

* **Call to Worship**

Come to the Lord, who is rich in grace;
approach our God, who is full of mercy.

**We will praise God with all our heart
and glorify the name of the Most High forever.**

* **Opening Prayer****Congregation Favorites****Summary of the Law:** *Matthew 22:37-40*

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What is the great and first commandment?

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind.**

What is the second commandment like it?

Love your neighbor as yourself.

What does this mean?

Love is the fulfilling of the law.

To what does this call us?

To a life of faith working through love.

Evening Prayer* **For God So Loved the World**

#315 (HFG)

For God so loved the world, He gave His only Son
To die on Calvary's tree, from sin to set me free;
Some day He's coming back; what glory that will be!
Wonderful His love to me. *Repeat All*

* **Scripture:** *1 John 4:7-14 (ESV)*

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⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. ¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *God is Love*

* join us in standing if able

* **The Love of God**

The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star,
And reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care,
God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled,
And pardoned from his sin.

Refrain: O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall for evermore endure
The saints' and angels' song.

Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade,
To write the love of God above,
Would drain the ocean dry.
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky. *Refrain*

* **God's Blessing*** **Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**

#377:4 (HFG)

Mortals, join the happy chorus
With the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us,
Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

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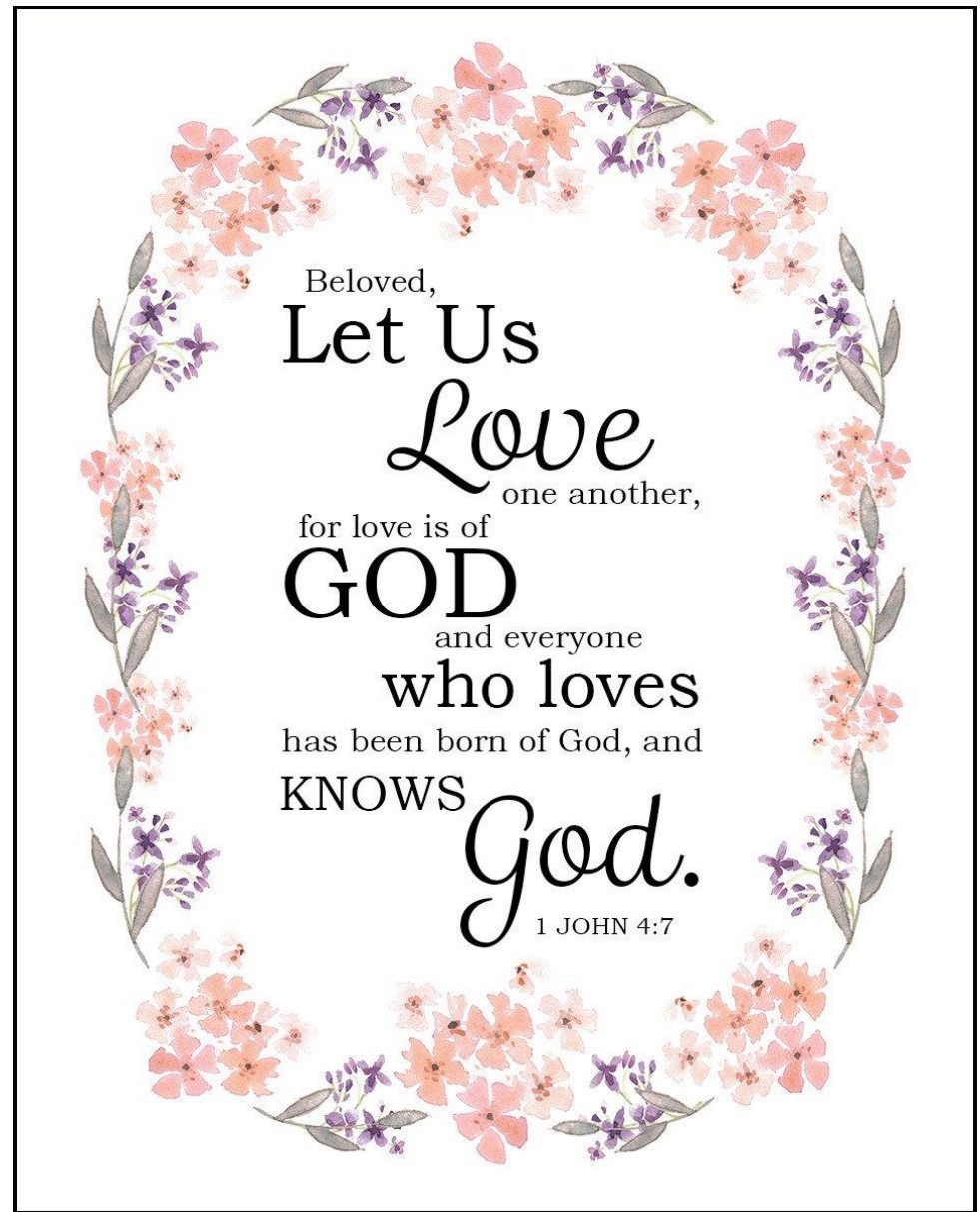
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Song Leader and Music: Ardelle K, Lee V

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