



GATHERING

Prelude *It Is Well With My Soul* Rev. James West

Gathering

Song of Faith *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

ENGAGING

Prayers for Illumination

Scripture 1 Peter 4:8-11 | Proverbs 10:12

Act of Praise *How Great Is Your Love* Rev. James West

Message *Abundant Love: Love Covers Much!*

Questions for Reflection

THANKSGIVING

Prayer

Offering

SENDING

Living the Word

Song of Faith *How Can We Name a Love*

Blessing for the Road Ahead

Postlude *Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love* Rev. James West

Questions for Reflection

After reading 1 Peter 4:8-11 and Proverbs 10:12 take time to reflect upon, journal, or talk with a friend about these questions:

- How might love change how I see and interact with other people?
- What does Peter mean by “love covers a multitude of sins?”
- How does loving others help or improve my own mind, body, and spirit?
- Are there any sins that love does not cover? If so, why?
- Who in my life needs more earnest love from me? How will I show this earnest love?

Prayer Practice: Breath Prayer

This prayer practice focuses on our breathing. In our everyday activity our pace is often hurried and our breathing shallower. To best practice this prayer make sure to sit upright with your feet on the ground, back straight, head up, and your arms and hands in a comfortable position, possibly resting in your lap. Take a few deep breaths focusing on expanding your lungs. Then breathe deeply for 2 to 5 minutes. Use the IN phrase as you inhale and the OUT phrase as you exhale. You may speak the phrase aloud or meditate upon it silently.

IN > Love
OUT > Covers Much

Prayer of the Week

O God, give me a heart to love others earnestly. Help me to see others and their actions through the lens of love. Help me to gauge my own actions from a place of love. Thank you for the love and grace you give to me freely. Help me to be equally as generous in my relationships with others. Amen.

Daily Readings for This Week

Every day through scripture reading and prayer we will discover the broader story of God’s Word. Together let’s go deeper into God’s Word this week.

Monday ... John 15:9-17
Tuesday ... Ephesians 3:14-21
Wednesday ... 1 John 4:7-14
Thursday ... John 3:16-17
Friday ... 1 Corinthians 13
Saturday ... 1 Corinthians 16:13-14
Sunday ... Rest

Scripture for Next Sunday

Philippians 4:4-9

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Call to Worship and Prayer of Dedication

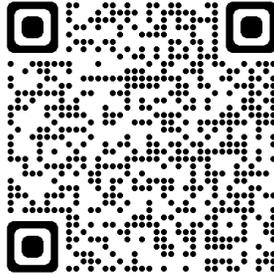
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- guest regular attendee member
- I participated in Hands on Mission and Service project(s) this week

Prayer request for _____

Relationship to you _____

The celebration or concern is for _____

- I desire a pastoral call/visit. *(Circle one.)*
- Confidential *(I only want the Pastor/Staff to know).*
- Please publish in the prayer list.
- Please send Prayer Ministry Card.