

Order of Worship
FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE EASTER SEASON
9:30 am – May 15, 2022

Participating Live?

Text your prayer requests to 805-309-6867 before the end of the first hymn.

PRELUDE

Allemande from Cathedral Suite
Lance Crane, organ

Gordon Young

GREETING

HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH 384

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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 that second rest.
Take away our bent to 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.

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Esther Benedict, liturgist

Love one another. **Love has called us here.**
Love all without limits. Boundless love has saved our lives.
Let us worship to the God of love together. **Love has called us here**

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HYMN

The Gift of Love

UMH 408

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- 1 Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

- 2 Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

- 3 Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Love of God

VFUMC Chancel Choir; Bob Riggs, interim director; Lance Crane, accompanist

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SCRIPTURE

John 13: 31-35 (NRSV)

Esther Benedict, liturgist

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Kristiane Smith

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Shepherd Me, O God (2x)

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Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison)

Generous God, you bless us in ways big and small. Bless these gifts and offerings, that whatever their size, they may bring a big impact through the miracle of your expansive, infinite love. Amen.

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HYMN

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

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We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. **Refrain:**

We Will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride. **Refrain:**

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. **Refrain:**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary
Lance Crane, organ

John Stanley

Prayer Request

Chatsworth West UMC—Pastor Eric Iki

First UMC of Ventura—Pastors Matt & Erin McPhee

Henning & Linda Ottsen—on the sudden loss of their son

Kate Stradling—recovering from another surgery

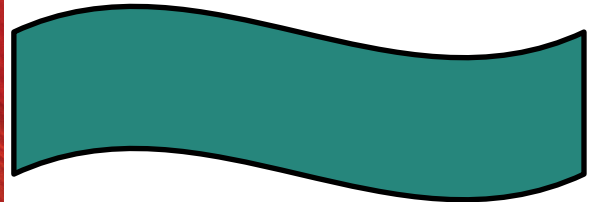
Ukraine



Hans Ottsen

Today at 3:00

*in the sanctuary
service will be
livestreamed*



Libby Williams

Saturday

May 28

*10:00 in person in the
sanctuary*