



5TH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

## PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:

- ❖ If we combine 1st Corinthians 13 and John 13, what would our lives look like? How would people come to recognize Christians?

Well, they would know us by our **patience**. They would know that we are Christians by our **contentment, modesty, and humility**. They would recognize us, for we would **not** be rude. We would **seek the best** for others, be **difficult** to make angry, and **refuse to keep count** of how many times we've been hurt. They would know us because evil makes us sad, and **truth** makes us happy. They would know us because we **protect the defenseless** and we **do not live in suspicion** of others.

They would know us by our **hope**. They would know us by our **perseverance**. *That* is what love looks like. Those should be the marks of Christ's disciples.

- Debbie Holloway

- ❖ "When one has once fully entered the realm of love, the world — no matter how imperfect — becomes rich and beautiful, it consists solely of opportunities for love."

- Søren Kierkegaard, *Works of Love*

- ❖ The world is changed by your example not your opinion.

- Anonymous

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Something deep inside us calls us,

**All: Beckons us.**

One: We are looking for truth

**All: That anchors us in the midst of competing voices.**

One: We are searching for life

**All: That sparkles with joy and glows with warmth.**

One: We are finding our way

**All: To Christ, to community, to love.**

One: And we are bold to sing

**All: A resurrection song.**

**PRAISE SONG:** *I Believe in that Love (music at end of bulletin)*

**OUR CONFESSION:**

**Look deep, loving God, and see us as we really are - yearning to be close to you but fearful of what you may ask. Our desire to be faithful is woven with our hesitancy to go the extra mile; our wanting to be loving is diluted by our resistance to caring for certain people or in particular situations. Loving God, teach to love, give us power to love for this is the new life for which we long. Amen.**

**CONFESSION RESPONSE:** *In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified  
(music at end of bulletin)*

**THE FIRST READING: Revelation 21:1-6**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home<sup>[a]</sup> of God is among mortals.

He will dwell<sup>[b]</sup> with them;

they will be his peoples,<sup>[c]</sup>

and God himself will be with them and be their God;<sup>[d]</sup>

<sup>4</sup> he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for<sup>[e]</sup> the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also, he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup> Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

**THE GOSPEL: John 13:31-35**

When he (Judas) had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him,<sup>[d]</sup> God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

**MESSAGE:** ““Christian” = Love??”

**Pastor Cristy Schoob**

**MESSAGE SONG:** *By Our Love* (music at end of bulletin)

## THE PRAYERS

### THE LORD'S PRAYER:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.**

### THE SENDING OUT:

**Leader:** And now, may we follow Jesus' path of love, forgiveness and faithfulness. Let us go forth and live the Easter life.

**All:** Amen!

**THE SENDING SONG:** *To Be God's People* (music at end of bulletin)

### THE DISMISSAL:

**Leader:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**OUR Welcome IS WIDE OPEN**

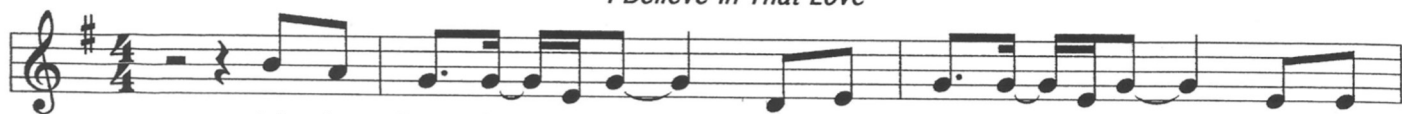
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**COME as you are.**

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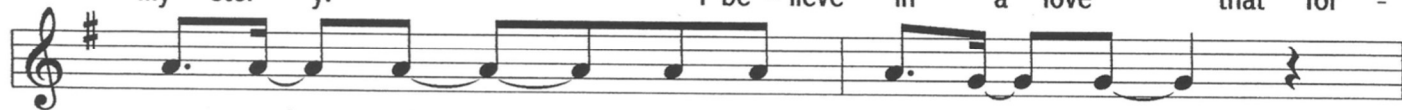
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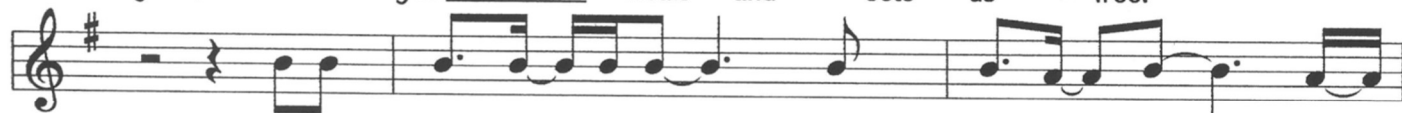
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 2. I be - lieve in a love that is felt in the touch of a  
 3. I be - lieve in a love that is here at the heart of a



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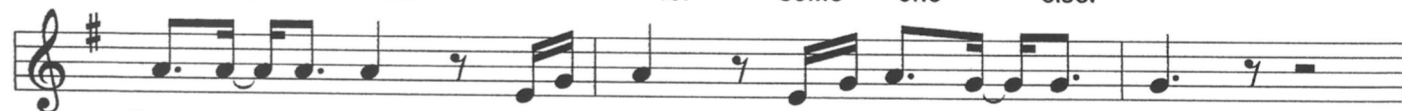
on and on e - ven when we die.  
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 gives, for - gets heals and sets us free.



I be - lieve in a love that reach - es out em -  
 I be - lieve in a love that has no bounds, no  
 I be - lieve in a love that los - es self for the



brac - ing all our pain and doubt. I be -  
 class or race to hold it down.  
 sake of life for some - one else.



lieve in that love, I be - lieve I be - lieve in that love.



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- lieve I be - lieve in that love.

*In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified*

1. In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied.  
 2. In Your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied,  
 In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.  
 In Your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.

*By Our Love*

1. Broth - ers, let us come to - geth - er, walk - ing in the  
 2. Sis - ters, we were made for kind - ness; we can pierce the  
 3. Chil - dren, you are hope for jus - tice, stand firm in the  
 Spir - it, there's much to be done. We will come reach - ing out from our  
 dark - ness as He shines through us. We will come reach - ing with a song of  
 truth now, set your hearts a - bove. You will be reach - ing long af - ter  
 1. com - forts and they will know us by our love.  
 heal - ing, and they will know us by our  
 we're gone, and they will know you by your  
 love. The time is now, come Church a - rise. Love with His  
 hands, see with His eyes. Bind it a - round you; let it nev - er  
 leave you, and they will know us by our  
 1. love. 3 (Sing verse 3) 2., 3. Fine love. The time is

*To Be God's People*

1. Al - might - y Fa - ther give us a vi - sion  
2. And when we fal - ter be Thou our com - fort;

of a dy - ing world that needs Your love and care.  
guide us as Your chil - dren that our lives may be

We see the need, the yearn - ing for a Sav - ior,  
A bea - con in this dark - ness that sur - rounds us,

In Je - sus' name, grant this our prayer. To be God's  
A light that oth - ers then may see.

peo - ple in this place, \_\_\_\_\_ live His good - ness,

share His grace, Pro - claim God's mer - cy through His

Son, be His love to ev - 'ry - one. \_\_\_\_\_

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