



1 John: A Call to Love

May 26, 2024

GATHERED IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

Prelude ... *the chime is rung as an invitation to lean into God's presence*

Opening Proclamation: *John 1:1-5*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

CALL TO WORSHIP* (based on Psalm 27)

One: God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

**ALL: God is our shelter and refuge on the days of trouble,
and our hope and joy on the days of celebration!**

One: Day after day, we seek God's face
and the assurance of God's holy love:

**ALL: O God, do not turn from us or hide your face from us!
Be our guide and our light instead!**

One: One thing we ask of God:

**ALL: That we may live in God's dwelling place
all the days of our life, and never cease to behold
the beauty of God's home.**

One: Beloved of God, enter this worship in thanksgiving,
For God is among and within us!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Opening Prayer*

HYMN *Summoned By the God Who Made Us* VT 1

Passing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD IN SCRIPTURE

HYMN *Longing For Light* VT 715

Children's Time

Scripture Reading *John 1:14-17; John 16:12-14; 1 John 1:1-5*

HYMN *Spirit, Open My Heart* VT 636

Sermon

Music for Meditation

SHARING OUR STORIES

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

WALKING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

HYMN *My Life Flows On* VT 605

Benediction

Postlude ... *receive the postlude as a musical blessing*

If you need a hearing assist device, please ask at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary.

The Nursery is typically staffed with a volunteer care provider during worship (and Sunday School as needed). Children are also welcome to remain in the sanctuary! Worship bags with drawing/coloring materials are provided at the back of the sanctuary.

If you'd like to be added to our all-church email list to receive prayer requests and announcements (typically 2 emails/week), please contact the church office or Pastor Tonya.

Photo (*Sunflower Heart*) on front of the bulletin: Julie Goering

***Call to Worship & Prayer:** written by Rev. Elizabeth Dilley, and posted on the **United Church of Christ's** Worship Ways website:

Sound: Murray Reimer
Livestream: Jay Gehring
Ushers: Rick and Glenda Hopper
Nursery: no attendant scheduled today
Organist: Pauline Buller
Song Leader: Bryan Kehr
Worship Leader: Joel Iwashige
Scripture Reader: Jon Miller
Children's Time: Joy Miller
Sermon: Pastor Jim Unruh

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here!

*Your offerings are received, with gratitude, in the offering box on the table at the back of the sanctuary.
You can also now donate electronically on our website.
Thank you for your generosity shown in many ways!*

TODAY:

- Fellowship with drinks in the Common Grounds room after worship.

LOOKING AHEAD:

May 23-28 – Pastor Tonya on vacation

June 2 – **mfc** Community Worship Service & Ice Cream Social, 6:30pm

June 9 – **Color Green**, a Bluegrass/Gospel group, joins us in worship

June 9 – FMC Ice Cream Social at 6:30pm

June 15-16 – FMC's weekend at Camp Mennoscah. Schedule details and sign up in the foyer if you will join any part of the weekend.

JUNE 9 Color Green – local Bluegrass/Gospel group

Color Green will share their music with us in our morning worship service. Members are Doug Yoder, Jim Shimel, Nate Hershberger, Susan Parker Edwards and Jackie Parker Beaver. Bring a friend or neighbor and plan to be here for a delightful morning of worship in music and message.

JUNE 9 FMC Ice Cream Social

Bring finger foods (and an ice cream topping if you'd like!) to share!! Homemade ice cream donations still welcome – talk to Joretta Martens.

New Book Study Begins June 12: Love Without Limits (.. Jacqueline Bussie)

You're invited to join us this summer on the second Wednesday of each month. Bring a snack to share at 12:30pm or join us for discussion at 1:00pm. If you need help getting a book, let Pastor Tonya know.

PERSONAL and FAMILY MEDITATION:

REJOICE! and Upper Room devotional guides are available above the mailboxes. Please take one and offer a donation toward the cost if you are able.



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