

life

**AFTER
EASTER**



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Jesus says, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love”. One way we do that is to gather in Christian community.
Welcome, beloved ones!

Welcome

Handbell Prelude

Simple Gifts

arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

* **Call to Worship**

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, 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 in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

* **Opening Song**

Blessed Assurance

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Verse 1:

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.*

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praising my Savior all the day long.*

Verse 2:

Perfect communion, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain

Verse 3:

Perfect submission, all is at rest.
I in my Savior am happy and bless'd,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

Refrain

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Time with our Children

Song

There is More Love Somewhere

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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

Pastoral Prayer

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Thoughts on Giving

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen

Mark 12:43b-44 NIV: Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said,
"Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury

than all the others. ⁴⁴ They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

Never measure your generosity by what you give, but rather by what you have left.

Special Music

God, Give Me Faith like a Child

Tice/Morris

LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

Scripture Lesson

I Corinthians 13 NRSVUE

The Gift of Love

13 If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² 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. ³ 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.

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ 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. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ 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. ¹² For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, 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. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

Response to the Word (in unison)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Song

When Love is Found

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When Love Is Found by Brian Arthur Wren

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Verse 1:

When love is found and hope comes home,
sing and be glad that two are one.
When love explodes and fills the sky,
praise God and share our Maker's joy.

Verse 2:

When love has flower'd in trust and care
build both each day that love may dare
to reach beyond home's warmth and light,
to serve and strive for truth and right.

Verse 3:

When love is tried as loved ones change,
hold still to hope though all seems strange,
till ease returns and love grows wise
through list'ning ears and opened eyes.

Verse 4:

When love is torn and trust betrayed,
pray strength to love till torments fade,
till lovers keep no score of wrong,
but hear through pain love's Easter song.

Verse 5:

Praise God for love, praise God for life,
in age or youth, in calm or strife.
Lift up your hearts! Let love be fed
through death and life in broken bread.

Sermon

“Don't Be a Clanging Cymbal”

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Closing Song

We Are Often Tossed and Driven

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Verse 1:

We are often tossed and driv'n on the restless sea of time,
somber skies and howling tempest oft succeed a bright sunshine;
in that land of perfect day, when the mists have rolled away,
we will understand it better by and by.

Refrain:

*By and by, when the morning comes,
when the saints of God are gathered home,
we'll tell the story, how we've overcome,
for we'll understand it better by and by.*

Verse 2:

We are often destitute of the things that life demands,
want of food and want of shelter, thirsty hills and barren lands;
we are trusting in the Lord, and according to the Word,
we will understand it better by and by.

Refrain

Verse 3:

Temptations, hidden snares, often take us unawares,
and our hearts are made to bleed for any thoughtless word or deed;
and we wonder why the test when we try to do our best,
but we'll understand it better by and by.

Refrain

* Benediction

Postlude

I Surrender All

Judson W. Van De Venter

** Please stand as able and led*



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PastorDavid Whitten

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Special Music..... Vanessa Morton & Sarah Hartman

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