

Agape Feast

Speaker: Missy Carfield

Date: Sunday, December 28, 2025

Scripture: Luke 19:35-40

SUMMARY

Bay Point's second annual Agape Feast recovers the early-church practice of shared meal, prayer, and testimony as worship—an equality around the table and praise that, if silenced, the stones themselves would cry out.

OVERVIEW

Missy introduces the early church agape feast: believers gathered for food, prayer, and mutual encouragement as a fragrant offering—rich and poor eating the same food in the same space (echoing Paul's correction in Corinth).

Eating during Sunday worship is an intentional stretch: the community itself is worship and a foretaste of the messianic banquet. From Luke 19, as Jesus enters Jerusalem the disciples praise God; when Pharisees demand silence, Jesus replies that if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out—so testimony is not optional sweetness but praise.

Jenny Darra shares visions of Jesus during proton radiation for cancer ("We got this") and Psalm 52's flourishing olive tree. Lori stands on Psalm 107:20 for a dying brother who recovered; Marca traces a gradual journey of grace through church community; Diana recounts God's redirect from California back to Florida and two years of homeownership. The body then prays corporately into 2026 for healing, ventures, grief, and one another.

KEY POINTS

- Early church agape feasts made worship tangible: meal, prayer, equality, mutual encouragement
- Around God's table there is no rich and poor—Paul insisted the church remember that
- The feast is a foretaste of the messianic banquet and a kingdom-forward vision

- Luke 19: if disciples keep quiet, the stones will cry out—testimony is an act of praise
- Jenny: Jesus appeared in radiation—"We got this"—and Psalm 52 calls us to be well grounded
- Shared stories of healing, gradual faith, and provision mutually encourage the whole body
- Loving one another through the week—with a plate in hand—is itself an offering to God

MEMORABLE LINES

"If they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

"We got this. I am right here with you."

"When you're up against the wall and you want to flourish, you got to be well grounded."

"There will come a day that each of us will wake up in the land of glory."

"As we love one another, that feels like worship. It is an offering to God that delights him."

TAKEAWAY

This week, treat fellowship—shared food, honest testimony, and praying for one another—as worship: praise God with your voice, and love the body between Sundays with a plate in your hands.

SOURCE

- YouTube: <https://youtube.com/live/hnUIO34HeSo>
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