



First United Methodist Church

Worship Guide for Sunday, August 9, 2020

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God's love has been generously poured out on us.

People: Jesus the Son laid down His life for us.

Leader: We are commanded to love as He has loved.

People: We ought to lay down our lives for one another.

Leader: Come and abide in God's presence.

People: Let us boldly worship the God of love.

INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

"The Gift of Love"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Merciful God, our faith is small, our trust is low, and our courage is weak.

People: We have been commanded to love one another, but we have allowed misunderstanding, fear, hatred, and prejudice to cloud our vision. We turn away from those who don't look like us, talk like us, or make us feel uncomfortable.

Leader: In our pride and self-righteousness ways, we have turned from the cross of Christ and grieved Your Holy Spirit.

People: Father, forgive us when we fail to follow Your example of love in truth and action. By the power of Your great love, transform our hearts and renew our minds, so that we may abide in You, and You may abide in us.

(silent reflection)

Leader: Jesus, who laid down His life for us, loves us and shows us the way to live into eternal life. Rejoice and believe the good news of the Gospel:

People: We are loved, forgiven, and made whole through Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God. AMEN

GOSPEL READING

John 13:34-35, 15:12-17

MORNING PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Jodie Ihfe

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. AMEN

HYMN OF REFLECTION

"Walk in the Spirit of Love"

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 John 3:14:1-24

SERMON

"Love In Action"

Rev. Jodie Ihfe

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"Build My Life"

BENEDICTION