

All You Need Is Love!
In Other Words, Christ Is Risen
May 9, 2021
#BiggerBalcony



*“Love
each other
as I have
loved you.”*

JOHN 15:12, NIV



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 9, 2021

10:00 am

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*In the flush of love's light
we dare be brave
and suddenly we see
that love costs all we are
and will ever be.*

*Yet it is only love which sets us free
-from "Touched by an Angel" by Maya Angelou*

PRELUDE

"Bouree," by J. S. Bach
"Prelude in G Major," by François Couperin

Judy Widrig

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Davi Weasley

CALL TO WORSHIP

with 1 John 4

One: Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God.

Many: **What is love? We talk about loving pizza, our bikes, a TV show.**

One: Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

Many: **What is love? I don't think I can feel affection for some of my neighbors.**

One: Beloved, since God loves us so much, we ought to love one another.

Many: **What is love? Do the song lyrics get it right?**

Will we ever understand it fully?

One: If we love one another, God lives in us, and God's love is perfected in us.

Many: **We love because God first loved us.**

The commandment we have from Jesus is this:

those who love God must love their siblings also.

So let us love with all our mind, heart, strength, and spirit.

Let us love, even if we don't quite get it.

HYMN

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

WONDROUS LOVE

Allegra, Evan and Julia Ritchie, Meril Davenport, Janet Malley

Brian Rapp (guitar)



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul! O my soul! What
 2 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing; To God and to the
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on! And when from death I'm



this! that Christ should come in bliss to bear the heav-y cross for my
 Lamb who is the great I Am, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the heav-y cross for my soul!
 sing, I will sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

This anonymous folk hymn, with its modal (dorian) tune, has appeared in many versions. William Walker, compiler of Southern Harmony, one of the most important nineteenth-century tune books in the United States, lived and died in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Tune: WONDROUS LOVE 12.9.12.12.9.

(CHRISTOPHER)

Appendix to Wm. Walker's Southern Harmony, c. 1843

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A VISUAL PRAYER

“Let Us Love”
by Elsa Anders Cook

The Work of the People

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Gail Dunavan

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MUSICAL MEDITATION

“All You Need Is Love”
by John Lennon & Paul McCartney

Congregation

SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:9-17
Common English Bible

Gail Dunavan

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Gail Dunavan

One: For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us:

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

"They'll Know We Are Christians"
Mac Bubb

ST. BRENDAN'S

Peter Scholtes

VERSES



1. We are one in the Spir - it, We are one in the Lord,
2. We will walk with each oth - er, We will walk hand in hand,
3. We will work with each oth - er, We will work side by side,
4. All ___ praise to the Fa - ther, From ___ whom all things come,



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2. We will walk with each oth - er, We will walk hand in hand,
3. We will work with each oth - er, We will work side by side,
4. And all praise to Christ Je - sus, His ___ on - ly ___ Son,



1. And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.
2. And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
3. And we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save ___ each one's pride.
4. And all praise to the Spir - it, who ___ makes ___ us ___ one.

REFRAIN



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



love, Yes they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Davi Weasley

The Prayer of Jesus

*We invite you to use the language for God that is most comfortable for you:
"Our Creator," "Our Father" or "Our Mother."*

Our Creator

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 and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

"Sonata in D"
by Antonio Soler

Judy Widrig

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Member Class: Please join us on Zoom **Sunday, May 16 7:00-8:30 pm** to learn more about our church. For questions or to RSVP, please contact the Membership Board membershipfccb@gmail.com or Cydne Cochran office@fccb.net.

WORSHIP:

- **Sundays, 10:00 am**—Worship on Facebook Live. #BiggerBalcony

WAYS TO CONNECT: For more information about these and other groups and activities, contact office@fccb.net.

- **Monday**
 - ◆ Poetry Writing Group: **1st & 3rd Mondays at 7:00 pm**
 - ◆ Happy Hour: **1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30-8:30 pm**
- **Tuesday**
 - ◆ Book Club, **First Tuesday of the month, 9:30 am**
 - ◆ PJs & Storytime **Tuesdays, 6:30 pm**
- **Wednesday**
 - ◆ Adult Forums, **Wednesdays, 6:30 pm**
 - ◆ Faith Formation for Children & Youth **Wednesdays, 6:30 pm**
- **Thursday**
 - ◆ Morning Coffee Group: **1st & 3rd Thursdays, 9:30 am**
 - ◆ Evening Book Club, **6:30 pm weekly**
- **Friday**
 - ◆ Knitting Group, **Fridays, 10:00 am**
 - ◆ Coffee Hour, **2nd & 4th Fridays. 1:00 pm**
 - ◆ Prayer Series, **Fridays, 6:30 pm**
- **Saturday**
 - ◆ Create & Check In, **First of the month Saturday, 10:00 am**

To stay up to date, follow us on social media, subscribe to our Friday Email, or check in with our Full Circle Blog, <https://www.fccb.net/blog/>.

Open and Affirming (ONA): As an Open and Affirming congregation believing in a loving God, all people are welcome in this church without regard to gender, race, ethnicity, economic or social status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

We Try To Use Language which will help people feel included in our worship. Since not everyone is comfortable with the same language, we invite you to amend the words of the service as we sing and pray if they do not adequately express your faith. We invite you to assist us in creating new expressions of our common faith and life together.

Technical Support: If you need help streaming our worship services or connecting in other ways, please let us know.

VIRTUAL APPOINTMENTS WITH PASTORAL STAFF

In the before time, our pastoral staff were available by appointment. In COVID-19 time, they are available for virtual meetings by appointment. Contact them by email or call the pastoral care line, 360-733-4255

Sharon: sharon@fccb.net

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Sharry: sharry@fccb.net

You can also email our Office Manager
Cydne at office@fccb.net
and she'll pass your message on.

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