



May 27, 2018

Easter Series: Love and Truth The Message of 1 John

Week 6: What Love Looks Like

"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." 1 John 4:7-10

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LEWISTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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May 27, 2018

10:30 AM

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Good, Good Father

Barrett

Call to Worship

Psalm 23

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

People: **He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters, he
refreshes my soul.**

Leader: He guides me along the right paths for his
name's sake.

People: **Even though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for
you are with me; your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of
my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my
cup overflows.

People: **Surely your goodness and mercy will follow
me all the days of my life,**

All: ***And I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.***

*** Hymn #2** (red)

Almighty Father, Strong to Save

Children's Sermon

Unison Prayer of Confession

**God, forgive us. Our communion is not always visible
to the world. Sometimes we allow threats to unity to
enter the church, making it hard to see that we are
your family. We act as though we do not need each
other. We do not always love one another. We do not
know nor bear one another's burdens. We fail to build**

each other up. We do not always give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another. Forgive us, and strengthen us so that we may live in the unity that you have granted us.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Anthem

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

* Doxology #572 (blue hymnal)

* Prayer of Dedication

*** Song** How Deep the Father's Love for Us

1. How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.
2. Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there,
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life—
I know that it is finished.
3. I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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* Prayer of Praise

* Song

Good Good Father

1. Oh, I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think you're like.
But I've heard the tender whisper of love
In the dead of night.
And you tell me that you're pleased
And that I'm never alone.

Chorus:

*You're a good, good Father.
It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are,
And I'm loved by you.
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.*

2. Oh, I've seen many searching
For answers far and wide.
But I know we're all searching for answers
Only you provide.
'Cause you know just what we need
Before we say a word.

Chorus:

*You're a good, good Father.
It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are,
And I'm loved by you.
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.*

Bridge:

*Because you are perfect in all of your ways.
You are perfect in all of your ways.
You are perfect in all of your ways... to us.
You are perfect in all of your ways.
You are perfect in all of your ways.
You are perfect in all of your ways... to us.*

3. Oh it's love so undeniable,
I, I can hardly speak.
Peace so unexplainable,
I, I can hardly think
As you call me deeper still,
As You call me deeper still,
As you call me deeper still into love, love.

Chorus:

*You're a good, good Father.
It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are,
And I'm loved by you.
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.
You're a good, good Father.
It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are,
And I'm loved by you.
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.
You're a good, good Father.
It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are,
And I'm loved by you.
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.*

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Scripture Reading

1 John 3:11-24

Sermon

What Love Looks Like

Pastoral Prayer

* **Hymn #203** (red)

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

* **Benediction**

* **Closing Chorus #322**

Spirit of the Living God

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

Postlude

**If comfortably able please stand*

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Accompanist: Joan Loewen

Introit & Anthem: Chancel Choir; Doug Garner, Director

Liturgist: Ginny Westover **Next Week:** Susan Ferguson

Acolyte: Abigail Siddons

Children's Chat: Pastor Jim

Next Week: Ginny Westover

Children's Church: Ginny Westover

Next week: Ginny Westover

Ushers: Karen McCurdy (lead usher), Brad Siddons, Maryann and Annalise Haines, Kevin and Machel Kodish

Preaching: Pastor James Thomas

Infants/Preschool: Zoe Finan and Jimmy Zagurskie

Next week: Pam Pecht and Vicki Pecht

Deacon for the Month: Mercy Westover

Counters: Kari Cullen and Jack Wilson

Next Week: Lonnie Griffith and Ed Curry

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME! If you are visiting with us, please sign the Visitors' Register and pick up a Welcome Bag in the narthex. Children's activity bags, Bibles, large print hymnals and hearing devices are available from the ushers. Childcare through age four is available throughout the service. Children's church is available for children age 5 – grade 4 following the children's sermon.

THE ROSE ON THE CHANCEL today is in celebration of the birth of Hannah Lynn Hill, born Friday, May 18 to Jarod and Allison Hill. Jim and Kris Hill are her grandparents.

GRADUATE SUNDAY is JUNE 10, when we will honor all of our graduates for their hard work and achievements! If you know of someone that is graduating, please call the church office (248-4561) so we can include them in the service.

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG: You can participate in Crossroads Pregnancy Center's fund-raiser by taking home a baby bottle bank and filling it with your loose change (or bills if you choose!) and then return it on Father's Day, June 17.

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

- **Youth Group:** Youth group for youth in grades 6-12 is held every Sunday evening from 6-7:30 PM on the third floor of the church. All are encouraged to attend – and to bring their friends for fun, food, fellowship and most importantly, growth in relationship to God.
- **Adult Sunday Morning Study** led by Pat Brown meets in the church parlor on Sundays at 9 AM. The study is Ten Women of the Bible by Max Lucado.
- **Tuesday Evening Group:** This week, May 29, we will meet at the Oakwood Center (lower floor of Valley View Chapel) at 6:30 PM for fellowship, snacks and some time to pray together. A warm invitation is extended to all our View View friends and all who would like to join us!
- **Wednesday Morning Group** meets at the manse at 6:30 AM. A Clash of Kingdoms, by Ray Vander Laan, is part of the very popular "That the World May Know" series in which Vander Laan guides participants to a deeper understanding of the context of scripture to allow them to apply it more faithfully to their own lives.
- **Sunday Evening Group** meets from 6:00 – 7:15 PM at the manse. Address the Mess, by Andy Stanley which will help participants be honest about the challenging aspects of their lives. *However, due to messy and busy schedules, the group is on hiatus until June 10.*

THE LUMINA CENTER is seeking an enthusiastic, qualified candidate for the position of Program Director. He/she must desire to assist children and youth in succeeding. He/she will be expected to work closely with the Director, staff, board members, children and their families. He/she will be responsible for coordinating events, improving existing activities and developing new programs. He/she would be expected to adhere to the mission statement of the LUMINA Center as follows: LUMINA is a Community Center which offers the light of faith, hope and love "to" "for" and "with" the children, youth and families of Mifflin County in the name of Christ. Applications are available on the LUMINA Center's website or the LUMINA Center office. **For more information, please contact Debbie Wilt at 717-242-2888. Website: www.luminacenter.org**

GIVING REPORT AS OF 5/20/18

Weekly Need:	\$ 3,341.35	YTD Need:	\$ 66,827.00
Last Week:	\$ 2,759.00	YTD Received:	\$ 62,952.54

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

1 John 3:11-24

^{3:11} For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. ¹² Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous. ¹³ Do not be surprised, my brothers and sisters, if the world hates you. ¹⁴ We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death. ¹⁵ Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him.

¹⁶ This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

¹⁹ This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰ If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²² and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴ The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

May 27 – June 3, 2018

SUNDAY, May 27

- 9:00 AM Adult Small Group – parlor
- 9:15 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Deacons' Meeting
- 11:30 AM Community Luncheon
- No Youth Group tonight**

MONDAY, May 28

Office Closed – Memorial Day

TUESDAY, May 29

- 6:30 PM Adult Small Group: meeting at Oakwood Center at Valley View, Belleville
- 7:00 PM Mt. Rock Cemetery Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY, May 30

- 6:30 AM Adult Small Group – manse

SUNDAY, June 3 Volunteer Recognition

- 9:00 AM Adult Small Group – parlor
- 9:15 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 6:00 PM Youth Group

If you would like to schedule a meeting or event at the church, please call the church office so that we can avoid conflicts and properly publicize church related events.

A number of 12 Step Groups meet in the church building throughout the week. If you or someone you know is interested, call the church office or check the listing at the Third Street church entrance for a list of meeting times.