

And now abide these three; but the greatest of these is

Faith
Hope
Love

LOVE

1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

ORDER OF SERVICE
July 25, 2021

PRELUDE

I Love to Tell the Story (Mary McDonald) / Love Lifted Me(Ruth Elaine Schram)
Come, Christians, Join to Sing (Mary McDonald)

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER FOR OUR PASTOR, ZINA JACQUE

Ted Newman

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ted Newman

- One Voice: This is love, that God would give up everything to dwell among us.
Many Voices: **I have known God's love in the rising of the sun and the gentle whisper of the wind.**
One Voice: This is love, wrapped in flesh and purposed for us from Abraham to Mary's womb.
Many Voices: **We have known love in this place, with these people, all inspired by the love of God.**
One Voice: This is love; bonds made of heavenly cords that extend eternally without regard to space or time.
Many Voices: **This is love, that we are loved by God without condition and without end, and we are called to love one another as we have been loved.**
All Voices: **Let us love from deep within to the ends of our being. Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN**

I then shall live as one who's been forgiven.
I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.
I know my name is clear before my Father;
I am His child and I am not afraid.
So, greatly pardoned, I'll forgive my brother;
The law of love I gladly will obey.

I Then Shall Live

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I then shall live as one who's learned compassion.
I've been so loved, that I'll risk loving too.
I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges;
I'll dare to see another's point of view.
And when relationships demand commitment,
Then I'll be there to care and follow through.

Your Kingdom come around and through and in me;
Your power and glory, let them shine through me.
Your Hallowed Name, O may I bear with honor,
And may Your living Kingdom come in me.
The Bread of Life, O may I share with honor,
And may You feed a hungry world through me.

SCRIPTURE:

Ted Newman

Romans 12:9 – 13 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Romans 13:8 – 10 Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet;” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

One Voice:
Many Voices:

The word of God, for the people of God.
Thanks be to God

Glory to the Father, glory to the Son, glory to the Holy Spirit, Three in One; as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be, world without end. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT and LORD'S PRAYER

Alayne McNulty

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

RECEPTION of OUR SISTER, CAROL EZELL

Pastor Zina: As in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members of one another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us. *Romans 12:4-6*

We welcome in the name of Jesus Christ, Carol who has come to join in the life and ministry of this congregation. Carol, because of your faith in Jesus Christ as Lord, your likeness of mind and spirit with these believers, and your desire to be a part of the ministry of this church, you have sought to join together with this body, for worship, fellowship, and mutual encouragement. We rejoice in your pilgrimage of faith to this time and place. Carol, do you believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? Will you seek and serve God in prayer, in study, in service, and in the fellowship of this community? Will you join in the work of this congregation to serve the community and the world?

Carol Ezell: I will.

Pastor: Marge; as a testimony to your faith in Jesus Christ, you have offered to support Carol as she brings her gifts to our church. Will you encourage her as she grows in faith, as she enriches our life together, and as she shares in the work and worship of Community Church?

Marge Boynton: I will.

Jayne Majzan: Members of Community Church, will you welcome Carol as both a sister in Christ and as a member of this church? As you receive her, do you promise before God and in her presence to give her your love and encouragement as she grows in her Christian life and commitment?

People: Carol, we rejoice to welcome you. Your peace, joys, and welfare are now our own.

Pastor Zina: Carol, in the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of Community Church, I welcome you as a member of this congregation.

GATHERING the JOYS and CONCERNS of the CHURCH**CALL to PRAYER****I LOVE YOU LORD**

I love you Lord, and I lift my voice, to worship you, O my soul rejoice.
Take joy my King, in what you hear: may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

SILENT PETITIONS and PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

Come Build a Church

The words and music for today's anthem were written by Ken Medema in 1993.

God of Creation, Maker of all things, we gather in this place to pray.
We do invite you come now among us; come and build your church today.

Refrain: Come build a church with soul and spirit, come build a church with flesh and bone.

We need no tower rising skyward; no house of wood, or glass, or stone.

Come build a church with human frailty. Come build a church of flesh and blood.

Jesus shall be its sure foundation. It shall be built by the hand of God.

Verse: Let us see the tongues of fire. Let us hear the great wind roar.

Let us know the awe and wonder that we've only glimpsed before.

Let us feel the strength of passion, which can make us laugh and weep.

Let us know this great awakening. For so long we've been asleep. (to **Refrain**)

Verse: Let us know the love unceasing, which alone can loose the bounds.

Reaching out across the chasms bringing walls of hatred down.

Let us taste the sweet communion, where the circle never ends.

Hold us in the sweet connection, turning strangers into friends. (to **Refrain**)

Verse: Guide our feet in peaceful pathways. Teach us peace of heart and mind;

Peace with God and all God's children; till we leave our wars behind.

Surely joy will come and find us like a breeze that cools the night;

Like the rain upon the desert; like a candle's gentle light. (to **Refrain**)

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

One Voice: May the words of my mouth,

All Voices: **And the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable in Thy sight,
O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer. Amen. (Psalm 19)**

SERMON

Now Abides Love

Rev. Zina Jacque

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE AND GREETING ONE ANOTHER

*Through the Love of God Our Savior
Arr. by Heather Sorenson*

OFFERING WELCOMED AS YOU DEPART

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOULD YOU LIKE A BRICK FOR THE PEACE GARDEN?

The Garden Committee invites you to purchase a brick in the Peace Garden. The bricks are \$150 per brick, and there are up to three lines of text (13 letters each) per brick. The order forms are available on the Tower Hallway or, attached to this flash. Please wander the garden and be creative as you author your brick. **The Deadline is July 30th.**

WELCOME CAROL McVETTY and ALISSIA THOMPSON

As was noted earlier, the Reverends Carol McVetty and Alissia Thompson will share in the duties of interim between now and the time the next pastor is named and installed. CCB is blessed to have this dynamic team of faithful leaders to guide us through these next few months.

Rev. Alissia Thompson was ordained by CCB in 2018 and serves, currently as a full time staff Chaplain for Amita Health Systems. Rev. Carol McVetty has served in pastorates over 35 years in Detroit, Chicago and as the Interim Co Regional Executive Minister (with her husband, the Rev. Doug Harris) for ABC Metro Chicago.