

Order of Worship
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY
9:30 am – February 20, 2022

Participating Live?

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

PRELUDE *Bach Prelude in F (BWV556)* Lance Crane, organ

WELCOME Pastors

HYMN *Where Charity and Love Prevail* UMH 549

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Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear true charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and strength now love Christ in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess;
and let us love each other well in Christian holiness.

Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease;
be Christ the glory that we seek, be ours God's holy peace.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells God's begotten Son;
as members of his body joined, we are in Christ made one.

Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God's name;
our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.

OPENING PRAYER (unison) Bob & Kathy Fierro, liturgists

God of great love, gather us close to you this day. Hold us so close that we are so filled with love that we can't help but love others, even when it's hard. Love us so fully, that we overflow with love for all the world. Gather us close to you and to one another, that in your strength and the strength of this church, we become more loving each and every day. In the name of love, we pray. Amen.

(Rev. Mary Scifres, ©2018)

HYMN *The Gift of Love* UMH 408

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1 Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift of 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 *I Love You, Lord* arr. Jack Schrader

VFUMC Chancel Choir; Lance Crane, accompanist

SCRIPTURE

Luke 6: 27-38 (NRSV) Bob & Kathy Fierro, liturgists
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Go Do Good

Pastors

OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison)

God of grace, we have so many opportunities to give of ourselves to Your purposes, yet too often we find ourselves holding back. Help us live and give in Your kingdom of love, where there are no enemies, only siblings in Christ, and kindness is the air we breathe. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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HYMN

Pass It On

UMH 572

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It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing.
That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it;
you spread His love to everyone; you want to pass it on.
What a wondrous time is spring, when all the trees are budding;
the birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming
That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it;
you want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.
I wish for you my friend, this happiness that I've found;
you can depend on Him, it matters not where you're bound.
I'll shout it from the mountain top; I want my world to know;
the Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

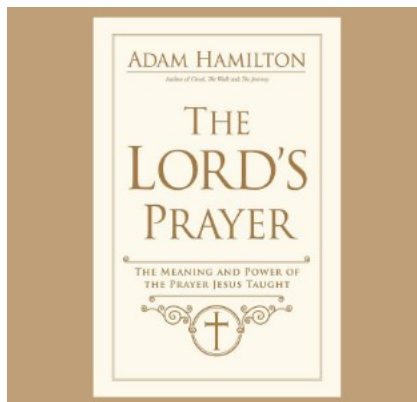
Bach Fugue in F (BWV 556)

Lance Crane, organ

Prayer Requests:

Knollwood UMC — Pastor Kalesita Tu'ifua
Grace Korean UMC — Pastor Jin Ho Han
Gerry Browning's daughter, Robin — hospice care
Friends and Family of Echo Kukuchek — passed on Monday
Friends and Family of Nancy Raymond — passed last week
Mark Rogers — friend of Bob Fierro, recovering from second surgery
Kate Stradling — recovering from extensive brain surgery

All Church Lenten Study: March 6th-April 10th



THE LORD'S PRAYER



The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught