

# Faith United Methodist Church

February 7, 2021

Sharing God's Love



## Centering

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God... since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. If we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

1 John 4:7, 9, 11-12

## Welcome

## Opening Prayer

God, who loves us so, open our hearts and minds to know and share your love in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, your beloved son we pray, **Amen.**

## Music

## Prayer of Illumination

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths. **Amen.**

## Music

## Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup>It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup>Love never ends.

The Word of God, for the People of God. Thanks Be to God. **Amen.**

## Children's Time

Special Music

*Amazing Grace*

*(During the music, please reflect on these words silently)*

*When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.*

Witness

*Love All Things*

Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

Loving God, hear us as we pray for your holy catholic Church: make us all one, that the world may believe.

Inspire and lead all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world: establish justice and peace among all people.

Have compassion on all who suffer from any sickness, grief or trouble: deliver them from their distress.

We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory: bring us all to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray in silence for our own needs and for those of others ... Silence

O God who makes all things in love, we join to offer thanks to you for the blessings of life in your world, for the gifts of love and friendship, for the joy of family and kinship. Our lives at times reflect your loving presence, and at other times seem loveless and lonely and lost. Yet in all things, you do love us – lavishly and without reservation – and you plant within us the seed for loving others. Nurture that seed within us, we pray. Help us to take the risk of opening our often walled-in hearts to be vulnerable to the other in our lives, and to take the risk of love. May your perfect love, indeed, cast out all fear, and enable us to give ourselves anew to those we encounter on this journey with Christ. **Amen.**

Offering & Prayer for the Gifts of the Community

O God, our hope, transform our gifts and the acts of giving into ministries of love and compassion to all the persons this church serves in your name. **Amen.**

## Music

## Benediction

Go forth from this time and place, knowing the love of God is patient and kind and share that love in all that you say and do. May the blessing of God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

### Prayer List

Margaret Arceneaux  
Paul Arceneaux, Jr.  
Sidney Arceneaux  
Kim Craigen Ard  
Lucian Adams  
Dolores Anderson  
Johnny & Ovelia Battaglio  
Brenda Bermaster  
Lloyd Betar  
Mary Bevil  
Roland Blanchard  
Bonnie Blankenship  
Donna Suppa Bolton  
Jo Bordeaux  
Pat Borel  
Glenda Brooks  
Jean Brooks  
Ann Campbell  
Norma Campbell  
Robert & Roxie Castilaw  
Jared Castolenia  
Matthew Cerda  
Tana Champeau  
Rebecca Chance  
Billie Cherry  
Kim Wilber Conn  
Derick Cooper  
Kyle & Beth Craigen  
Dakota Crutchfield  
Jimmy & Emily Davis  
Bobbie Dean  
Mary Delafosse

Tammy Dufour  
Julie Duplichan  
Keven Dupre  
Marli Dupuy  
Joe Floyd  
Sheila Frederick  
Lorene Green  
Rachel Grimmett  
Robert Hargraves  
Connie Hebert  
MaryJo Hebert  
Susie Hesselteine  
Edna & Raymond Jones  
Alice Kethley  
Kristi Key  
Ray & Tammy Lake  
Clyde Landry  
Fred Ledesma  
Alice & Louis Loftin  
Orianna Marchand  
Matt Markos  
Barbara Martin  
Linda Meyers  
Ron & Michelle Mueller  
Joyce Murphy  
Leslie Brown  
Arnold Northcut  
Kelly Simmons Owens  
Jim Padgett  
John & Candance Perkins  
Melva Phillips  
Harlan Phipps

Mercedes Pierson  
Justin Plake  
John Pool  
Kenny Puckett  
Beverly Reese  
Randy Reese  
Buddy Renkema  
Nikki Castilaw Rice  
Edward Rivet  
Randy & Darlene Rivett  
Floyd Roche  
Ezekiel Romero  
Joann Savelle  
Kathleen Sharp  
*Family of Malcolm Shaw*  
Shawna Shaw  
Jim & Loretta Shearer  
Brooke Simon  
Harriet Simpson  
Smitty Smith  
James Sowell  
Kim Streed  
Bob Taylor  
Sadina Hammock Ward  
Mary Alice Weitzel  
Herschel Williams  
Mary Rose Williams  
Gail Wright  
Greta Zerasky



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We are called to be:

**Transformed** by God's love, Christ's sacrifice and the Spirit's work in our lives.

**Engaged** with all of God's children from the small to the tall, the near and the far.

**Celebrate**, worship & praise God as we care for each other.

**Share** the Good News of God's love in our thoughts, words and deeds.

Attributes

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