

# "Mother's Day," Sixth Sunday of Easter weekend, 5/9/2021:

Call to Worship -- *"THE LOVE OF CHRIST"* from John 13:1,34; 14:21; 15:12-13; Romans 8:35,39; 2 Corinthians 5:14; Ephesians 3:17-19 (NKJV)

WORSHIP LEADER

Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. And Jesus said;

**EVERYONE**

**"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another."**

WORSHIP LEADER

"He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

**WOMEN**

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

**EVERYONE**

**"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."**

WORSHIP LEADER

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?  
Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

**EVERYONE**

**Neither height nor depth, nor any other created thing shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord.**

WORSHIP LEADER

For the love of Christ compels us.

**MEN**

**May you be rooted and established In the love of Christ.**

**WOMEN**

**May you be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height of the love of Christ.**

**MEN**

**May you know the love of Christ which passes knowledge.**

WORSHIP LEADER

May you be filled with all the fullness of God.

**EVERYONE**

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

Hymn: "Now Thank We All Our God (Grace Community Church)" - from Martijn de Groot {sing along with the word on the screen} (click on link below) --

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sR6Kajdtt3M>

Prayer of Confession

God of hope: you promise many homes within your house where Christ now lives in glory. Yet we live our lives as if we do not believe your promise. We live as if there were no life hereafter, overcome with troubles and given in to the sin of fear, trusting only in ourselves. Forgive us Lord; help us to take you at your word so our hearts may not be troubled or afraid but trust your parental love for this life and the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Rejoice and be glad! Our God is full of mercy, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Jesus Christ entered this world to rescue sinners. He bore in his body on the cross, our sin, so that we might be dead to sin and be alive to all that is fresh and good. Friends, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Dare to believe in the gift of a new beginning, and be at peace.

Scripture Lesson: John 15:9-17 Read by Bill Gross on video (click on link below) --

<https://www.facebook.com/nwpresbyterian/videos/998726560665480>

Sermon: "The Love That Makes Life Worth Living" by Pastor Buddy Ward on video (click on link below) --

<https://www.facebook.com/nwpresbyterian/videos/218537523030297>

Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee at ROYAL ALBERT HALL,LONDON" - from HIMaachen  
{sing along with the word on the screen} (click on link below) --

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eMY3ivdNzwE>

Benediction - Psalm 67:1-2

"May God be gracious to us and bless us and make God's face shine on us—  
so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations. Amen."

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