

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

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Opening Song

"All Are Welcome"

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First Reading

Excerpt from "Bread for the Resistance" by Donna Barber

Reprise: Join Us In Singing

"Your Word Is A Lamp"

Your Word Is A Lamp Unto My Feet And A Light Unto My Path.
Your Word Is A Lamp Unto My Feet And A Light Unto My Path.

When I Feel Afraid, Think I've Lost My Way, Still You're There Beside Me,
And Nothing Will I Fear As Long As You Are Near.
Please Be Near Me To The End.

Your Word Is A Lamp Unto My Feet And A Light Unto My Path.
Your Word Is A Lamp Unto My Feet And A Light Unto My Path.

Now I Will Not Forget Your Love For Me And Yet My Heart Forever Is Wandering.
Jesus, Be My Guide And Hold Me To Your Side,
And I Will Love You To The End.

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Second Reading

Corinthians 13:1-13

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Gathering Song

"Welcome to this House"

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Sermon

"Love Wins"

Rev. Jakob Hero-Shaw

Song of Reflection

Prayers of the People

(Join us in signing when instructed)

I give all my service to You
I give all my service to You
No matter the cost or what others do
I give all my service to You

(Join us in signing when instructed)

I give all my problems to You
I give all my problems to You
No matter the cost or what others do
I give all my problems to You

Leader Prays

Lord's Prayer

Offering /Offertory

"Family of God"

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Doxology

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
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Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The Holy One be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to our God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

There's a spirit of love in this place, as we sing together,

There's a spirit of love in this place,
There's a spirit of love in this place.
You can't see it, but it's there, just as precious as the air.
There's a spirit of love in this place.

And so...

This morning, with faith and hope as your people, we proclaim together that,

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again!

Join us in singing:

There's the presence of peace in this room,
There's the presence of peace in this room.
In God's tenderness is found peace that passes human bounds.
There's the presence of peace in this room.

Closing Song

"G Make A Difference"

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Benediction

Lyrics

“All Are Welcome”

Let Us Build A House Where Love Can Dwell And All Can Safely Live,
A Place Where Saints and Children Tell How Hearts Learn To Forgive.
Built Of Hopes And Dreams And Visions, Rock Of Faith And Vault Of Grace;
Here The Love Of Christ Shall End Divisions:
All Are Welcome, All Are Welcome, All Are Welcome In This Place.

Let Us Build A House Where All Are Named, Their Songs And Visions Heard
And Love Loved And Treasured, Taught And Claimed As Words Within The Word.
Built Of Tears And Cries And Laughter, Prayers Of Faith And Songs Of Grace,
Let This House Proclaim From Floor To Rafter:
All Are Welcome, All Are Welcome, All Are Welcome In This Place.

“Welcome To This House”

Let Us Build A House Where Love Can Dwell And All Can Safely Live,
A Place Where Saints and Children Tell How Hearts Learn To Forgive.
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Let This House Proclaim From Floor To Rafter:
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“Family of God”**Join in singing the Chorus**

I'm So Glad I'm A Part Of The Fam'ly Of God.
I've Been Washed In The Fountain Healed by Your Love!
Joint Heirs With Jesus As We Travel This Sod,
For I'm Part Of The Fam'ly, The Fam'ly Of God

“Go Make A Difference”**Join in singing the Chorus**

Go Make A Difference. We Can Make A Difference.
Go Make A Difference In The World.
Go Make A Difference. We Can Make A Difference.
Go Make A Difference In The World.

Readings and Prayers

Opening Prayer

How firm a foundation for you has been laid, by God in the Word, in the sacrifice paid! What more can God say than to you has been said, to you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Leader: We come ready to worship.

All: We come ready to worship filled with joy and praise because we know we are beloved children of God.

Leader: We come ready to worship without shame or doubt because we know that we are created in your image.

All: We come ready to worship just as we are because we know God loves us however we show up.

Leader: We come ready to worship because we know the promises of the rainbow; of hope, of life and of love.

All: We come ready to worship together as valued families where love transcends all gender, race and limitations because we know that LOVE WINS!

Frist Reading

One of the challenges of pursuing kingdom justice is that you must do it without compromising godly character. If I make eloquent speeches or write passionate blogs without love, it's just noise. If I am gifted with a prophetic message, if I'm deeply wise, brilliant, or fearless but fail at loving, I am nothing. And if I deny myself my North American, middle-class comforts to feed the poor or relocate to an under-resourced neighborhood but do not embody the attitude, humility, and nature of divine love, my sacrifice is worthless. As a believer, I am challenged every day to fight evil without becoming it.

I must remind myself that the character of righteousness is merciful, generous, and good. It's the result of understanding that we have been gifted with grace, blessed with an inheritance, and promised a future. However, I also remember that this promise does not exempt us from challenges or difficulties. Nor does it make us martyrs. We are simply children straining to respond to a loving [Parent] by loving others.

Second Reading

If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And 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. If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love 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. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When 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. For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, 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. And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.