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MARK 12:28

*We gather to worship God, who is Love.*

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# PREPARATORY HYMN: SPEAK, O LORD

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You\_ to re-ceive the food, of Your Ho - ly Word.  
 2. Teach us Lord, full o - be - di-ence, Ho - ly rev - er ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.\_  
 3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.\_

Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us;\_ shape and fash - ion us\_ in Your like - ness; That the  
 Test our thoughts and our at - ti tudes in the ra - di ance of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our  
 Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will ech - o down throughe - ter - ni - ty. And by

light of Christ might be seen to day\_ in our acts of love and our deeds of\_ faith.  
 faith to rise, cause our eyes to see\_ Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.  
 grace we'll stand on Your prom - is - es;\_ And by faith we'll walk as You walk with\_ us.

Speak, O Lord and ful - fill in us\_ all Your pur - pos - es\_ for Your  
 Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail;\_ Let their truth pre - vail\_ o - ver  
 Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built, and the earth is filled\_ with Your

glo - ry.  
 un - be - lief.  
 glo - ry.

## **SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

### 1 JOHN 4:7-11

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

### **PRAYER OF PRAISE**

# O THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS

1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, Vast, un - mea - sured,  
 2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, Spread His praise from  
 3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, Love of e - v'ry

bound - less, free; Rol - ling as a might - y o - cean In its  
 shore to shore; How He lov - eth, e - ver lov - eth, Chang - eth  
 love the best; 'Tis an o - cean vast of bles - sing, 'Tis a

full - ness o - ver me. Un - der - neath me, all a - round me,  
 ne - ver, ne - ver - more; How He watch - es o'er His loved ones,  
 ha - ven sweet of rest, O the deep, deep love of Je - sus,

Is the cur - rent of Thy love; Lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing  
 Died to call them all His own; How for them He in - ter -  
 'Tis a Heav'n of Heav'ns to me; And it lifts me up to

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home - ward, To my glo - rious rest a - bove.  
ced - eth, Watch - eth o'er them from the throne.  
glo - ry, For it lifts me up to Thee.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Ebenezer". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff. A triplet of eighth notes is marked with a '3' above it in the treble staff, corresponding to the words "glo - rious" and "rest".

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# I HEAR THE WORDS OF LOVE

1. I hear the words of love, I gaze up - on the blood, I  
2. 'Tis e - ver - last - ing peace! Sure as Je - ho - vah's Name; 'Tis  
3. The clouds may come and go, And storms may sweep my sky This  
4. My love is oft - times low, My joy still ebbs and flows; But  
5. I change, He chan - ges not, The Christ can ne - ver die; His

see the might - y sac - ri - fice And I have peace with God.  
sta - ble as His stead - fast throne, For e - ver - more the same.  
blood-seal'd friend-ship chan - ges not: The cross is e - ver nigh.  
peace with Him re - mains the same No change Je - ho - vah knows.  
love, not mine, the rest - ing place, His truth, not mine, the tie.

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## **SCRIPTURE READING**

### **DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9**

<sup>4</sup> “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup> You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup> And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup> You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. <sup>8</sup> You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup> You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

### **ROMANS 13:8-10**

<sup>8</sup> Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup> For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup> Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.



# **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

## **SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

1 JOHN 4:10

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

# ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST

1. I once was lost in dark - est night, yet thought I knew the way. The sin that  
 2. But as I ran my hell-bound race, in - dif - ferent to the cost, You looked up -  
 3. Now Lord I would be Yours a - lone, and live so all might see the strength to

prom - ised joy and life had led me to the grave. I had no hope that You would  
 on my help - less state and led me to the cross. And I be-held God's love dis -  
 fol - low Your com - mands could nev - er come from me. O Fath - er, use my ran - somed

own a reb - el to Your will. And if You had not loved me first, I would re -  
 played, You suf - fered in my place. You bore the wrath re - served for me, now all I  
 life in an - y way You choose, and let my song for - ev - er be my on - ly

1. fuse You still. 2.3. grace. Hal - le - lu - jah! All I  
 know is You. You. You.  
 boast is You.

have is Christ. Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus is my life. *repeat chorus*

# SERMON

## THE MOST IMPORTANT

### MARK 12:28-34

<sup>28</sup> And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>30</sup> And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ <sup>31</sup> The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” <sup>32</sup> And the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him. <sup>33</sup> And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one’s neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” <sup>34</sup> And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions.

# SERMON NOTES

# HERE IS LOVE

1. Here is love vast as the o - cean, lov - ing kind - ness as the flood,  
 2. On the Mount of Cru - ci - fix - ion foun - tains op - ened deep and wide;  
 3. Here is love that con - quered e - vil: Christ, the first - born from the grave.  
 4. That same love be - yond all mea - sure, mocked and slain by hate - ful men,  
 5. Here is love vast as the hea - vens; count - less as the stars a - bove

when the Prince of life, our ran - som shed for us His pre - cious blood.  
 through the flood - gates of God's mer - cy flowed a vast and gra - cious tide.  
 Death has failed to be found e - qual to the life of Him who saves.  
 lives and reigns in res - ur - rect - ion and can ne - ver die a - gain.  
 are the souls that He has ran - somed, pre - cious daugh - ters, trea - sured sons.

Who His love will not re - mem - ber? Who can cease to sing His praise?  
 Grace and love, like migh - ty ri - vers, poured in - ces - sant from a - bove;  
 In the val - ley of our dark - ness dawned His e - ver - las - ting light;  
 Here is love for all the a - ges, ra - diant Sun of Heav'n He stands,  
 We are called to feast for - e - ver on a love be - yond our time.

He can ne - ver be for - got - ten through - out heav'n's e - ter - nal days.  
 hea - ven's peace and per - fect just - ice kissed a guil - ty world in love.  
 per - fect love in glo - rious ra - diance has re - pelled death's hel - lish night.  
 cal - ling home His Fa - ther's child - ren, hold - ing forth His wound - ed hands.  
 Glo - rious Fa - ther, Son and Spi - rit now with man are in - ter - twined.

# BE THOU MY VISION

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2. Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;  
 3. Rich - es I heed not, or man's emp - ty praise,  
 4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art:  
 I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord:  
 Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 May I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son,  
 Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.  
 Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.  
 High King of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.  
 Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

# DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;

Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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## WHO IS JESUS?

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Our greatest prayer for you is that you would come to know Jesus. Though we have all rebelled against God, He sent Jesus, His only Son, into our broken world. Through Jesus's obedient life, sacrificial death, and victorious resurrection, sinners can be forgiven and reconciled to God through turning from our sins and trusting in Him.

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## FOLLOWING JESUS

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**Baptism** is publicly professing your faith in Jesus and identifying with His people.

**Discipleship** is walking together in life and helping one another follow Jesus faithfully.

**Membership** is our mutual commitment to follow Jesus together in the context of a local church.

**Service** to the church and the world is what characterizes Jesus's followers as we seek to make Him known.

If you would like to learn more about Jesus and what it means to follow Him, we would love to talk with you. Please speak with one of our elders or submit a connect card (scan the QR code below).

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## VISITORS & GUESTS

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**Welcome!** If you are new to our church, we invite you to connect with an elder in the foyer after the service so that we can welcome you personally.

You can also complete a **Connect Card**, available in the pews or via this QR code, to request more information about this church or about what it means to be a Christian.



**Families with Children** We offer Sunday School classes at 9:30am for grades K-12 and childcare for infants to pre-K during the 10:45 worship service. Canvas 'busy bags' are available in the lobby for children to use during the service. Additional information about our Children's Ministry is available on our website.

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## OUR LIFE TOGETHER

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### New Member Class

Our Membership Matters Class began this morning and will continue on May 26 and June 2 at 9:30AM. If you missed this one but would still like to attend, please reach out to [office@franconiabaptist.org](mailto:office@franconiabaptist.org) to RSVP and schedule a make-up class.

### Graduate Reception & Send-Off

Please join us following the morning service on May 26<sup>th</sup> for a reception for our 2024 graduates as well as a chance to say goodbye to the Martin family who will be moving in early June.

### Members' Meeting – May 26

Members of FBC, please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this important time in the life of our church.

**Sermon Text for Next Week:** Mark 12:35-37

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Wednesday  
Zoom Prayer  
6:30pm

