



May 5, 2024

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Gathering Music

Let Us Break Bread Together

Lasky

Olga Tuetler, organ

Prelude

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Burkhardt

Gathering Song

Open

Silver

O-pen our eyes to truth O-pen our hands to give free - ly
O-pen our lips to good words, to pure words, O-pen our hearts to love.

Welcome

Rev. Stephen Gray

***Call To Worship (From 1 Corinthians 13)**

Leader: If I speak with human eloquence and angelic ecstasy but do not love,

People: I'm nothing but the creaking of a rusty gate.

Leader: If I speak God's Word with power, revealing all God's mysteries and making everything plain as day, and if I have faith that says to a mountain, "Jump," and it jumps, but do not love,

People: Then I am nothing.

Leader: If I give everything I own to the poor and even go to the stake to be burned as a martyr, but I don't love, I've gotten nowhere.

People: So, no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I'm
bankrupt without love.

Leader: Love never dies.

People: Faith, hope, and love abide. And the greatest of these is love.

ALL: Let us worship God

***Pew Hymnal 6**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Burkhardt



1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, In light in - ac -
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light, Nor want - ing, nor
3. To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small; In all life Thou
4. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light, Thine an - gels a -



ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the
wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might; Thy jus - tice, like moun - tains, high
liv - est, the true life of all; We blos - som and flour - ish as
dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight; All praise we would ren - der; O



An - cient of Days, Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
soar - ing a - bove Thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
leaves on the tree, And with - er and per - ish --- but naught chang - eth Thee.
help us to see 'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee!

Children's Message

Rev. Emily Collins

***Pew Hymnal 423**

Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire

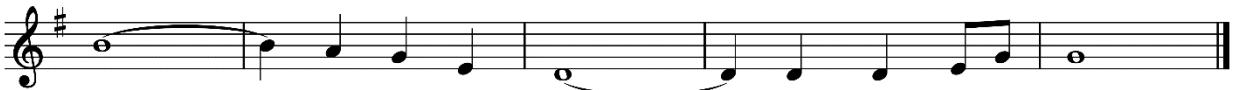
Hopson



1. Though I may speak with brav-est fire, And have the
2. Though I may give all I pos - sess, And striv-ing
3. Come Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol, Our spir - its



gift to all in - spire, And have not love, my words are
so my love pro - fess, But not be giv'n by love with-
long to be made whole. Let in - ward love guide ev - 'ry



vain; As sound-ing brass, and hope - less gain.
in, The prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
deed; By this we wor - ship, and are freed.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Stephen Gray

Choral Prayer Response

Lord, Christ, Be Ever Near Us

Werle

Invitation to Communion

Rev. Emily Collins

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem

Behold the Lamb

Nolan

Sanctuary Choir

The Bread

The Cup

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Rev. Emily Collins

¹If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing.

³If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing. ⁴Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud ⁵or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. ⁶It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. ⁷Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

⁸Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will become useless. But love will last forever! ⁹Now our knowledge is partial and incomplete, and even the gift of prophecy reveals only part of the whole picture! ¹⁰But when the time of perfection comes, these partial things will become useless.

¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things. ¹² Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely. ¹³ Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.

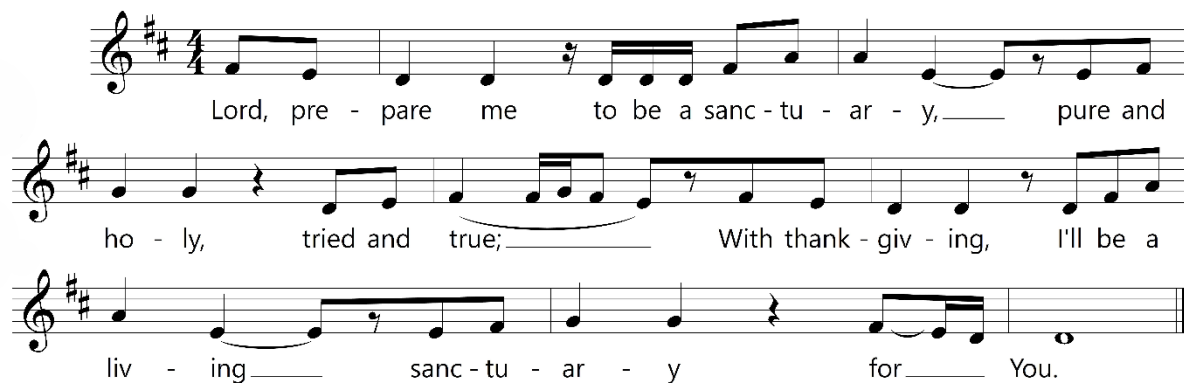
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Song of Preparation

Sanctuary

Thompson and Scruggs



Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and
ho - ly, tried and true; With thank - giv - ing, I'll be a
liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for You.

Message

"Love Is the Greatest"

Rev. Stephen Gray

Invitation to Give

During the offering music, please pass the offering basket from one end of the pew to the other. You may place your offering in this basket, or in one of the boxes at the back of the sanctuary. You may also text to 73256 with the words WBCGift and the amount you wish to give. (Example: WBCGift \$100) Additionally, you may give electronically by going to: onrealm.org/WestwoodBaptist

Offering

In This Holy Hour

Livingston
Olga Tuetler, organ

Prayers of the People

Rev. Emily Collins

Congregational Life

Rev. Emily Collins

***Benediction**

Rev. Stephen Gray

***Closing Song**

Grace, Love and Fellowship

Fettke



May the grace of Christ, our Sav-ior, and the love of God, our Fa-ther, and the



fel - low - ship of the Spir - it be with us. May the



us for - ev - er, and ev - er, for - ev - er - more, A - men.

Postlude

Crown Him Lord of All

Martin
Olga Tuetler, organ

**You may stand.*

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If you would like to talk with someone about your spiritual journey or have questions about joining Westwood as a member, please contact a member of our Pastoral Staff. We would love to speak with you!

If you have a prayer concern that you would like to share, please send a text to 703-662-1116. Please include your name. We will mention concerns in our prayer time.

Worship bags for children are located at the back near the doors.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Lisa Hunt in honor of the birthday of her mother, Gail Shelton.



For more information about Westwood activities, please visit www.westwood-baptist.org/bulletinboard, or scan this QR code.

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