

**ST. DAVID'S (SHERMAN'S) UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**January 30, 2022**

**8:30 AM & 10:30 AM**

**WORDS TO PONDER**

A life without love is nothing.

**WELCOME**

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

**LEADER:** Are you sure, God? Don't I have to toot my own horn if I want to be recognized as somebody?

**PEOPLE:** **If I do not have love, I am a noisy gong.**

**LEADER:** Are you sure? Don't I have to promote myself to get ahead?

**PEOPLE:** **If I do not have love, I am a nothing.**

**LEADER:** Don't I have to stomp on other people in my way?

**UNISON:** **If I do not have love, I gain nothing.**

**ANTHEM:** *"God Be in My Head"*

chancel choir

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

We who take for granted the abundance and freedom we enjoy are summoned to recognize the sovereignty and generosity of God. We who are blind to the mystery of God's presence among us and insistent on our own way are brought face to face with Love and here recognize our sin. Let us seek the forgiveness of God.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**If love is patient, why are we irritable? If love is kind, why are we hostile? If love is not jealous or boastful, why do we flaunt our achievements in the presence of others? O God, in Jesus You have shown love which forgives imperfection; only in Him can we forsake childish ways. Forgive our lack of love, and have mercy upon us.**

TIME OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

ANOINTING

UNISON ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Remember that God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. God sent Christ in order to fulfill the law. Now we walk according to the Spirit, who bears witness with our spirit that we are God's children. Friends, claim your legacy; we are forgiven.**

HYMN: "I Love to Tell the Story" #467 Red

HOLY SCRIPTURES: Jeremiah 1:4-10, I Corinthians 13

CHILDREN'S STORYTIME

SERMON: "Love is ..."

PASTORAL PRAYER 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 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, forever. AMEN**

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

LEADER: God touches our mouths and bids us speak.  
God sends us forth to build and to plant.

PEOPLE: **We put our trust in God, day by day, and commit ourselves to lives of praise.**

LEADER: Be patient and kind, full of trust and hope, for God is eager to show love through us.

PEOPLE: **Our faith is nothing without love, and our good deeds are empty without God.**

UNISON: **Now faith, hope, love abide, these three, but the greatest of these is love.**

CLOSING HYMN: "O Jesus I Have Promised" #271 Red