



Resurrect Love!

May 2, 2021

“My children, our love must not be simply words or mere talk – it must be true love, which shows itself in action and truth.”

-1 John 3.18 (The Message)

St. John United Church of Christ - Bellevue KY

Greeting and Opening Prayer

Keith M. Haithcock, pastor & teacher

Solo

Steve Milloy, vocals; Brian Malone, percussion

“God Welcomes All” -*South African Song*

Affirmation

Keith M. Haithcock

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus,
crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

Instrumental

Theo Baldwin & Steve Phillips, piano duet

“Cross of Christ Medley” -*Various, arr. Mary K. Sallee*

Mission Moment Video

A SPECIAL VIRTUAL GENERAL SYNOD 33
JULY 11-18, 2021

Registration opened on May 1, 2021.

Generous Giving

Sally Sipperley

In the book of Colossians chapter 3, verse 23, it says,

“Do whatever you do from the heart. You are working for Christ, not for people.”

Sometimes when we do things for the work of the Church we want to be recognized or thanked in public. Every gift offered for this ministry is for Christ not credit. Some skills are experienced behind the scenes and quietly. Other talents are presented to God publicly. Either way we work from our hearts for Christ. We are grateful for each gift of time, talent, and currency. May God continue to bless you as you give generously

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1 John 4.7-21

Sally Sipperley

Beloved, let us love one another because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten of God and has knowledge of God. Those who do not love have known nothing of God, for God is love. God's love was revealed in our midst in this way: by sending the Only Begotten into the world, that we might have faith through the Anointed One. Love, then, consists in this: not that we have loved God, but that God has loved us and has sent the Only Begotten to be an offering for our sins. Beloved, if God has loved us so, we must have the same love for one another. No one has ever seen God. Yet if we love one another, God dwells in us, and God's love is brought to perfection in us. The way we know that we remain in God and God in us is that we have been given the Spirit. We have seen for ourselves, and can testify, that God has sent the Only Begotten as Savior of the world. When any acknowledge that Jesus is the Only Begotten, God dwells in them and they in God. We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God in them. Love will come to perfection in us when we can face the day of judgment without fear—because our relation to this world is just like Christ's. There is no fear in love, for perfect love drives out fear. To fear is to expect punishment, and anyone who is afraid is still imperfect in love. We love because God first loved us. If you say you love God but hate your sister or

brother, you are a liar. For you cannot love God, whom you have not seen, if you hate your neighbor, whom you have seen. If we love God, we should love our sisters and brothers as well; we have this commandment from God.

One: Here ends the reading inspired by God.

May God grant to us wisdom and courage for interpretation.

All: Alleluia, Amen!

Children's Couch Church

Sarah, Anthony, Adeline and Eliza Palm

Ministry of Music

Steve Milloy, vocals & other instruments

*"Because He Lives, Amen" -Jason Ingram, Chris Tomlin, Matt Maher, Daniel Carson,
William J. Gaither, Edmond Martin Cash, Gloria L. Gaither*

Sermon

"LOVE DRIVES OUT FEAR"

Keith M. Haithcock

Community Prayer

Sally Sipperley

Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Keith M. Haithcock

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Let us come to the table. Alleluia!

Communion Hymn

St. John Ensemble and Congregation

"I Come with Joy"

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,

The life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.

**The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.**

And thus we meet, and better know the Presence, ever near,

**And join our hearts and sing with joy that Christ is risen here,
that Christ is risen here.**

Communion Prayer

Keith M. Haithcock

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise....

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

Keith M. Haithcock

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Send Out

Keith M. Haithcock

Going Forth Music

Steve Milloy, piano

“Jubilate Deo” -Anthony Giamanco

Today's worship leaders: those listed above St. John Ensemble: Theo Baldwin, Stephanie Dalsfoist, Lonnie Fields, Mitch Leigh, Jennie Malone, Steve Milloy, Charmaine Moore-Kitsinis, Melissa Stephens; St. John Handbell Choir: Sue Jelinek, Jan Hoeweler, Stephanie Dalsfoist, Sarah Palm; Edward Goode, editing and production; Eric Knechtges, ensemble editing; Linda Schuster, administrative support.

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