

# Order for the Worship of God

## Welcome & Announcements – Minute for Mission

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### GATHERING

Welcome *from 1 John 3:18,23-24*

L Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and in truth.

**C This is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another.**

L All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them.

**C And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.**

Prayer

\*Opening Hymn (Blue #335) *"Thou I May Speak"*

Worship from the Psalms *Psalms 36:5-12*

L Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

**C Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains; your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.**

L How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**C They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

L For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

**C O continue your steadfast love to those who know you and your salvation to the upright of heart!**

L Do not let the foot of the arrogant tread on me or the hand of the wicked drive me away.

**C There the evildoers lie prostrate; they are thrust down, unable to rise.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**We confess to you our inability to live our lives out of your steadfast love. We do not love ourselves as much as you love us, and we do not love our neighbors as much as you love them. We act out of selfishness and greed, out of vindictiveness and pride, out of insecurity and fear. Allow us to experience your steadfast love in our lives through the presence of your Holy Spirit and through the love of those close to us. Help us be generous with those in need, kind to those who are difficult, and steadfast in our faith. May the love that Christ showed us be the love we share with others. In Jesus' name. Amen**

Silent Prayers of Reflections

Assurance of Pardon *(from John 3:16-17)*

\*Responsive Hymn (Blue #304 1<sup>st</sup> verse) *"Jesus Loves Me"*

Special Music *"Love Will Never Fail"*

Prayer for Illumination

**Heavenly Father, I pray that I may live this day in your presence and please you more and more.**

**Lord Jesus, I pray that this day I may take up my cross and follow you.**

**Holy Spirit, I pray that this day you will fill me with yourself and cause your fruit to ripen in my life: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.**

Scripture *1 John 4:7-20*

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

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 a brother or sister are liars, for those who do not love a brother or sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.

Message

*Bruce Brown*

Prayer of Affirmation

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

\*Hymn (Blue #85)

*"What Wondrous Love Is This"*

\*Offering Prayer

\*Doxology

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

*The prayers of thanksgiving and intercession are responsive. When you hear the leader say:*

Lord in your love,  
*Please respond,*  
**Hear our prayer.**

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 debts as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation.**

**But deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN**

**SENDING OUT**

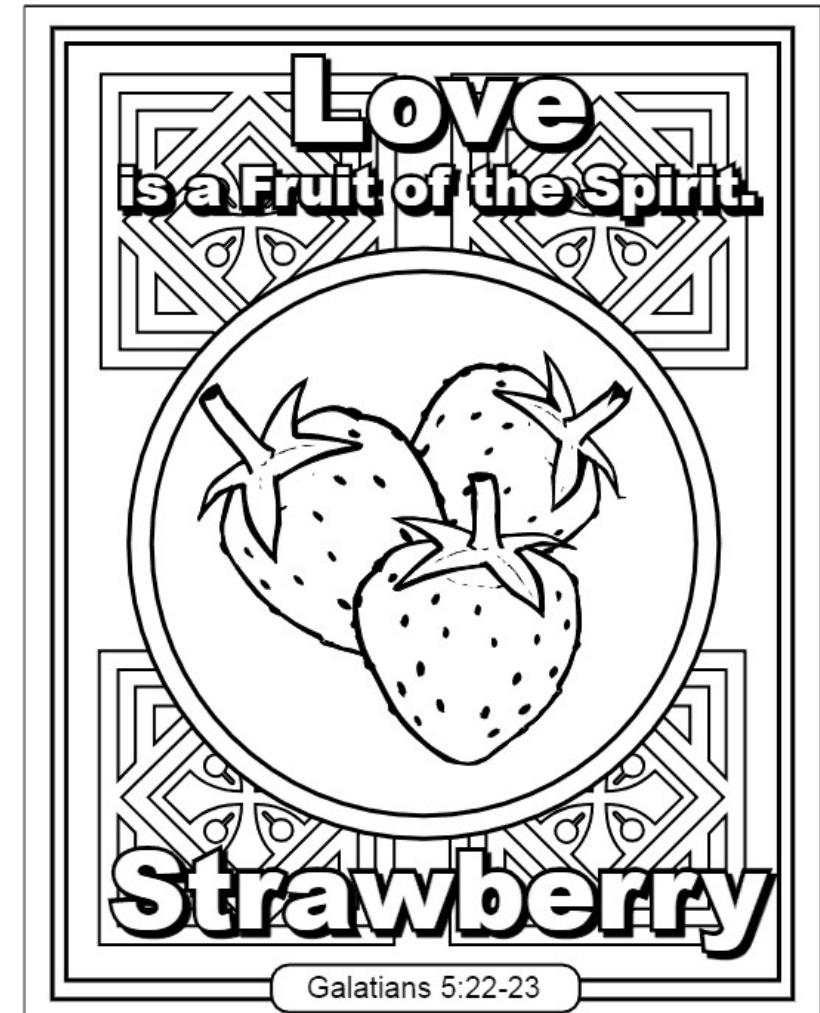
\*Closing Hymn (Blue #376)

*"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

\*Blessing and Benediction

Departing Music

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**September 7th, 2025**

**10:00 a.m.**

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## Welcome to our Worship!

*We are glad to have you with us today. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. Everyone is welcome for refreshments and fellowship after worship. Thank you, Mike Whitman, for being liturgist today.*

Our **offering** is received on the back table in the sanctuary, you can give online using the **QR code** at right or donate from our **website**.

Please volunteer to be **liturgist** or **bring cookies**.

Signup is at the back table in the sanctuary.



Bruce is having a **colonoscopy** next week and will be unavailable on Tuesday and Wednesday. He intends to be in the office Monday and hopefully Thursday.

**Connect to the Community** next meet at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Congregational Life** meets at 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.

We will be having a **“fruit-themed” potluck** on Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> after church. Be creative!

The **Connections Bible Study** is still studying Liz Curtis Higgs' book *Bad Girls of the Bible: And What We Can Learn From Them*. They meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m.

We are also invited to go to the **Presbyterian Women and Friends** meetings at the Defiance Presbyterian Church. Their next meeting will be Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m.

**Together We Can Make a Difference** could use whatever you are willing to donate. They going through a lot of cereal and could always use cans of no-sugar fruit.

Our **Card of the Week** goes to Connie Cobb.

### CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**NORTHCREST NURSING HOME:** Harold Badertscher

**VANCREST:** Dollie Smith

**BROWNING MASONIC:** Connie Cobb

**ALPINE VILLAGE:** Sandy Johnson

**PRAYER LIST:** Gene & Carol Detmer, Joe & Linda McOscar, Julie Fogle, Kathy Schilens (Jana Schroeder's sister), Enoch & Adyē Castro Vásquez (Olga Hall's father and mother), Betty Sladek (Ed Sladek's Wife)

## Love Will Never Fail

By The Porter's Gate and Leslie Jordan

From the album **Neighbor Songs**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m6P0YkzWuNM>

Love is patient, love is kind  
It has no arrogance or pride  
It seeks the good of others first  
It keeps no record of wrong or hurt  
It finds no joy in wickedness  
But rejoices in the truth  
Through it all it will endure

Love will never fail  
Love will never, never fail  
Love will never, never fail  
Love will never, never fail  
Love will never fail

Though all prophecy will cease  
Though all knowledge, it will fade  
Oh, an end will come to speech  
Even death will pass away  
We will see You face to face  
And Your mercy will prevail  
Faith and hope, they will remain, oh

Love will never fail  
Love will never, never fail  
Love will never, never fail  
Love will never, never fail  
Love will never fail

Love, love will never fail  
Love, love will never fail

Never, never, love will never fail  
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