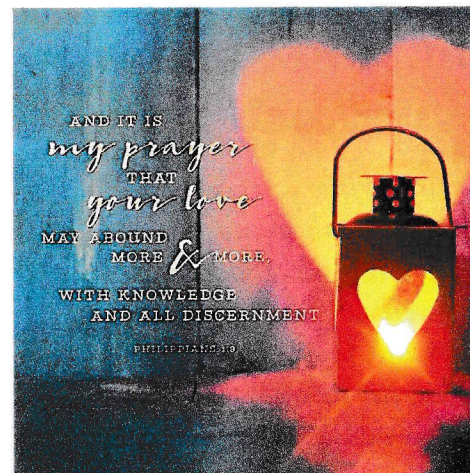


The Church Question: Giving Love?

Reasons for Joy #1
(Philippians 1:1-11)



Notes:



*"Lord, make me an
instrument of Thy
peace.*

*Where there is hatred,
let me sow love;*

*Where there is injury,
pardon;*

*Where there is doubt,
faith;*

*Where there is despair,
hope;*

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy.

*O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much
seek to be consoled, as to console;*

*Not so much to be understood
as to understand;*

Not so much to be loved as to love:

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

It is in dying that we awaken to eternal life."

- attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

**Covenant Presbyterian Church
of
Reno, Nevada**

**May 4, 2025
Communion Sunday**

Service for Communion Sunday

May 4, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

I am convinced that our understanding of love is inadequate...
The giving of Christ was not done to soft lights and sweet music...
There is one thing that would revolutionize modern society faster
than anything else: agape. If hatred were attacked by love, and
antagonism were countered with love, and people started giving
instead of grabbing, reaching outward rather than growing inward,
building bridges instead of barriers, our world would wonder what
had happened. Society would be shocked.
– Stuart Briscoe, Happiness Beyond Our Happenings, p.2

We Gather as the Saints in Christ Jesus who are at Rest

Prelude Nancy Tedford, piano

Church Family News & Welcoming One Another

We Worship Jesus Christ Who Has Begun a Good Work in Us

***Call to Worship** Psalm 92 (hymnal p.817) Marti Lipovsky

Songs of Praise CPC Praise Team

“Good, Good Father”

“Great Are You Lord”

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Children’s Prayer Time Katie Guerrero

Prayer of Confession, Assurance & Gloria Patri

Time of Offering

Offertory Anthem Covenant Choir & Janet Dunlap, soloist
“Behold the Lamb” – Getty/Townend

***Doxology (#731) & Prayer of Thanksgiving**

God’s Word Tells Us of Real Love

Scripture Reading

Philippians 1:1-11 (p.980)

Message: The Church Question: Giving Love? Pastor Jay
Reasons for Joy #1

Special Music “Most of the Time” – Kauflin/Nalle

As We Celebrate Communion We See the Real Love of Christ

***Unison Affirmation** The Apostles’ Creed (Hymnal p.845)

Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the 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 sins as we forgive those who sin
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.*

We Go Forth to See Our Love Abound More & More

***Closing Hymn** *Jesus Lives and So Shall I* #706

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

*indicates to stand if you are able

