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October 25th Sunday | 4th Sunday of Stewardship Season

*Please stand as you are able

Welcome and Announcements

Trinity Chimes

Prelude setting by John A. Behnke
Partita on JESUS LOVES ME

***Call to Worship**

One: God commands: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and all your soul, and all your mind.

All: And so, we open our hearts to ourselves — to our deepest, most sacred inward being.

One: We open our minds to God, offering honesty and truth.

All: We open our lives to each other, to share what God has given us.

One: Not in words alone, but in action and deed. We show love with the living of our lives.

All: God, here we are to worship, and to learn to love as we are loved.

***Hymn of Praise** BEECHER

384 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all the faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!

Let us all in thee inherit;
let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

4. Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Opening Prayer

Triune God who is love, you made us for community; not to vanish into others or you, but to know and be known, to love you and our neighbor as ourselves. Hold us in the long, humble work of understanding ourselves and one another. Keep us in love, and let our loving grow deeper, day by day. Amen.

Responsive Reading Psalm 90:1-6, 14-17

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn us back to dust and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past or like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning;

in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us and as many years as we have seen evil.

Let your work be manifest to your servants

and your glorious power to their children.
Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us
and prosper for us the work of our hands—
O prosper the work of our hands!

Music of Preparation David Schwoebel
My Saviors Love
The Chancel Choir

Gospel Lesson Matthew 22:34-46

Sermon
Many Gifts, One Spirit: the parable of love
Rev. Beth Rambikur

Music of Response

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon
Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Hear the Good News, Christ is among us renewing us for life with love. In the name of

Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God, Amen.

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 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

***Passing of the Peace**

Stewardship Moment

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Nelson & McHugh
People Need the Lord
Tom Messmore, solo

***Doxology** MEINEKE
70 *Glory Be to the Father*
Glory be to the Father

and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

***Offertory Prayer**

***Sending Hymn** GIFT OF LOVE

408 *The Gift of Love*

1. Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain,
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

2. Though I may give all I possess,
And striving, so my love profess,
But not be given by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

3. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
By this we worship, and are freed.

***Benediction** KATHERINE

114 *Many Gifts, One Spirit Refrain*

Many gifts, one Spirit,
one love known in many ways.
In our difference is blessing,
from diversity we praise

one Giver, one Lord, one Spirit, one Word
known in many ways,
hallowing our days.
For the Giver, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

Postlude *Toccata in D Minor* J.S. Bach

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"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
Words: Charles Wesley, 1747
"The Gift of Love"
Words: Hal Hopson, 1972 (1 cor 13:1-3)
"Glory Be to the Father"
Words: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th Cent.
"On Eagle's Wings"
Words: Michael Joncas, 1979 (Ex.19:4)

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