

1. Prelude, Greetings, & Passing the Peace of Christ

2. Gathering Music

Power of Your Love

1. *Lord I come to You. Let my heart be changed, renewed. Flowing from the grace, That I've found in You. Lord I've come to know, the weaknesses I see in me, Will be stripped away, By the power of Your love.*

(refrain) Hold me close. Let Your love surround me. Bring me near. Draw me to Your side. And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle. And I will soar with You. Your Spirit leads me on. In the power of Your love.

2. *Lord unveil my eyes. Let me see You face to face. The knowledge of Your love as You live in me. And Lord renew my mind, As Your will unfolds in my life, In living every day. By the power of Your love.*

W&S 3027, Your love is amazing

[Refrain] Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Your love makes me sing (x2).

1. *Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging. Your love is a mountain, firm beneath my feet. Your love is a mystery, how you gently lift me. When I am surrounded, your love carries me [refrain].*

2. *Your love is surprising, I can feel it rising. All the joy that's growing deep inside of me. Every time I see you, all your goodness shines through. I can feel this God song, rising up in me [refrain].*

3. Call to Worship

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 lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

4. Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have failed to be obedient. We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law, we have rebelled against Your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not

heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Glory be to God. Amen.

5. Hymn TFWS 2223, *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* (1-3)

1. *We are one in the Spirit We are one in the Lord We are one in the Spirit We are one in the Lord And we pray that all unity May one day be restored. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes they'll know we are Christians By our love.*

2. *We will walk with each other. We will walk hand in hand. We will walk with each other. We will walk hand in hand. And together we'll spread the news That God is in our land. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

3. *We will work with each other, We will work side by side. We will work with each other. We will work side by side. And we'll guard human dignity And save human pride. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes they'll know we are Christians By our love.*

6. Joys & Announcements

7. Scripture Lesson

Luke 15:11-32

8. Children's Message

(As children come forward)

"Yes, Jesus loves us (x 3). The Bible tells us so."

(As children return)

"God is watching over you this day."

9. Sermon

Pastor Sunmin

10. Hymn TFWS 2230, *Lord, We Come to Ask Your Blessing* (1-3)

1. *Lord, we come to ask your blessing on the love that makes us one; here, as Christians, to acknowledge you are Lord, and you alone.*

2. *God of love, unless you bless us how can we each other bless? Only as you live within us is there depth of happiness.*

3. *May our loving be a sharing of the gifts we each possess; may no failure of forbearance turn our love to bitterness.*

11. Offering

UMH 94, *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!*

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

12. Prayer of Dedication

God of joy, we offer our gifts this day, as we reflect on your love. Help us abide in you through love, obeying your commandment to love one another. In acts of service, healing, and selfless generosity, may our love be extended to all of your people. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

13. The Lord's Supper

UMH 15.

14. Prayer Concerns

*"Lord, in Your Mercy, **Hear Our Prayer.**"*

15. Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

16. Hymn

UMH 568, *Christ for the World We Sing* (vs. 1)

1. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with loving zeal; the poor, and them that mourn, the faint and overborne, sin-sick and sorrow-worn, whom Christ doth heal.

17. *Benediction & Postlude

* : Please rise if you feel comfortable

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal (*red/blue*)

TFWS: The Faith We Sing (*black*)

WS: Worship & Song (*green*)

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The United Methodist Church of Newton



May 5, 2024
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

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Zoom for Sunday Service (Meeting ID: 817 6688 5232; Passcode: 3)

For any questions about the church, website, signage, and accessibility, please contact the church.

*Monday is Pastor's Day-Off.

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