

Love for Our Neighbors

Luke 10:25-37, 1 John 4:7-12, 19-21

Sunday, May 17, 2020 - week 2 of 3 in *The Way of Love* series

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Redeemer Covenant Church, Brooklyn Park, MN

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Prelude - "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" - Naomi Bird, organ

hymn tune MADRID, words by Christian Henry Bateman (1813-1889)

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Welcome and Opening Prayer - Pastor Ben

Hymn - "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" - Nathan and Naomi Bird

Words by Robert Robinson (1735-1790), hymn tune NETTLETON, arranged by Mark Hayes

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise His name – I'm fixed upon it – name of God's redeeming love.

Hitherto Thy love hast blest me; Thou has brought me to this place;
And I know Thy hand will bring me safely home by Thy good grace.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O, take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts above.

Scripture Readings - Beth and Tavis Charles

Psalms 66:16-20

1 Peter 3:13-17

Special Music - "Be Not Afraid" - Evangelion Chorale

Music by Knut Nystedt, Text from Isaiah 41:10, 43:1, directed by Dennis Port

Be not afraid I am with thee, Tremble not for I am thy God!
I strengthen thee for I am thy help,
I uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.
By redemption thou art saved, you are mine!
Fear not for you are called and named.
Fear not, you are mine!

Sermon - "Love for Our Neighbors" - Pastor Ben

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Special Hymn - "O Love (That Will Not Let Me Go)" - Ami Andersen

*Words by George Matheson (1842-1906), Music by Ami Andersen,
Penny Whistle and Flute by Jordan Cox*

O love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O light that foll'west all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

O joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.

O cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red life
that shall endless be.

Benediction

Postlude - "Set Me As a Seal" - Minnetonka Chamber Choir

Text from Song of Songs 8:6, music by Rene' Clausen