

Prayer of Consecration

(All believing Christians are invited to share in the Lord's Supper, regardless of church affiliation.)

One: The bread which we break is our communion in the Body of Christ.

**All: The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is our Communion
in the blood of Christ. Amen.**

Benediction

Recessional ***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (vs. 4)*** No. 517

Postlude ***O Waly Wally*** arr. Colin Curtis
 David Williams, organ

Today's Ensemble Members:

Alicia Rosier, Karen Driver, Shirley Swarthout, Colin Bannon, David Williams, & Christian Jackson, with John Baird - piano



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ORDER OF WORSHIP
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope

GATHERING

Prelude ***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*** arr. Marc Jordan
David Williams, organ

Opening Music ***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (vs. 1, 2)*** No. 517

*Responsive Reading

Leader: Blessed is the person who loves God!

People: Live in charity and steadfast love.

Leader: To God I entrust my whole being.

People: Live in charity and steadfast love.

Leader: To God I entrust all that I have received.

People: Live in charity and steadfast love.

Leader: God made me for God's self.

People: Live in charity and steadfast love.

Leader: My heart is restless till it rests in God.

People: Live in charity and steadfast love.

Leader: Live in charity; God will dwell with me.

*Invocation

*Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever,

Amen.

*Gloria Patri No. 35

Children's Message

PRAYER

Prayer Hymn ***I Sought the Lord*** J. Harold Moyer
Ensemble**

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

PROCLAMATION

Offertory Invitation

Special Music ***The Gift of Love*** Hal Hopson
Ensemble**

Scripture Reading I Corinthians 13

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon ***The Greatest of These Is Love***

RESPONSE

Invitation to Discipleship

Communion Music ***O Love*** Elaine Hagenberg
Ensemble**

(In Christ's name we welcome all persons into membership into the church by confession of faith and baptism or by transfer of membership. Please step to the front pew during the singing of this Hymn of Communion.)

Meditation Judy Ford

Words of Institution

Sermon Outline
The Greatest of These Is Love

Paul continues his discussion of Spiritual Gifts from chapter 12.
-if you do NOT have love....

MLK jr. – “When I speak of love I am not speaking of some sentimental and weak response. I am speaking of that force which all of the great religions have seen as the supreme unifying principle of life. Love is somehow the key that unlocks the door which leads to ultimate reality.”

Fred Rogers’ tree – “I like you just the way you are.”
UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

My Down syndrome son – showing love and affection.
UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

The Prodigal son – Coming home to love and acceptance
UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

To experience UNCONDITIONAL LOVE all we have to do is turn around,
see it and accept it and embrace it

We are inseparable from God and God’s UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

Notes:

I Corinthians 13 (NRSV)

13 If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, ^[a] but do not have love, I gain nothing. 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. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, ^[b] but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Prayer List



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Members

Howard Cravens
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We Pray for Those in the Military:

Rob Aikman, Bobbie Backes, Noah Burkham,
Phillip Johnston, Jeremiah & Rachel Singletary,
Brandon Trail, Trysten Hall, Lucas Ward,
Katy Taylor

Friends & Family

Misty Mochel (friend of Marci Baumann)
Gary & Diane Lockwood (Friends of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Amy Blackburn (friend of Marci Baumann)
Barb Disney (Friend of Penny Rutherford)
Shannon Francisco (Friend of Bob Smith)
Bryanna Shaw (Friend of Maria Jacobs)
Timothy Littrell (friend of the Lintons & the Bednars)
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John Burton (Nephew of Carrie Funk)
Janet May Carpenter (mother of Karma Lynn Carpenter)
Mark Boline (son of Louise Boline)
Jonas Fagin (grandson of Al & Chris Fagin)
Gerald Spencer II (father of Ashely Sparks)
Richard & Ruth Albin (cousins of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Keith Bess (friend of Gregg & Linda Foltz)
Bob Dorsey (friend of Jim Bednar)
Anne Hostetler (friend of many CCC members)
Jeff Pritts (son of Eleanor Pritts)
Michael Moran (son in law of Larry & Marla Winkleblack)
Catherine Bower (friend of Jerry Bean)
Carter Goodman (nephew of Greg & Gale Barnes)
Andy Harbeck (friend of Donna Dash)
John Allen (friend of Donna Dash)
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Jill Bolin (Larry & Marla Winkleblack's daughter)