

Covenant United Methodist Church

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Virtual and Indoor Worship Bulletin

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

I Love You, Lord

arr Paul Keverin

Call to Worship

See what love has been given to us, that we should be called children of God.

**By this we know love, that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, and lived and died, that God's love might be made plain among us.**

Therefore, beloved, let us not love in word or in speech but in deed and in truth.

**Because we love one another, we know that we have passed from death into life. This is the victory that overcomes the world, through Jesus our risen Christ.**

Ruth Duck, Bread for the Journey, Ruth Duck, ed., Pilgrim Press, 1981, p.44.

Opening Prayer

**Lord, we are gathered here today as one body, because you chose to call us your friends. We come from all walks of life. We have had our share of good days and bad days. In the world's eye, we aren't good enough or worthy enough to have this bond; but in your sight, we are exactly who you need. Despite all the drama, we made it here to worship and praise your name. May the love we experience today in worship restore us, revive us, refresh us. God, use our broken selves as tools of hope and love on this day. Lord, we love you. Thank you for loving us and calling us your friends. It's in your name, we pray. Amen.**

Stephon Carlisle Void, Easter Liturgical Resources from Africana Writers, edited by Safiya Fosua, 2020.

Opening Hymn

Draw Me Close  
Chancel Choir

Scripture

John 15:9-17

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

The Blessing by Kari Jobe, arr. Heather Sorenson  
Chancel Choir  
Solos: Wayne and Sandy Brunk

Sermon

No Greater Love

Pastor Dawn

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Offering

Closing Hymn

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing  
Chancel Choir

Benediction

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