



**Stand if you are able.*



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Welcome to Minooka United Methodist Church

Sunday, November 19th, 2023

11:30AM

1 John 4:7-8, 12-13, 19-21 (CEV)

⁷ My dear friends, we must love each other. Love comes from God, and when we love each other, it shows we have been given new life. We are now God's children, and we know him. ⁸ God is love, and anyone who doesn't love others has never known him.

¹² No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is truly in our hearts.

¹³ God has given us his Spirit. This is how we know we are one with him, just as he is one with us.

¹⁹ We love because God loved us first. ²⁰ But if we say we love God and don't love each other, we are liars. We cannot see God. So how can we love God, if we don't love the people we can see? ²¹ The commandment that God has given us is: "Love God and love each other!"

Entering Music Accompanist

Welcoming Pastor Dave

Preparing Accompanist

***Gathering** Lay Reader

Reader: Gathered here, we sense the Sacred in this place. May we be awakened again to the mysteries that humble us, the realities that orient us, the beauty that informs us, the fellowship that sustains us, and the creativity that heightens and deepens our living.

Many Voices: May we give ourselves in honesty and openness to the larger life before us.

Reader: Surprising God, whose love leads us to new experiences, help us to be open to your presence among us and within us.

Many Voices: Grant us a sense your glory in the sights and sounds of this day and every day. Amen.

***Singing** "God of Many Names" UMH #105

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Blessing Children Pastor Dave

Singing "Sanctuary" TFWS #2164

Praying Lay Reader

[silent prayer: In this time of silence may we move from busy-ness to quietness.]

Reader: Faithful God, we confess that we do not give enough attention to the things that are of you. We listen to rumors and gossip instead of what is true and good. We do not hold fast to justice. We do not train our hearts on what brings the fruit of the Spirit and is pleasing to you. In our words and our deeds, we stray from what is commendable, excellent, and worthy of praise. We do not attend to all we have received and learned of your good news, and so we do not live in peace with you or with our neighbors.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us to live as your grateful people.

[silent prayers of confession]

Reader: Receive the good news: God pays attention to us when we pray. God receives our confession, forgives us, and saves us by grace.

Many Voices: May the peace of God guard us in mind and heart now and forever. Thanks be to God!

[silent prayer]

Our prayer continues as Jesus taught us, saying... [Lord's Prayer, UMH #894]

***Singing** "How Can We Name a Love" UMH #111

Giving Pastor Dave

Blessing our Gifts with Music and Prayer Accompanist & Lay Reader

Many Voices: God of peace, receive the gifts we bring today in thankfulness and joy. Our offering includes our whole selves as we strive to be the people of justice, hope, and peace you call us to be. We are grateful for your never-failing love and presence as we pray in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

Reading Scripture Lay Reader

1 John 4:7-8, 12-13, 19-21 (CEV)

Reader: May God add blessing to the reading, hearing, and living of these words.

Many Voices: Amen.

Proclaiming "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors...
Open God?" Pastor Dave

***Singing** "Together We Serve" TFWS #2175

Sending Forth Pastor Dave

Exiting Music Accompanist

Together We Serve

Verse 1

Together we serve, united by love,
Inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,
Extending Your love to the last and the least.

Verse 2

We seek to become a beacon of hope,
A lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
Until we see Christ in each person we meet.

Verse 3

We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,
The busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home to those who will come,
Our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

Verse 4

Together, by grace, we witness and work,
Remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
Remembering love is the strength of our song.

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HYMNS

God Of Many Names

Verse 1

God of many names, gathered into One,
In Your glory come and meet us,
Moving, endlessly becoming;
God of hovering wings, womb
And birth of time,
Joyfully we sing Your praises,
Breath of life in every people,

Chorus

Hush, hush, hallelujah, hallelujah!
Shout, shout, hallelujah, hallelujah!
Sing, sing, hallelujah, hallelujah!
Sing God is love, God is love!

Verse 2

God of Jewish faith, Exodus and law,
In Your glory come and meet us,
Joy of Miriam and Moses;
God of Jesus Christ,
Rabbi of the poor,
Joyfully we sing Your praises,
Crucified alive forever, (Chorus)

Verse 3

God of wounded hands,
Web and loom of love,
In Your glory come and meet us,
Carpenter of new creation;
God of many names,
Gathered into One,
Joyfully we sing Your praises,
Moving, endlessly becoming, (Chorus)

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Sanctuary

Chorus

Lord, prepare me
To be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy,
Tried and true.
With thanksgiving,
I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You. (X2)

How Can We Name a Love

Verse 1

How can we name a Love that wakens heart and mind,
Indwelling all we know or think or do or seek or find?
Within our daily world, in every human face,
Love's echoes sound and God is found,
Hid in the common place.

Verse 2

If we awoke to life built on a rock of care
That asked no great reward but firm, assured, was simply there,
We can, with parents' names, describe, and thus adore,
Love unconfined, a father kind, a mother strong and sure.

Verse 3

When people share a task, and strength and skills unite
In projects old or new, to make or do with shared delight,
Our Friend and Partner's will is better understood,
That all should share, create, and care, and know that life is good.

Verse 4

So in a hundred names, each day we all can meet
A presence, sensed and shown at work, at home, or in the street.
Yet every name we see, shines in a brighter sun:
In Christ alone is Love full grown and life and hope begun.

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