

Love

A hummingbird is shown in flight, hovering near a purple flower. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting a natural outdoor setting. The hummingbird's wings are blurred, indicating movement. The flower is a vibrant purple, and the overall scene is bright and fresh.

is patient and kind;

it is not jealous or
conceited or proud;

love is not ill-mannered
or selfish or irritable;

love does not keep a
record of wrongs;

love is not happy with evil,
but is happy with the truth.

Love never gives up;

and its faith, hope and
patience never fail.



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Welcome

Prelude

Majesty

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GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

* Invitation to Worship

(#853 VT)

One: If you are delighted to be here, and if you are tired or troubled;

All: You are welcome.

One: If your faith is strong, and if your faith is battered or frail;

All: You are welcome.

One: If you are eager to praise God, and if you need to be quiet;

All: You are welcome.

One: God welcomes us all to worship this day.

* Prayer of Gathering

(adapted from #858 VT)

O Holy One, you are here. Work among us, set us on fire, and clasp us close as we connect with each other. Be fragrant to us, draw us into the sweetness of your love, and let us embrace you in all things. Amen

* Hymn

O Worship Our God, All Glorious Above

#74 VT

Verse 1:

O worship our God, all glorious above,
and joyfully laud her power and her love;
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

Verse 2:

O tell of her might, O sing of her grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
Her chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is her path on the wings of the storm.

Verse 3:

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Verse 4:

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend!

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Children's Time (children over 5, can go to Children's Church)

Hymn

There is More Love Somewhere

#804 VT

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.

Verse 2:

There is more hope somewhere. There is more hope somewhere.
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it. There is more hope somewhere.

Verse 3:

There is more peace somewhere. There is more peace somewhere.
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it. There is more peace somewhere.

Verse 4:

There is more joy somewhere. There is more joy somewhere.
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it. There is more joy somewhere.

Congregational Prayer

Verse 1:

I want Jesus to walk with me.
I want Jesus to walk with me.
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Verse 2:

In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
When my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Verse 3:

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me.
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me.
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Thoughts on Giving

(adapted from #867 VT)

As we consider how we might support the ministries of West Richmond Church of the Brethren, we will seek to light a light in the name of the Maker, who lit the world and breathed the breath of life into all. We will light a light in the name of the Son, who saved the world and stretched out his hand to all. We will light a light in the name of the Spirit, who encompasses the world and blesses all souls with yearning. May our gifts be witnesses to the God around us, the God beside us, the God within us, the Beginning, the End, the Everlasting One.

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Scripture Song of Songs 1:1-3; 4:1, 9-10; 5:10-16; 8:6-7;
I Corinthians 13:4-7 (*GNB*)

The most beautiful of songs, by Solomon.

Your lips cover me with kisses; your love is better than wine. There is a fragrance about you; the sound of your name recalls it. No woman could keep from loving you.

How beautiful are you, my love! How your eyes shine with love behind your veil. Your hair dances like a flock of goats bounding down the hills of Gilead. The look in your eyes, my sweetheart and bride, and the necklace you are wearing have stolen my heart. Your love delights me, my sweetheart and bride. Your love is better than wine; your perfume more fragrant than any spice.

Love is as powerful as death; passion as strong as death. It bursts into flame and burns like a raging fire. Water cannot put it out; no flood can drown it.

Love is patient and kind; it is not jealous or conceited or proud; love is not ill-mannered or selfish or irritable; love does not keep a record of wrongs; love is not happy with evil, but is happy with the truth. Love never gives up; and its faith, hope and patience never fail.

Sermon “The Wisdom of Intimacy”

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* **Hymn** *Heart with Loving Heart United* #813 VT

Verse 1:

Heart with loving heart united, met to know God's holy will.
Let this love, in us ignited, more and more our spirits fill.
He the head, we are his members, we reflect the light he is.
He the master, we disciples, he is ours and we are his.

Verse 2:

May we all so love each other and all selfish claims deny,
so that each one for the other will not hesitate to die.
Even so our Lord has loved us, for our lives he gave his life.
Still he grieves and still he suffers, for our selfishness and strife.

Verse 3:

Since, O Lord, you have demanded that our lives your love should show,
so we wait to be commanded forth into your world to go.
Kindle in us love's compassion so that ev'ryone may see
in our fellowship the promise of a new humanity.

*** Prayer of Blessing and Sending**

(#983 VT)













Eternal Strength, hold us. Eternal Hope, show us new life. Eternal
Compassion, comfort us in our grief. Eternal Goodness grant us
your grace, as we live, work, and pray in this place, in this time,
and with all who reveal your love. Amen

Postlude

Love Lifted Me

Rowe/Smith

* Please stand as able and led

															
Ministers.....											All Members				
Pastor.....											David Whitten				
Guest Speaker											David Brunk				
Minister of Music.....											Vanessa Morton				
Worship Leader.....											Barbara Beers				
Children's Time											Sarah Hartman				
Special Music.....											Ken Heatwole				
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