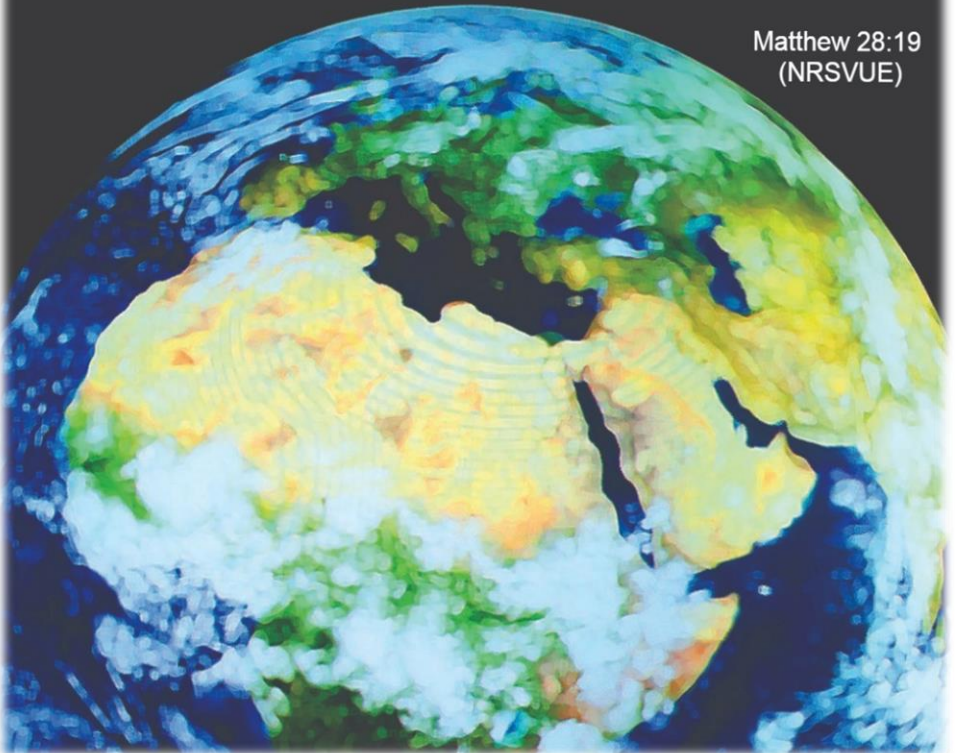




Go therefore and make  
disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the  
name of the Father  
and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19  
(NRSVUE)





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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

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Welcome

Prelude

*Our Father In Heaven*

J. S Bach

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## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

\* Call to Worship

Psalm 103:11 (CEV)

How great is God's love for all who worship him? Greater than the distance between heaven and earth!

\* Opening Prayer

O God of all goodness, you welcome us, forgive us and heal us. You seek us out from places where we have hidden from you. You crown us with steadfast love and mercy. Reveal yourself to us in this moment. Let us know your presence so that we may bless you: Bless you, O God! Bless your holy name! Amen.

\* Opening Song

*Come, Let Us All Unite To Sing*

# 7

Verse 1:

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.*

Verse 2:

O tell to earth's remotest bound, God is love.

In Christ we have redemption found, God is love.

His blood has washed our sins away,

his Spirit turned our night to day,

and now we can rejoice to say that God is love.

*Refrain*

Verse 3:

What though our mortal flesh shall fail, God is love!

Through Christ we shall o'er death prevail, God is love!

While endless ages roll along,

we'll triumph with the heav'nly throng

and this shall be our sweetest song, that God is love!

*Refrain*

Verse 4:

How happy is our portion here, God is love.

These promises our spirits cheer, God is love.

God is our sun and shield by day,

our help, our hope, our strength and stay;

and will be with us all the way: our God is love.

*Refrain*

## CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

**Time with our Children** (after, children under 5 can go to Nursery Care)

**Song**

*10,000 Reasons*

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*10,000 Reasons* (Bless the Lord) by Matt Redman.

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*Bless the Lord, O my soul. O my soul worships your holy name.*

*Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.*

- 1) The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;  
it's time to sing your song again.  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,  
let me be singing when the evening comes. *[Refrain]*
- 2) You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger.  
your name is great and your heart is kind.

For all your goodness, I will keep on singing  
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *[Refrain]*

- 3) And on that day when my strength is failing,  
the end draws near, and my time has come,  
still, my soul will sing your praise unending  
ten thousand years and then forevermore! *[Refrain]*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul. O my soul worships your holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name,  
worship Your Holy name; worship Your Holy name.*

## Pastoral Prayer

### New Testament Reading

Matthew 28:16-20 (NIV)

<sup>16</sup> Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

## WORSHIP IN GIVING

### Special Music

#### *Thy Word*

Michael W. Smith

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### Thoughts on Giving

1 John 3:17

How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help?

**Song**

*There is More Love Somewhere*

# 804

Verse 1:

There is more *love*\* somewhere. There is more *love*\* somewhere.  
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it. There is more *love*\* somewhere.

*Additional verses: hope peace joy*

## **LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED**

**Scripture Lesson**

I Peter 3:13-17 (NIV)

<sup>13</sup>Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened." <sup>15</sup>But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup>keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. <sup>17</sup>For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

**Sermon**

"Sharing the Love of God: Speaking"  
*(Part 2 of 3)*

## **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\* **Closing Song**

*My hope is built*

# 621

Verse 1:

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*Refrain:*

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

Verse 2:

In ev'ry rough and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the vale.  
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

*Refrain*

Verse 3:

Not earth, nor hell, my soul can move; I rest upon unchanging love.  
I trust his righteous character, his counsel, promise, and his pow'r.

*Refrain*

Verse 4:

When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,  
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

*Refrain*

\* **Benediction**

**Postlude**

*At The Name Of Jesus*

Ralph Vaughn Williams

*At The Name Of Jesus* by Caroline Maria Noel, Ralph Vaughan Williams  
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At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, Every knee confess him King of Glory now;  
‘Tis the Father’s pleasure we should call him Lord, Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season to receive a name From the lips of sinners unto whom he came,  
Faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last, Brought it back victorious when from death he passed.

\* Please stand as able and led



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Worship Leader.....	Zherina Whitten
Children’s Time.....	Sarah Hartman
Special Music.....	Ken Heatwole
Guitarist.....	David Whitten
Pianist/Organist .....	Bob Phillips
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