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Program for Sunday, May 25, 2025

Please welcome Joann and the worship music team this week!

Call to Worship: ***Good Good Father***

Welcome, announcements, and prayer:

Thanks for joining our Worship Service today at the new location. We will continue meeting on our property located at: 1641 Bixler Road, Discovery Bay….

- **Please welcome Joann as our Worship Leader today. We will miss her as this will be her last day with us.**
- **Thanks to ALL the Wonderful Volunteers who worked all day yesterday getting everything ready for today's service!!! YOU DID A GREAT JOB!!!!!!**
- **BIBLE STUDY IS CANCELLED** THIS WEEK MAY 28th, and will resume on Wed., June 4th. We will be starting a new study in 1st Corinthians, Chapter 10. Please plan on joining us for a great study led by Pastor Larry.
- **If you have any prayer requests,** please fill out a Connect Envelope and place it in the wooden offering box in the back. Also, during the week you can email requests at: **PrayerRequest@OurMDC.org**

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Adoration: ***Jesus I Believe***

Worship: ***Revelation Song***

Oceans

Scripture reading: Selected verses

Message: Transformed by Community.

Affirmation: ***Same Power***

Close of Worship Service, Fellowship continues

Selected Scriptures:

Call: Greet one another

Romans 16:16 Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

1 Peter 5:14 Greet one another with a kiss of love.

Call: Encourage one another and build one another up

1 Thessalonians 5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing.

Hebrews 10:23–25 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

Romans 14:19 So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another.

Call: Serve one another

John 13:14 "If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

Galatians 6:2 Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.

1 Peter 4:10 As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Call: Don't do the don'ts to one another

Romans 14:13 Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather determine this — not to put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother's way.

Galatians 5:15 But if you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

James 4:11 Do not speak against one another, brethren. He who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks against the law and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge of it.

Call: Seek unity and harmony with one another

Romans 15:5-6 Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus, so that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:10 Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment.

Philippians 2:1-2 Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

Call: Mutual submission speaking to one another with devotion, and humility

Romans 12:10-13 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor; not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.

Ephesians 5:18-21 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.

1 Peter 5:5 You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.

Call: Prayer and confession

James 5:16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

Call: Love one another

John 13:34-35 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Romans 13:8 Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law.

1 John 4:7-12 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten 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 propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has seen God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us.

Friday Devotional: John 15:2, "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit."

Benefits of serving

- We get to emulate the example of Christ.
- Serving others leads to true greatness in the Kingdom of God.
- Serving others serves God.
- Serving others fosters unity, honor, and love.
- Serving others encourages others.
- Using the gifts of God in order to serve others brings glory to God.
- Using the gifts of God in order to serve others strengthens the church.
- When we serve others, as if it is to God; God sees; God knows; God rewards.

How to serve:

- Serve God with reverence, sincerity, and wholehearted devotion. Remember the faithfulness of God as a motivator.
- Jesus says that greatness is humble service to others.
- Service sometimes involves sacrifice.
- Serving others is serving God. This means working with excellence and devotion, as if working directly for Jesus as my boss.
- Serving others requires active authentic love expressed through actions. Practical deeds of kindness and support demonstrate a true love.

Serving; selected scriptures, Formation, Transformation

- Serving God by following Jesus creates more intimacy in the relationship.
- We are transformed through His indwelling presence through the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- God honors that through affirming that we are His children.
- As we serve God with gratitude, reverence, and awe, we are humbled as we worship and are transformed.
- As we serve God through serving others, our character is transformed as we root out our selfishness.
- We are transformed as we begin to reflect the love of God to those we serve.
- We are transformed as we serve others, reflecting the love of God, and strengthening our faith. Knowing that God sees, knows, and values our service encourages us to persevere. We are transformed as we are encouraged to trust more.

Serving: What next? Rick Warren has an acronym [**S.H.A.P.E.**]:

- **S**piritual Gifts
- **H**eart
- **A**bilities
- **P**ersonality
- **E**xperience

Use your unique God-gifted **S.H.A.P.E.** to help the Kingdom of God to grow!

Selected Scriptures: Called to Community

Call: Greet one another; Romans 16:16; 1 Peter 5:14

- A greeting kiss was common in 1st century Mediterranean world. The Apostles Paul and Peter have taken that greeting and elevated it for God's use.
- It symbolizes familial relationship, reconciliation, and mutual love.
- It is to demonstrate love and unity.
- As believers, we are to intentionally, and actively build relationships in the church.
- If the other person's family of origin are uncomfortable with a contemporary version of a hug, we need to find an alternate affirmation of the same spirit of love and unity; creating an environment of acceptance.

Call: Encourage one another and build one another up; 1 Thessalonians 5:11; Hebrews 10:23–25; Romans 14:1

- Our hope in the certainty of our salvation is the foundation (promise from God, Who cannot lie!) for us to encourage one another!
- We have been equipped and challenged by the Holy Spirit to encourage one another, in order to foster unity, and mature growth in the body of Christ.
- Each of are responsible and accountable for the growth of other believers in their sanctification process.
- When we prioritize the spiritual health of others, we are fulfilling the command of Christ to love one another.
- We can encourage others through words, actions, prayers, and acts of kindness. As we engage, the Holy Spirit renews our hearts, minds, attitudes,a priorities and transforms us.

Call: Serve one another; John 13:14; Galatians 6:2; 1 Peter 4:10

- We can actively help someone struggling with trials, temptations, suffering, grief, or other challenges through empathy and practical support.
- We embody the love of Christ, fulfilling His command.
- This highlights the communal priority, and emphasizes interdependence (not independence, not dependence).

Call: Don't do the don'ts to one another; Romans 14:13; Galatians 5:15; James 4:11

- Do not condemn others over non-essential issues (dietary laws).
- Actively choose to prioritize the spiritual growth of others over personal freedom, in order to increase love and unity in the church.
- Biting and devouring will disrupt the community and destroy it.
- There is a need for intentional Spirit led effort to maintain love and unity.
- Do not gossip, slander, or tear others down. Judging (condemning) others usurps God.
- Words can harm or heal.

Call: Seek unity and harmony with one another. Romans 15:5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:10; Philippians 2:1-2

- God through the power of the Holy Spirit enables unity, perseverance, and encouragement.

- Same mind is shared attitude or purpose, not uniformity in every opinion, but harmony in love and mission, rooted in the example of Christ Jesus.
- Our goal and commitment is to glorify God through worship that exalts God through out unity, despite diversity.
- Emulate the humility and love of Jesus in order to be agents of His grace.
- What does this look like? Respectful dialogue that listens and affirms differences (example: worship preferences) rather than debate and condemn them.

Call: Mutual submission, speaking to one another with devotion, and humility; Romans 12:10-13; Ephesians 5:18-21; 1 Peter 5:5

- We are transformed as we participate with the divine work.
- We have a mutual responsibility in the body of Christ to support others.
- In support of that, we need to cultivate love and humility as we devote ourselves to each other and give preference to one another.
- We need to maintain our zeal and service; live with hope and perseverance; meet needs and practice hospitality. All of this should be directed towards God.
- In the Ephesians passage, the verses are a single sentence in the Greek, that link the command to be filled with the Spirit with four participles (Speaking, Singing, Giving Thanks, Submitting) that are descriptions of the outcomes.
- Worship is not just an event but a lifestyle to be shared communally.
- Mutual submission emphasizes humility and mutual deference within the church which reflects the unity of the body of Christ. This goes against pride and promotes love.
- We are to clothe ourselves (put on the servant's apron) with humility as an active intentional choice.

Call: Prayer and confession; James 5:16

- Prayer, confession, and healing are a part of a communal practice.
- Confession is reciprocal. Prayer for each other is reciprocal.
- Healing can be physical, emotional, or spiritual restoration.
- Passive voice; and all healing comes from God.

Call: Love one another; John 13:34-35; Romans 13:8; 1 John 4:7-12

- The New commandment to love one another is to love as Jesus Christ loved.
- It is a selfless, sacrificial, humble, servant-hearted, self-giving love, modeled by Jesus Christ.
- Sacrificial love is the visible evidence of being a Jesus follower and disciple.
- The unity and love of the disciples reveal the transformative power of God.
- Can I do that?
    - Prioritize another's needs over my own.
    - Help someone.
    - Forgive someone.
    - Serve/ give when there is no expectation of return.
    - Resolve conflicts with love as the principle.

You are not alone. God is with you! MDC wants to help. We are here for you.

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