladness or grief, we will stand alongside you with love.

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

Leader: Come with what you have. Whether seeking or certain, whether faint or fearless, all that you feel is safe in the presence of God.

People: Loved by one another, we experience God's love for us.

Leader: Come with what you have, for you will carry from this place a love beyond description – love that overflows to be shared with the world.

People: Loved by one another, we demonstrate to the world God's love for us.

All: Alleluia! Let us worship God!

Opening Songs

Come, Just As You Are

Jesu, Jesu

We Prepare our Hearts

Prayer of Confession

God of love, we confess that sometimes we are not very good at love in action. We like to talk about love, and read about love, and watch movies about love. But we often fail to do the things we should, and we do and say things we should not.

Sometimes, others watching us may not even be able to identify us as followers of Jesus! We are sorry, God! We ask for your forgiveness when we are less than loving, and we trust in your love for us to shine out even when we miss the mark. We pray in the name of the one who is love.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon (Psalm 103:8-12)

Leader: God is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. God does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to what we have done. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's love for us; as far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our transgressions from us. Rejoice and be glad, people of God!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.