

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 John 4:7-12

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: he sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

## SONG OF RESPONSE

### ***“My Jesus, I Love Thee”***

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;  
for thee all the follies of sin I resign.  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me,  
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.  
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

I'll love thee in life, and I'll love thee in death,  
I'll praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath;  
and say when the death dew lies cold on my brow,  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore thee in Heaven so bright;  
and sing with the glittering crown on my brow;  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

## BAPTISM

Dan and Carlene Basler bringing Elias Ethan Anawim and Finnlea Heather Lior  
Nick and Amy Kyriakidis bringing Fisher Panos Nicholas  
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## BENEDICTION

*Next week's scripture: Revelation 2:8-11, 12-17*  
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## SONG OF ANTICIPATION

### ***“All Must Be Well”***

Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well.  
Free and changeless is his favor, all is well.  
Precious is the blood that healed us,  
perfect is the grace that sealed us,  
strong the hand stretched forth to shield us,  
all must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well.  
Ours is such a full salvation, all is well.  
Happy still in God confiding,  
fruitful if in Christ abiding,  
steadfast through the Spirit's guiding,  
all must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow; all will be well.  
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, all is well.  
On our Father's love relying,  
Jesus every need supplying,  
yes in living or in dying,  
all must be well.

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The eternal Father, who loved us and set us free from our sins,  
**All: who loves us still with that love that will not let us go, and who will love us forever,**

calls us to worship him today as the only true lover of our souls, that we would love because he first loved us.

**The Lord stoops to receive the love of our poor hearts. He calls us to remember the depth of his love for us in Christ.**

Almighty Father, we worship you together, saying:  
**The Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

**“His Love Can Never Fail”**

I do not ask to see the way my feet will have to tread;  
but only that my soul may feed upon the living Bread.  
'Tis better far that I should walk by faith close to his side;  
I may not know the way I go, but oh, I know my Guide.

*Chorus: His love can never fail, his love can never fail,  
my soul is satisfied to know his love can never fail.  
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And if my feet would go astray, they cannot, for I know  
that Jesus guides my falt'ring steps, as joyfully I go.  
And tho' I may not see his face, my faith is strong and clear,  
that in each hour of sore distress my Savior will be near. (*chorus*)

I will not fear, tho' darkness come abroad o'er all the land,  
if I may only feel the touch of his own loving hand.  
And tho' I tremble when I think how weak I am, and frail,  
my soul is satisfied to know his love can never fail. (*chorus*)

**“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”**

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,  
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:  
hide me, O my Savior, hide, 'til the storm is past;  
safe into the haven guide, receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on thee;  
leave, oh leave me not alone, support and comfort me!  
All my trust on thee is stayed, all help from thee I bring;  
cover my defenseless head in the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; here more than all I find:  
raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is thy name; I am all unrighteousness;  
false and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of thee;  
spring thou up within my heart, for all eternity.

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

**“Grace Flows Down”**

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 2:1-7

<sup>1</sup>To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: “The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.

<sup>2</sup>I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. <sup>3</sup>I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name’s sake, and you have not grown weary. <sup>4</sup>But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. <sup>5</sup>Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. <sup>6</sup>Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. <sup>7</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.”

SERMON

“7 Letters: Love”

Gary Purdy

CONFESSION OF SIN

**All: There are many times we think we love you well, O God. But upon hearing your call to love you with all our heart, and all our mind, and all our strength, we confess that our love for you is a diluted love, made dull by lesser loyalties and a divided heart. Our love seems pure only for brief moments; soon our affections are drawn away. How easily our devotion dies. Forgive us; in deep mercy spare us, despite our lost first love for you; in grace rekindle our love for you in seeing anew Jesus’ love for us. Amen.**