

Order of Worship
TWENTY SECONDSUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
9:30 am – October 29, 2023

Participating Live?

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

PRELUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Kyle Hanks, Organ
Music: John Innes, Martin Luther. 25728

Martin Luther, arr. John Innes

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Bruce Miller, liturgist

We do not gather in vain, for God is working in our hearts.

The love of Jesus Christ calls us together.

Our worship strengthens and empowers us to share the gospel.

The love of Jesus Christ shines in our lives.

Proclaim the good news with boldness.

The love of Jesus Christ is at work in the world!

Laura Jaquith Bartlett

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OPENING HYMN

How Can We Name a Love

UMH 111

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1. How can we name a Love that wakens heart and mind,
indwelling all we know or think or do or seek or find?
Within our daily world, in every human face,
Love's echoes sound and God is found, hid in the commonplace.
2. If we awoke to life built on a rock of care
that asked no great reward but firm, assured, was simply there,
we can, with parents' names, describe, and thus adore,
Love unconfined, a father kind, a mother strong and sure.
3. When people share a task, and strength and skills unite
in projects old or new, to make or do with shared delight,
our Friend and Partner's will is better understood,
that all should share, create, and care, and know that life is good.
4. So in a hundred names, each day we all can meet
a presence, sensed and shown at work, at home, or in the street.
Yet every name we see, shines in a brighter sun:
In Christ alone is Love full grown and life and hope begun.

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.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 22: 34-46 NRSV
The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Bruce Miller, liturgist

A TIME FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN (Children and Youth come to the steps for a word from the pastor)

PREPARATION HYMN

Jesu , Jesu

UMH 432

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[Refrain:]

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. (Refrain)
2. Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white,
neighbors are near and far away. (Refrain)
3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. (Refrain)
4. Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves,
this is the way we should live with you. (Refrain)
5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you. (Refrain)

MESSAGE

Pastor Cindy Huskey

MUSICAL RESPONSE

O Love

by Elaine Hagenberg

VFUMC Chancel Choir; Clara Johnson, Director; Kyle Hanks, Pianist

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Everlasting God, since the creation of the world, you have nurtured us with your love. And yet we shamefully acknowledge that we do not always share your love with others. Loving God, teach us to love you more fully. Teach us to give more generously. Accept the gifts we give today as a pledge that we will seek to live more fully with our neighbors. We pray in the name of your greatest gift of love, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Laura Jaquith Bartlett, adapted.

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SENDING HYMN

They’ll Know We are Christians by Our Love

TFWS 2223

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1. 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 may 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.

2. 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**

3. 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 human dignity and save human pride: **refrain**

4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: **refrain**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata and Fugue in D minor, BWV 565

attr. J.S. Bach

Kyle Hanks, Organ

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O Love

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Joy that seeks me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be.

Prayer Requests

Palmdale First UMC—Pastor Jim White

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All those suffering from illness or loss of loved ones.

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