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As I have loved you, You should also love one another.

John 13:34



Lakeshore Presbyterian Church May 18, 2025 Pastor Bill Davis, presiding

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 148:1-6)

One: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

ALL: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

One: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

ALL: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

One: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were

created.

ALL: He established them for ever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which

cannot be passed.

One: Let us worship and praise the LORD!

HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #376

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find the promised rest;
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty to deliver, Let us all Thy life receive; Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above, Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.

4 Finish, then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dearest LORD of all creation we acknowledge that YOUR love is pure and YOUR love is boundless. Yet, YOU have asked us to love one another as YOU have loved us. We confess that we have failed in this. We confess that some people irritate us. We would rather judge them than love them. Forgive us! Help us to love one another as YOU have loved us, so that the world may know that we are YOUR disciples. Amen.

PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE OF PRAISE Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM "When We All Get to Heaven"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE John 13:31-35

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

SERMON "Love Divine, Love Human"

HYMN: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" #387

1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need Thy tender care; In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Thy folds prepare: Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are; Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

2 Thou hast promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be; Thou hast mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and power to free: Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee. Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee.

3 Early let us seek Thy favor; Early let us do Thy will; Blessèd Lord and only Savior, Eith Thy love our bosoms fill: Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still; Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us say what we believe:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; On the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which 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, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

RESPONSE "Hear Our Prayer, O LORD"

Hear our prayer, O Lord Hear our prayer, O Lord Incline Thine ear to us And grant us Thy peace

THE OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

HYMN "What Wondrous Love is This" #85

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul, To bear the heavy cross for my soul!

2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on. And through eternity I'll sing on.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Jesus Loves Me" Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so; Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. The Lord be with you.

And also with you!

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

FELLOWSHIP