

THIS IS HOW WE KNOW

# Love One Another

1 John 3:11-24



TRINITY  
Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, August 9, 2020

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### SONG OF GATHERING & PREPARATION

The people of God always sang as they ascended the hill in Jerusalem up to the temple to worship (see Psalms 120-134). We, as well, prepare our hearts, minds, and bodies for worship by singing about the God we serve.

'Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus

### CALL TO WORSHIP | John 17:6, 9-11, 15-18 (ESV)

We read God's Word, the Bible, together. It reveals to us who God is and what He expects of us.

"I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world."

### PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

We pray together praising God for who He really is (Adoration) and admitting our inability to live up to what He expects of us (Confession).

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON | John 5:24 (ESV)

We read God's Word together and are reminded that mercy and grace are freely given to all who have faith in Jesus Christ.

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

### WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace for us in Jesus by giving generously to the work of this church and the kingdom of God.

Rest

### PRAISE & CELEBRATION

Our response to God's free grace is celebratory worship. We express our praise to God for who He is and what He has done for us.

Your Glory / Nothing but the Blood

Do It Again

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

As an expression of our faith in Jesus Christ in solidarity with his people, we declare the substance of what we believe.

From the New City Catechism:

Q. 32. What do justification and sanctification mean?

A. Justification means our declared righteousness before God, made possible by Christ's death and resurrection for us. Sanctification means our gradual, growing righteousness, made possible by the Spirit's work in us.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION

We express in prayer our gratitude to God for what He has done and ask Him to continue to act for our good and the good of others in our community and world.

## PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD | Tim Rice, *Lead Pastor & Director of Church Planting*

A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our lives and circumstances.

## SONG OF RESPONSE

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace by singing again of His goodness and greatness.

Christ Be Magnified

## BENEDICTION

Because the hand of God's wrath was raised against Jesus, we now receive the hand of God's blessing as we are sent out to live our lives to the glory of God.

May the LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace,  
both now and forevermore. Amen.

# SCRIPTURE PASSAGE & SERMON OUTLINE

## Proclamation of God's Word

**Text:** 1 John 3:11-24 (ESV)

**Title:** This is How We Know: Love One Another

**Teacher:** Tim Rice

<sup>11</sup> For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. <sup>12</sup> We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. <sup>13</sup> Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. <sup>14</sup> We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. <sup>15</sup> Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. <sup>16</sup> By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup> But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? <sup>18</sup> Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. <sup>19</sup> By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; <sup>20</sup> for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup> Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup> and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup> And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup> Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

**Intro:** Who in your life is hard to love?

## SELFISH & POLLUTED

Why is true love so difficult?

## GRACE INSTEAD OF JUSTICE

Instead of blotting us out, what has the Lord chosen to do?

## OTHER-WORLDLY LOVE

What can change us into people that love others (even enemies!) more than our own advantage or comfort?

## YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD God Almighty for His wisdom, power and love. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit that He is willing to work against evil rather than just blotting us all out in His justice and wrath.
2. How have you lived with some vague idea of “loving Humanity” but you’ve failed to love a particular man or woman? *Confess to Jesus how your lovelessness is wrong, and ask Him to save you from your guilt and deadness.*
3. Give thanks to Jesus for laying down His life in our place – for cleansing us from our sin and for healing us by His power. Thank Him for the gift of His Spirit to live in us, to empower us, to love truly, and not merely with words.
4. Who do you know that struggles with coldness of heart? Pray for them, asking Jesus to work in their heart to transform them and to equip you to love them well. *Ask the Spirit to empower you to serve more than you talk.*
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear His fruit of love in your heart. Pray that by His indwelling presence in you – because of trusting Jesus – that He would give you a sense of His power enabling you to love as Jesus does.

