

Week Four

For Love... of Community

Key Passage: 1 John 4:16b-20

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen.

Notes:



The Third Sunday in Lent
the Twentieth day of March, 2022



Worship Opportunities

Maundy Thursday (April 14)
With Central UMC
6:00PM at Central UMC

Good Friday (April 15)
With Central UMC
7:00PM at Aldersgate

Easter Sunday (April 17)
Sunrise Service at 6:30am
Easter Egg Hunt at 9:00am and Easter Worship at 10:00am

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(↑) = please stand as you are able.

(↓) = please be seated.

TRINITARIAN CHIMES

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Carrie Carpenter

PRELUDE

Acolyte: Cyprus Collins

Tommy Greene

(↑) PRAYER

Rev. Carrie Carpenter

How deeply you have loved us, Jesus; how willingly you stepped into our experience,
how completely you empathised with all that we endure.

Teach us to love as you have loved us.

How sacrificially you have loved us, Jesus; how completely you gave yourself for us,
how courageously you suffered for our sakes.

Teach us to love as you have loved us.

How restoratively you have loved us, Jesus; how generously you share your life,
how extravagantly you make yourself available to us.

Teach us to love as you have loved us.

**We praise you for your love which is given so freely and so unconditionally.
And we thank you for believing that we could learn to offer such love to each other.
Amen.**

(written by John van de Laar, and posted on his excellent Sacredise website.)

(↑) HYMN (INSERT)

Called to Be a Church

BEECHER

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FOR LOVE

Jamey Davis, Stewardship Committee Chair

ANTHEM

I Will Joyfully Sing
Aldersgate Choir

-McDonald

SCRIPTURE

1 John 4:16b-21

Rev. Randy Blanton

TIME FOR CHILDREN

David Mitchell

SERMON

For Love...of Community

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(↑) HYMN OF RESPONSE UMH 584 *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Carrie Carpenter

Pastoral Prayer

The 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**

WE OFFER OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

Rev. Carrie Carpenter

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Carrie Carpenter

(↑) DOXOLOGY UMH 95

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

(↑) HYMN TFWS 2234

Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

LANCASHIRE

(↑) DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Rev. Randy Blanton

(↑) CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Jesus Messiah

-Lloyd Larson

**Jesus Messiah, name above all names; blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven; Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.**

**All our hope is in you, all our hope is in you,
all the glory to you, God, the Light of the World.**

**Jesus Messiah, name above all names; blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven;
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all. Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.**

(↑) CHIMES

(↑) CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Tommy Greene