

*GOSPEL READING: John 13: 1-4a; 34-35 (NIRV)

L: The Living Word of God for the people of God
P: **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE “Love One Another” Pastor Cathy Nutting

OUR TIME OF GIVING

*DOXOLOGY Hymnal 95

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*COMMISSION:

Pastor: As we prepare to go from this place with our closing hymn/song, we remember the mandate, the commandment, that Jesus gave his disciples and gives to us. Let us say this together:

People: “Love one another. And you are to love one another the way I have loved you. This is how all will know that you are my disciples: that you truly love one another.”

*CLOSING HYMN:

They Will Know We are Christians by Our Love
FWS 2223

BLESSING

POSTLUDE *(Please be seated for a moment of reflection.)*

*Denotes Standing as you are able.

Serving Next Sunday:

Usher/Greeters: open **Visual Tech:** open
Acolyte: open **Fellowship:** open
Liturgy: open

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*Nurturing children, supporting families,
creating community as we share our faith.*



Adult Discussion Group 9:30 AM

Open Hearts
Open Minds
Open Doors



Worship 10:45 AM

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

October 11, 2026  Love One Another Worship Series

Assistive listening devices are available from ushers.

PRELUDE

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES:
 “Jesu, Jesu” Hymnal 432

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE INVITATION

*RESPONSE ***Let There Be Peace on Earth - 1st page*** Hymnal 431

*CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Please remain standing as you are able.)*

We come to the table and see that Jesus is with us.
 Wherever two or three are gathered, his presence abides.
What we see, as the disciples did, was Jesus serving others.
 And he asks us to do the same.
Even, and perhaps especially, in times of distress,
Jesus invites us to move toward others, not away.
 We are called to see those around us as Jesus sees them.
As neighbors,
 As neighbors.
Not “others.”
 Not “others.”

MORNING PRAYER:

Forgive us when we turn away for the sake of self-preservation.
 Help us to embrace that loving one another is the way to abundant life.

*Indicates stand, as you are able. **Bold** indicates all join in. FWS indicates *The Faith We Sing* book.

Even though it feels like a difficult thing to do,
 help us to see—not look away, help us to serve—not judge,
 help us to reach out—not pull back, help us to risk reciprocal relationship
 so all will know we are followers of Jesus, Lover of All.
In this moment we ponder those we find difficult to understand,
 that we consider “others”...
(a few moments of pause)
 ... and in this moment, we imagine them as neighbors who, like us,
 have needs and fears and the desire for safety, sustenance, and love.
(a few moments of pause)
 Jesus, in your name we pray for the strength to love and serve,
 as you loved and served. Amen.

*RESPONSE ***Let There Be Peace on Earth - 2nd page*** Hymnal 431

*PASSING THE PEACE:
Leader: When we pass the peace of Christ—a practice as old as the earliest forms
 of Christianity—we are acknowledging that we are all a part of the same Spirit,
 a spirit of love. The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.
(Please greet your neighbors with a sign of Christ’s peace)

(Please be seated.)
CHILDREN’S TIME ***Jesus Loves Me***

HYMN OF PREPARATION ***Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*** Hymnal 349

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER:
(on screen)

SPECIAL MUSIC: ***Wonderful Words of Life*** Chancel Choir