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From the Pews, Jacob & Jade Fountain

There is a hymn we sing on occasion called "They'll Know We are Christians (By Our Love)." Interestingly, the hymn was written by Peter Scholtes, a parish priest in Chicago during the Chicago Civil Rights Movement in the late 1960s. He was looking for a song for his youth choir to sing for some ecumenical interracial events. According to Wikipedia, the title of the hymn came from a phrase nonbelievers used to describe Christians of the early Church: "Behold, how they love one another."

Behold, how they love another. Do you think, from the outside, a non-believer would say this today? Would they know we are Christians by our love?

1 Corinthians 13 lays out what love is (patient, kind), what is isn't (envious, boastful, arrogant, rude, selfish, irritable, resentful), and what it does (rejoices with the truth, bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things). In the midst of everything this year has thrown at us, we wonder, have we reacted with love? Have we shown our love to man and woman, old and young, black and white, rich and poor during this pandemic? Have we loved our neighbor as a new Civil Rights movement reaches a fever pitch?

In the face of all these recent challenges, let's decide to love first, using 1 Corinthians 13 as our guide. Live, starting today, so that your legacy can be, "behold, how he (she) loved others."

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, June 28, 2020 | online, 10:00a | Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



Prayer of Preparation

"Of God's love we can say two things: it is poured out universally for everyone ... and secondly, God's love doesn't seek value, it creates value. It is not because we have value that we are loved, but because we are loved that we have value." -William Sloane Coffin

Gathering and Preparing for God's Word

Prelude	Beautiful Savior	Christiansen
Introit	Surely	Langston
Welcome and Anno	ouncements	
Beloved, let us lov because love is f everyone who lo Whoever does not for God is love.	rom God; ves is born of God and knows God. love does not know God,	
No one has ever se if we love one ar God lives in us, a	,	
Let us worship Go	d!	
Hymn #385	All People That on Earth Do Dwell See hymn sheet.	OLD HUNDREDTH
Morning Pravers		

Morning Prayers

The 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.

Hearing God's Word

Gospel Lesson, Luke 18:9-14				
Epistle Lesson, 1 Corinthians 13:1-13				
Homily	"Without It, Nothing"			
Anthem	O Love			

Hagenberg

Responding to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith, from A Brief Statement of Faith We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments. we violate the image of God in others and ourselves. accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Prayer of Dedication Hvmn #316 Where Charity and Love Prevail NEW BRITAIN (sung to the tune of Amazing Grace) See hymn sheet. Ch

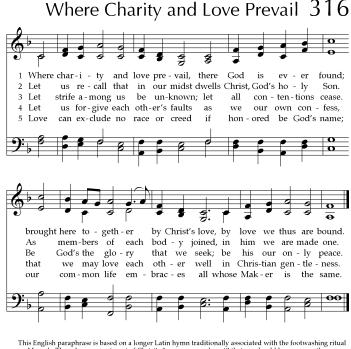
Charge and Benediction		
Benediction Response	Gaelic Benediction	Ulrich
Postlude	Toccata in E minor	Pachelbel

Leading Worship this Morning

Ben Dorr, preaching Leigh Stuckey, *liturgist* Nancy Smith. organist Katie Knauer, Diana Dailey, Derek Pitman, Mark Kemp, quartet







This English paraphrase is based on a longer Latin hymn traditionally associated with the footwashing ritual on Maundy Thursday, an enactment of Christ's "new commandment" that we should love one another (John 13:34). For a chant setting of the first line of the hymn see no. 205.

 TEXT: Latin, 8th cent; trans. Omer Westendorf, 1960, alt.
 TWENT\FOURTH

 MUSIC: Lucius Chapin, 1812
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In a pairing that began in 1561, this paraphrase of Psalm 100 by a Scot is set to a tune that a French composer originally created for Psalm 134 in the Genevan Psalter of 1551. They have appeared together in nearly every comprehensive English-language hymmal since then.