

Love, Love, Love  
1 Corinthians 13.1-13  
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## Order of Worship

Preparing our Hearts: If you arrive a little early, prepare your heart for worship by reading and thinking about this text:

- *So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. (1 Jn. 4:16 ESV)*

Call to Worship:

- God calls us to worship
  - Psalm 150
- We humbly respond with praise
  - "All Creatures Of Our God And King"
  - "Beautiful One"

Gospel Assurance:

- Our need for Jesus
  - *I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you. <sup>10</sup> Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD. (Ps. 32:8-10 ESV)*
- God's grace
  - *But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." (Lam. 3:21-24 ESV)*
  - "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"
  - "I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)"

What we Believe: As a church we want to affirm our unity in what we believe.

- *For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God. (Job 19:25-26 ESV)*

Prayer: We bring our requests to the Lord through Jesus Christ.

Church Life/Greeting: In Christ, we live and fellowship together as believers. We take time to learn what is going on in our church, and to greet one another as we worship.

Prayer for Understanding: We pray that God will open our hearts and minds to the preaching of His Word.

Sermon:

- 1 Corinthians 13.1-13

Lord's Supper: In taking communion together, we remember the death of Christ as we proclaim it to one another as we consume the elements.

- "He Who Is Mighty"

Praise to God (Doxology): We end our time of worship together as we resound in praises together.

- "I Could Sing Of Your Love Forever"

God Blesses: We go into the world this week with God's blessings as He enables us to serve Him.

- 1 Thessalonians 5.23-24

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### Growth Group Questions

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1. Why do you think 1 Corinthians 13 is such a well-known passage?
2. Is love something you feel, or something you do? Both? Neither? Explain.
3. How is it possible to great acts of service without love?
4. Paul lists numerous aspects of love in vv. 4-7. Which of these do you struggle with the most? Why? How can you grow in these areas?
5. Paul says that love never ends, but gifts will pass away. What does this mean? How does this encourage you to pursue love?

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**Next Week:** 1 Corinthians 14.1-19