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Mother's Day

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

The Gift of Love

John Carter

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

Opening Words

I Corinthians 13:13

And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three;
And the greatest of these is love.

Opening Prayer

Carol Penner, *Leading in Worship*

God of Gods:

We come to worship today to hear your good news,
to hear of faith, hope and love ringing out from your
kingdom.

We know that doubt, fear and hatred can shake even the
strongest.

Shape us into faithful hopeful people,
fill us with your love that passes all understanding.

We pray this together in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Song

Come, let us all unite to sing

#12 (1,3)

Come, let us all unite to sing, God is love.

Let heav'n and earth their praises bring, God is love.

*Let ev'ry soul from sin awake, let ev'ry heart sweet music make,
and sing with us for Jesus' sake, for God is love.*

(Refrain) God is love! God is love!

Come, let us all unite to sing that God is love.

God is love! God is love!

How happy is our portion here, God is love.

His promises our spirits cheer, God is love.

*He is our sun and shield by day,
our help, our hope, our strength and stay;
he will be with us all the way, our God is love.*

(Refrain)

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Congregational Prayer

Presbyterian Church in Canada

Your love is patient;
we give you thanks for all those who have been patient with
us and have taught and cared for us;
and we pray for the patience to love others
as you have loved us.

Your love is kind;
give us the courage to be kind to others
and to serve those with patience
who are so often unkind, rude, difficult to love, or our
enemies.
They are your children and our sisters and brothers
And they were made in your image.

Your love is not pompous;
give us insight to speak the truth in love
and for the sake of your kingdom
and not out of a need to appear clever or right
and in all our relationships
Give us the wisdom to listen far more than we speak.

Your love does not seek its own interests;
we thank you and pray for those who serve the poor and
those in need,
who give tirelessly of themselves and who have much to do
and little for themselves.

Your love is not quick tempered:
we pray for those who are angry
and for the violent and their victims;
for children who fear, elders who are abused,
and people trapped in relationships that injure and harm.

Your love bears all things;
we remember before you those with heavy burdens,
many cares, much stress, and too little comfort and help.
Open our eyes to those around us and their needs
and give us the wisdom to offer help
without any prying or sense of superiority.

Your love never fails;
even death does not trespass on the breadth and depth of
your love.

We thank you for those we have loved in this life
and who now dwell in the peace and joy of your presence
and let your comfort settle on those who are bereaved
or who are lonely this day.

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Special Music *My Jesus, I Love Thee*

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Scripture Lesson

I Corinthians 13 (NRSV)

The Gift of Love

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy

only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Sermon You're Sounding like a Clanging Cymbal

GO IN GOD'S NAME

Closing Song *Love divine, all love excelling* #592 (1,2)

*Love divine, all love excelling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art.
Visit us with thy salvation; enter ev'ry trembling heart.*

*Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast.
Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be.
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.*

Benediction 2 Corinthians 13:14 (NIV)

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
And the love of God,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
Be with you all.

Postlude *My Jesus, I Love Thee* Gordon