

Faith United Methodist Church

January 31, 2021

Sharing God's Love



Centering

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God... since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. If we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

1 John 4:7, 9, 11-12

Welcome

Opening Prayer

God, who loves us so, open our hearts and minds to know and share your love in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, your beloved son we pray, **Amen.**

Music

Prayer of Illumination

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths. **Amen.**

Music

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸Love never ends.

The Word of God, for the People of God. Thanks Be to God. **Amen.**

Children's Time

Special Music

More Love to Thee, O Christ

(During the music, please reflect on these words silently)

*Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;
now thee alone I seek, give what is best.
This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee, more love to thee!*

Witness

Love Rejoices

Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

Loving God, hear us as we pray for your holy catholic Church: make us all one, that the world may believe.

Inspire and lead all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world: establish justice and peace among all people.

Have compassion on all who suffer from any sickness, grief or trouble: deliver them from their distress.

We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory: bring us all to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray in silence for our own needs and for those of others ... Silence

O God who makes all things in love, we join to offer thanks to you for the blessings of life in your world, for the gifts of love and friendship, for the joy of family and kinship. Our lives at times reflect your loving presence, and at other times seem loveless and lonely and lost. Yet in all things, you do love us – lavishly and without reservation – and you plant within us the seed for loving others. Nurture that seed within us, we pray. Help us to take the risk of opening our often walled-in hearts to be vulnerable to the other in our lives, and to take the risk of love. May your perfect love, indeed, cast out all fear, and enable us to give ourselves anew to those we encounter on this journey with Christ. **Amen.**

Offering & Prayer for the Gifts of the Community

O God, our hope, transform our gifts and the acts of giving into ministries of love and compassion to all the persons this church serves in your name. **Amen.**

Music

Benediction

Go forth from this time and place, knowing the love of God is patient and kind and share that love in all that you say and do. May the blessing of God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Prayer List

Margaret Arceneaux	Mary Delafosse	Melva Phillips
Paul Arceneaux, Jr.		Harlan Phipps
Sidney Arceneaux	Tammy Dufour	Mercedes Pierson
Kim Craigen Ard	Julie Duplichan	Justin Plake
Lucian Adams	Keven Dupre	John Pool
Dolores Anderson	Marli Dupuy	Kenny Puckett
Johnny & Ovelia Battaglio	Joe Floyd	Beverly Reese
Lloyd Betar	Sheila Frederick	Randy Reese
Mary Bevil	Lorene Green	Buddy Renkema
Roland Blanchard	Rachel Grimmett	Nikki Castilaw Rice
Bonnie Blankenship	Robert Hargraves	Edward Rivet
Donna Suppa Bolton	<i>Family of Dana Hargraves</i>	Randy & Darlene Rivett
Jo Bordeaux	Connie Hebert	Floyd Roche
Pat Borel	MaryJo Hebert	Ezekiel Romero
Glenda Brooks	Danny & Kelsey Hurych	Joann Savelle
Jean Brooks	Edna & Raymond Jones	Kathleen Sharp
<i>Family of Eugene</i>	Alice Kethley	<i>Family of Malcolm Shaw</i>
<i>Burrel</i>	<i>Family of Leon Kethley</i>	Shawna Shaw
Ann Campbell	Kristi Key	Jim & Loretta Shearer
Norma Campbell	Ray & Tammy Lake	Brooke Simon
Robert & Roxie Castilaw	Clyde Landry	Harriet Simpson
Jared Castolenia	Fred Ledesma	James Sowell
Matthew Cerda	Alice & Louis Loftin	Kim Streed
Tana Champeau	Orianna Marchand	Bob Taylor
Rebecca Chance	Matt Markos	Sadina Hammock Ward
Billie Cherry	Barbara Martin	Mary Alice Weitzel
<i>Family of Herbert Clubb</i>	Linda Meyers	Herschel Williams
Kim Wilber Conn	Ron & Michelle Mueller	Mary Rose Williams
Derick Cooper	Joyce Murphy	Gail Wright
Kyle & Beth Craigen	Arnold Northcut	Greta Zeralsky
Dakota Crutchfield	Kelly Simmons Owens	
Jimmy & Emily Davis	Jim Padgett	
Bobbie Dean	John & Candance Perkins	



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We are called to be:

Transformed by God's love, Christ's sacrifice and the Spirit's work in our lives.

Engaged with all of God's children from the small to the tall, the near and the far.

Celebrate, worship & praise God as we care for each other.

Share the Good News of God's love in our thoughts, words and deeds.

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