

**WORSHIP SERVICE FEBRUARY 14, 2021**  
**LOVE FEAST(AGAPE)**  
**TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**

Please put your Joy's & Concern's in the chat box  
Have paper, pen and small bowl (container) available

**Worship Leaders: Rev. Effie McAvoy & Minister Sandy Knapp**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE** "The Gift of Love"

**OPENING PRAYER**

God of earth and heaven, Thy hungry children feed, Thy grace be to our spirits given, That true immortal bread. Grant us and all our race In Jesus Christ to prove The sweetest of thy pardoning grace, The manna of thy love. AMEN

By: Charles Wesley

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Holy One, Light of the World,

**All: Help us to see and find our way in this time.**

Leader: Open us this day to a vision of the world made all-right,

**All: So that we might alight our own lives to show forth your reign on earth as it is in heaven.**

Leader: We praise you for your steadfast presence,

**All: Holding our lives together in love. Amen** By: Worship Design Studio

**MUSIC** "Table of Grace"

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**MUSIC** "My Peace"

Holy and Living God, Jesus, Friend, Spirit of Love and Care, We commend to you these prayers, these cares. We know already you are working, holding our lives in every way. Help us all to know your steadfast presence and be a steadfast presence to others in need. Amen.

Leader: Let us pray for the leaders of this world and this church community...

**All: God of Justice, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray for those who live in conflict around the world...

**All: Prince of Peace, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray for all who are experiencing loss of any kind in this pandemic...

**All: Comforting Healer, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray for those who are homeless, hungry and alone...

**All: Emmanuel, God-With-Us, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray for those who live in comfort, for Christ-like hospitality and generosity...

**All: Transforming Spirit, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Holy and Living One,  
for those we have named and the ones whose names we do not know,

**All: Hear our prayer. 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. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory now and forever. Amen.**

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**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Lord, these gifts are not payment for services rendered. These aren't our dues necessary for us to belong to this church. We know you made us with a purpose, and so now**

**we give ... on purpose, freely offering to you the best of who we are. Continue to work out your purpose in us. Make us your hands, outstretched, on purpose. Amen.**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**                    “Power of Your Love”

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Psalm 145: 8-21

**God is all mercy and grace—not quick to anger, is rich in love. God is good to one and all; everything he does is suffused with grace. Creation and creatures applaud you, God; your holy people bless you. They talk about the glories of your rule, they exclaim over your splendor, Letting the world know of your power for good, the lavish splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is a kingdom eternal; you never get voted out of office. God always does what he says, and is gracious in everything he does. God gives a hand to those down on their luck, gives a fresh start to those ready to quit. All eyes are on you, expectant; you give them their meals on time. Generous to a fault, you lavish your favor on all creatures. Everything God does is right—the trademark on all his works is love. God’s there, listening for all who pray, for all who pray and mean it. He does what’s best for those who fear him— hears them call out, and saves them. God sticks by all who love him, but it’s all over for those who don’t. My mouth is filled with God’s praise. Let everything living bless him, bless his holy name from now to eternity!**

**“CANTICLE OF LOVE”**

**This is my commandment,  
that you love one another  
as I have loved you.**

Let love be genuine and live in harmony; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good. Outdo one another in showing honor; be humble and never conceited. Love is stronger than death and jealousy is cruel as the grave. Floods cannot drown love and wealth cannot buy it. **R**

Put love above all else; let Christ's peace rule your hearts. Always be forgiving, as Christ has forgiven you. Love is not jealous or boastful, arrogant, rude, or stubborn, irritable, resentful, or possessive. Love is patient and kind. **R**

Do not love in word or speech only; love also in deed and truth. Receive each other in sincerity, find mercy and grow old together. Love rejoices in the right; it bears, believes, hopes, and endures all things, for love is faithful and endless. **R**

When the Lord builds the house, the labor is never in vain. Happy are those who take refuge in God; those who serve the Lord are redeemed. **R**

**MESSAGE**      Where Do You Feel The Love

**MUSIC**              "PASS IT ON"

**BENEDICTION**

Now go in the knowledge that God is holding your life even as we hold each other. You are not alone. You are loved. Amen.

## A Prayer

God of Love, You fill us with your love.

God of Love, You call us to love more.

God of Love, You empower us to receive  
love.

God of Love, grow us in love  
that we live it daily.

Amen.

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