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Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

As we come here to worship the God of all love let us turn our hearts back to God, confessing our sins in this gathered community

Silence for reflection

God of all love, we confess that too often we forget that all whom you have created are known and adored by you. We have sought to divide rather than unite, judge rather than understand, hurt rather than help. Forgive our lack of compassion and concern. Teach us again to live a life that shares your abundant love with all so that the world might be reconciled to you and transformed by your love.

God hears you beloved. Out of God's abundant love for you your sins are forgiven in the + name of God the creator, Jesus our Savior and the Holy Spirit our guide and our advocate. Amen.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All who are baptized in these waters are known and named beloved by the God who created us. We are sought out by the love of God that desires relationship with us. **We encounter Jesus through lives lived faithfully and baptismal promises shared.** Jesus too was baptized and found well-pleasing by God. **May these holy waters daily transform our hearts and minds to remember that God is love; a love that is for us, for the world and for all of creation.** Amen.

Opening Hymn

Amazing Grace LBW 448

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found was blind but now I see
Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace, my fears
relieved

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed
Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far and grace will lead me home
The Lord has promised good to me; His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

God of life, you made love known to us in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus sought the searching, lived a ministry of hope and healing, shared God's peace and transformed the world into a place where love is always possible. Ready our hearts now to be reminded of what love is as we worship you in Jesus' name. Amen.

Children's Message

Centering Song [Lydia Laird - This I Know \(Jesus Loves Me\) - Lyric Video by InBeautifulChaos](#)

Welcome the Word

Scripture Reading

1 John 4:7-21

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. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day Jesus Loves Me ELW 595

Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong. (refrain)

(refrain) Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me, he who died, heaven's gates to open wide; he will wash away my sin, let his little children come in. (refrain)

Jesus loves me, he will stay close beside me all the way; when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high (refrain)

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession God of grace, Receive our prayer

Peace

Offering

Offertory Response

Offering Prayer

Generous, life-giving God, we return to you that which you have entrusted to our care. Make these offerings a tangible sign of your love in the world. As we place them before you, O God, your place your Son before us at this holy table. Love is surely present here. We give you all our thanks and praise. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Consecration

Since God is love Jesus became love in this world. As he was known and sought out by those looking for hope and healing, he shared a transforming love with all whom he befriended. One night, during his final meal with his closest followers, Jesus took bread...

That last supper Jesus shared with his friends became the everlasting supper that Jesus shares now with each of us. Send your

Holy Spirit into this wheat and wine so that it may become Christ's body and life blood for all who eat and drink of it. Make us ready to humbly receive it as we boldly pray the words that Jesus taught us...

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Beloved and blessed ones, we have lived and shared the love of God in this place. Now go from here remembering you are

+ Known by God who created you
Sought by Jesus who saved you and
Transformed through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sending Hymn

Borning Cry WOV 770

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be
there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, To see
your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, With a
faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off. To find
where demons dwell.
When you heard the wonder of the Word I was
there to cheer you
on;
You were raised to praise the living God to
whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time and
you join your hearts as
one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from
dusk 'till rising sun.
In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no
longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've

begun.

When the evening gently closes in and you
shut your weary eyes,

I'll be there as I have always been with just one
more surprise.

I was there to hear your bawling cry, I'll be
there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see
your life unfold.

Dismissal God is love. You are loved. Go now in love.

Thanks be to God!