

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. May we be transformed into your image. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\* BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

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Two New Classes Offered

Register Now for Grief and Divorce Care Classes

Registration is now open for two new classes.

Grief Care

This is a 6-week class designed for those who have lost a loved one in the last year. There will be two class options: Sundays beginning January 22, 5:00-6:30 pm, led by Rev. Sheryl Thornton and Tommy Sisson and Thursdays beginning January 26, 9:00-10:30 am, led by Rev. Dale Cohen and Jennifer Kopf.

Divorce Care

This is a 10-week class that provides encouragement and helpful tools for navigating divorce and life after. Classes begin on Sunday, January 22, 5:00-6:30 pm. Divorce Care is led by Ryane Rice with United Counseling.

Preregistration is required for both classes: [ellen.thomas@canterburyumc.org](mailto:ellen.thomas@canterburyumc.org). Childcare is provided by request: [Amanda.fuller@canterburyumc.org](mailto:Amanda.fuller@canterburyumc.org).



Thanksgiving for the Life of

- Ann Bryant.....January 2, 2017
- Dr. Edward (Ed) Tyndal.....January 5, 2017
- Dr. B. Q. Scruggs.....January 6, 2017

In the Hospital (as of January 12)

- Blaise LeJune.....Children's
- Jean Danner.....St. Vincent's

Roses on the Altar

The roses on the Sanctuary lectern are placed in honor of Laura Stone Daniel, Frances Hereford Daniel, & William Seaton Daniel, children of Lucy & Chris Daniel, who were born on December 21st, Amelia Claire Vernon, daughter of Amanda & Ryan Vernon, who was born on December 22nd, Virginia Scott Gaddy, daughter of Margaret & Jeremy Gaddy, who was born on January 2nd. Gerald Anderson Morris, son of Molly & Pelham Morris, who was born on December 28th.

The Flowers in the Chapel

are placed in loving memory of Mary Ann Reeves by her family.



NEW TRADITIONS

JANUARY 15, 2017

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

PREACHING — REV. TORI HASTINGS

LITURGIST — REV. WARREN NASH

CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST — DR. LESTER SEIGEL

THE WAY OF LOVE

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." John 13:34, NRSV

For most of us, we think of love as an emotion. We talk about falling in love as if it were an accident. By the same token, when we talk about falling out of love, we describe it as if some unseen force over which we have no control has taken our love for the other. Rather than identifying the series of small choices we made that led to the distancing in our relationship, we would rather play the innocent bystander—the victim of our circumstances.

Jesus reminds us that love is a choice. Certainly our emotions are affected by the choices we make; however, at the end of the day, we choose to love or not to love.

Loving someone can be difficult. It takes time. It can be demanding. It requires that we sacrifice for the one we love. It means that sometimes we put our own wants and desires on the back burner in order for us to address the wants and the desires of the one we love. When we multiply the demands of love across our relationships, it can be overwhelming.

The key is that Jesus commanded us to love one another AS he loves us. In all his loving, Jesus never lost sight of the need to take care of himself. He knew that in order for him to be able to love us, he had to spend time nurturing his love for God and his love for himself. That's why he chose to withdraw from time to time and spend time with God. It was during that time away (such as the time in the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest and crucifixion) when he was able to clarify how best to demonstrate his love for us. Love is a choice but choosing how to love is also important.

In our Choose This Day sermon series, we're talking about Choosing Love this week. I hope you will join us as we explore in practical ways what it means to choose love as a discipline to guide your life. I believe this is one of the most critical choices we make as it has implications for so many other areas of our life. May God guide us into loving one another as Jesus loves us.

Dale R. Cohen

Dale Cohen, Senior Pastor



# ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

\*Congregation Please Stand

URWB - Upper Room Worship Book UMH - United Methodist Hymnal  
Words in bold type are spoken or sung by the congregation.

## WELCOME AND WORSHIP WORDS

\* HYMN 58 (URWB) All Are Welcome, vv. 1, 3, 5 TWO OAKS

COLLECT *The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.*

Day by day, Lord, you lead us to the deep, deep pools of peace, to the green, lush lawns of grace. Day by day, you call us to pour out ourselves in service, to anoint the stranger with hope. Day by day, you show us the community we could be, the family we are called to become. Help us, Lord, to answer your call. Amen.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*All f*  
Glo - ry to God in the high - est! Sing glo - ry to God! \_\_\_\_\_  
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth! \_\_\_\_\_

RESPONSIVE READING 774 (UMH) Psalm 40: 1 - 11

EPISTLE LESSON 1 John 3: 13 - 24  
*The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.*

SERMON Rev. Tori Hastings

RESPONSE TO THE WORD 141 (URWB) The Gift of Love THE GIFT OF LOVE

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

## ALL PRAY IN SILENCE

KYRIE 482 (UMH)  
*Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

## WORDS OF PARDON

*In the name of Jesus Christ, we are a forgiven people. Glory to God!  
Alleluia! Amen.*

\* THE PEACE *The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. And also with you.*

Sha - lom, Sha - lom, the peace of God be here. Sha - lom, sha - lom, God's jus - tice be ev - er near.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Lord in your mercy... hear our prayer.*

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Thy Perfect Love John Rutter  
Wanda Banks, mezzo-soprano

Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest, Thy perfect love close in my breast  
That I thee love and never rest; And make me love thee all thinge best,  
And wounde my heart in they love free, That I may reign in joy evermore with thee.

\* WESLEY'S GRACE & DOXOLOGY OLD 100TH

Be present at our table, Lord; Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
be here and everywhere adored; praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Thy creatures bless, and grant that we praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,  
may feast in paradise with Thee. praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING 37-40 (URWB)

### SANCTUS

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might: hea - ven and earth are full, are  
full of Your glo - ry. O\_\_ Bless - ed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho  
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in \_\_\_\_\_ the high - est!

### THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Christ has died,\_\_\_\_ Christ is ris - sen, Christ \_\_\_\_\_ will come a - gain!

### AMEN

A - men,\_\_\_\_ A - men,\_\_\_\_ A - - - - men.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER 454 (URWB, chanted)

FRACTION ANTHEM 413 (URWB) Agnus Dei BELL AGNUS

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP BY INTINCTION AND KNEELING *All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Ushers will guide you.*

COMMUNION MUSIC (URWB) *Please join in singing the hymn as we receive the elements.*

HYMN 130 We Meet as Friends at Table MERLE'S TUNE

HYMN 121 Now in This Banquet BANQUET