



The Eighth Sunday of
Pentecost

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church of Orinda, CA
Sunday, July 18, 2021

GATHERING MUSIC

"SAME LOVE"

Lyrics and Music by Paul Baloche

▲ OUR GATHERING SONG

"THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE"
Lyrics and Music by Peter Scholtes

***We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.***

Chorus:

***And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.***

***We will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news
that God is in our land.*** (Chorus)

***We will work with each other,
we will work side by side;
We will work with each other,
we will work side by side;
And we'll guard each one's dignity
and save each one's pride.*** (Chorus)

***All praise to the Father,
from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus,
His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit
who makes us one.*** (Chorus)

▲ indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able

▲ OUR OPENING LITURGY

- L: Let us confess our sin and our sinfulness to God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love Creator God, from the beginnings of time, You have given good gifts to your people,
- C: **But we have taken Your gifts and Your blessings for granted, and misused them for our selfish gain. Forgive us.**
- L: In the person of your Son Jesus, You gave us life in abundance,
- C: **But we have become enamored of definitions of abundance and life which declare You to be false. Forgive us.**
- L: By the power of Your Spirit, you have made us recipients of Your amazing grace,
- C: **But we have refused to share that grace with others, as if more for others would somehow mean less for us. Forgive us.**
- L: People of God, hear an amazing promise. Your sin and your sinfulness are forgiven. For freedom, Christ has set you free. Free to love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and strength and mind. Free to love your neighbor as yourself. For we pray:
- C: **Holy One, You call us to be your light in the darkness, your voice in the wilderness, your hope for the hopeless. Give us strength in our weakness, gentleness in our witness, and humility in our service, that we might embody your love for a broken world. For we ask this in the name of the One who has been with you from the Beginning, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE LESSON

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of

judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

A SONG OF CELEBRATION "LOVE ONE ANOTHER"
Lyrics and Music by Greg Ronning

***Love one another, share your heart;
Love one another, let it start;
The magic of love isn't magic at all;
It's you and me and Jesus doing it all.***

***Hearts weren't meant to stand alone;
Hearts aren't made out of cold grey stone;
Together in love, there's a chance;
We can turn mourning into a dance.***

***On the horizon there's a shining light;
There's an end to the lonely night;
It ain't no star or shining sun;
It's you and me together in the kingdom as one.***

***When you see somebody down and out;
Give them love, not a reason to doubt;
As long as someone's hurt you're never free;
Give them a hand, give them a kingdom to see.***

KIDTALK Pastor John Valentine

THE SERMON Pastor John Valentine

▲ WORDS TO LIVE BY from 1 John 4

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THE OFFERTORY "LOVE"
Lyrics and Music by Chris Tomlin

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

(Utilizing the prayer refrain: "Lord of Love **Hear our prayer**" and concluding with the Lord's Prayer)

Our Father, 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; 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.

▲ OUR SENDING SONG "LOVE THE LORD"
Lyrics and Music by Lincoln Brewster

***Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart
With all your soul, with all your mind
And with all your strength*** (Repeat)

***With all your heart, with all your soul
With all your mind, with all your strength***

***Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart
With all your soul, with all your mind
And with all your strength***

Verse 2: ***I will serve the Lord with all my heart
With all my soul***

Bridge: ***I will love You,*** (I will love You)
I will praise You, (I will praise You)
I will serve You, (I will serve You)
I will trust You, (I will trust You)

Verse 3: ***I will love You, Lord, with all my heart
With all my soul***

▲ THE CHARGE

Go, in peace, to love God by serving your neighbor!
Thanks be to God!

SENDING MUSIC

Thank you to this week's Worship Team, including:

Tom Henry – Vocalist, Guitarist and Creative Director
Diana Riveness Young – Vocalist
Bethany Valentine – Vocalist
Pastor Pam Schaefer Dawson - Vocalist
Pastor John Valentine – Vocalist
Marc Levine – Pianist
