

**WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD:** Philippians 2:1-11

*"The Shape of Life: Part 4, Love"*

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## **WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER**

### **"THE LOVE OF GOD"**

The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can every tell;  
It goes beyond the highest star, and reaches to the lowest hell;  
The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win;  
His erring child He reconciled, and pardoned from his sin.

#### Refrain

O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!

**It shall forevermore endure, the saints' and angels' song.**

When years of time shall pass away, and earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,  
When men, who here refuse to pray, on rocks and hills and mountains call,  
**God's love so sure, shall still endure, all measureless and strong;**  
**Redeeming grace to Adam's race – The saints' and angels' song. (Refrain)**

Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made,  
Were every stalk on earth a quill, and every man a scribe by trade,  
To write the love of God above, would drain the ocean dry.

Nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky. *(Refrain)*

Frederick Lehman, 1917

### **WE RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSING OVER US (BENEDICTION)**

*Please join us for coffee and snacks in the Gathering Room down the hall. Overflow (especially for families with young kids) is located in room 103.*



## The Worship of God May 9, 2021

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*Harbor's mission is to exist as a FAMILY of God's people to GLORIFY God in all things, by PREACHING the gospel of Jesus Christ crucified, EQUIPPING His saints, and ENGAGING our community and the world with the love of Christ.*

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### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(Welcome visitors! To stay connected, go to [harborchurch.org](http://harborchurch.org) and sign up for our emails)*

### GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP: Psalm 89:1-5,14 *(selections)*

*(Please Read Responsively)*

I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

**For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens You will establish your faithfulness."**

Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before You.

### WE ASK GOD TO BE WITH US (PRAYER OF INVOCATION)

Our Father, who is 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

### **LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING"**

*Trinity Hymnal #529*

**Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down:**

Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown:  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
**Visit us with Thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

**Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;**

Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest:  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be:  
End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

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.

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 heav'n we take our place,**  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

## WE CONFESS OUR SIN TOGETHER

Forgive us for our selfish desire to have others serve us, and for our love of power and influence. You call us to be servants who lovingly pour out our lives for those around us. Lord, our hearts are deceitful, desperately wicked, and relentlessly self-focused. When we do honor, care for, and serve others, we secretly hope that people are watching and noticing so that our humility will be applauded and praised. As a result, our best acts of love toward others are often actually directed toward ourselves, as we use them to impress you and build our résumés before a watching world. Forgive us for our very deep sinfulness.\*

\*From *Prone to Wander*

## WE CONFESS OUR SINS IN OUR HEARTS *(silently)*

### GOD ASSURES US WE ARE FORGIVEN: Proverbs 16:5-6

Everyone who is arrogant in heart is an abomination to the Lord; be assured, he will not go unpunished. By steadfast love and faithfulness iniquity is atoned for, and by the fear of the Lord one turns away from evil.

### “HERE IS LOVE”

Here is love vast as the ocean, loving-kindness as the flood.  
When the Prince of Life our Ransom, shed for us His precious blood.  
Who His love will not remember, who can cease to sing His praise.  
He can never be forgotten, throughout Heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide.  
Through the floodgates of God's mercy, flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
Grace and love like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above.  
Heav'n's peace and perfect justice, kissed a guilty world in love.

Of Your fullness you are pouring, your great love on me anew.  
Without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to You.  
You alone will be my glory, nothing in this world I seek.  
You have cleansed and sanctified me, You, Yourself have set me free.

No love is higher, No love is wider, No love is deeper, No love is truer.  
No love is higher, No love is wider, No love is like Your love, O Lord.

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## WE CONFESS OUR FAITH TOGETHER: Heidelberg Catechism #107

Q. Is it enough, then, that we do not kill our neighbor in any such way?

A. No. When God condemns envy, hatred, and anger, he commands us to love our neighbor as ourselves, to show patience, peace, gentleness, mercy, and friendliness toward him, to protect him from harm as much as we can, and to do good even to our enemies.

## MEMORY VERSE: Philippians 1:21

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

### “HIS MERCY IS MORE”

What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more

#### Chorus:

Praise the Lord!  
His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more  
What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more *(chorus)*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more *(chorus)*

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### WE READ FROM GOD'S WORD: 1 Corinthians 13:1-7

<sup>1</sup> If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup> Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

## WE PRAY TO GOD FOR THE CONGREGATION

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WE WORSHIP GOD BY GIVING TITHES AND OFFERINGS *(Please see our website to give online or our mailing address is: Harbor Church, PCA, P.O. Box 4025, Mooresville, NC 28117)*

\*Please see Offertory song insert

### WE THANK GOD FOR HIS BLESSINGS” (DOXOLOGY)

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. / Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. / Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offertory Song:

YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

1) What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless  
peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is  
mine!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

2) The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side, the Savior He will stay  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley He will lead  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall over-  
come!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

3) No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave  
peace

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am  
free!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

4) With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall  
repeat:  
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