

Gay Street United Methodist Church

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June 26, 2022

8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

The *asterisk is an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit.

WELCOME

Rev. Mearle Griffith

**Please stand if you are able and greet one another with a sign of friendship and welcome.*

PREPARATION

Prelude

I Exalt Thee, Pete Sanchez, Jr.

Stacey Varner

*Opening Prayer

Guy Hager, Wayne Dunlop

God, who is love, is now with us as we gather. Come, Fire of love, kindle our hearts to love as we have been loved. Come, Light of the world, banish the dark corners of hate that we might be filled with love. It is the God of love who is present with us as Creator, Redeemer, and Friend.

*Hymn

We are the Church

UM Hymnal 558

PRAISE

**A reading from I John 4, please read responsively*

Dear friends, let's love each other, because love is from God, and everyone who loves is born from God and knows God.

The person who doesn't love does not know God, because God is love.

This is how the love of God is revealed to us:

God sent his only son into the world so that we can live through him.

This is love: it is not that we loved God but that he loved us.

Dear friends, if God loved us this way, we also ought to love each other.

INTO THE WORD

Scripture: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Sherri Pembroke, Lee Dunlop

*John 15:9-17

*Response *Glory Be to the Father*

UM Hymnal 71

Message: *Abiding Love*

Rev. Mearle Griffith

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn

Spirit of the Living God

UM Hymnal 393

Morning Prayer and 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 for ever. Amen.

Dedication of Lives, Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings

*Doxology *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

UM Hymnal 94

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

I Love to Tell the Story

UM Hymnal 156

*Benediction

Postlude

O Mighty God, Swedish Folk Melody

Stacey Varner