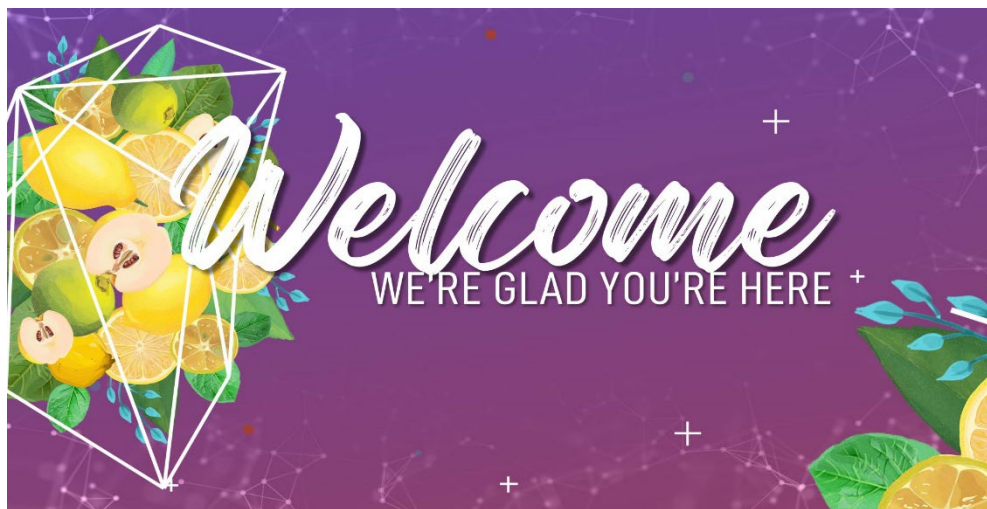


Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



WELCOME TO CEC..... Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER Give thanks to the Lord (forever)
Love so great (You are the Lord almighty)

PRAYER
SINGING TOGETHER Oh praise the name (Anastasis)
UPDATES Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER How deep the Fathers love
BIBLE READING 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (Church Bible page 1205)
MESSAGE Taught by Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER God I look to you



Fruition ~2 How to love better. (The fruit of love) 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

'Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. Love does not demand its own way. Love is not irritable, and it keeps no record of when it has been wronged. It is never glad about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.' 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 NLT

'Let love be your highest goal.' 1 Corinthians 14:1 NLT

'The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.' Galatians 5:6 NIV

'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and all your soul, and all your mind and all your strength. And love your neighbour as yourself. There are no commands more important than these.' Mark 12:30-31 NCV

'So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.' John 13:34 NLT

1. Love must be _____.

'That night Levi invited Jesus and his disciples to be his dinner guests, along with his fellow tax collectors and many other notorious sinners. (There were many people of this kind among the crowds that followed Jesus.) But when some of the teachers of religious law who were Pharisees saw him eating with people like that, they said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with such scum?" When Jesus heard this, he told them, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do. I have come to call sinners, not those who think they are already good enough."' Mark 2:15-17 NLT

'You have heard that the law of Moses says, 'Love your neighbour' and hate your enemy. But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and on the unjust, too.' Matthew 5:43-45 NLT

2. Love must be _____.

See Luke 17:11-19

'Your attitude should be the same that Christ Jesus had.' Philippians 2:5 NLT

'Because of Christ and our faith in him, we can now come fearlessly into God's presence, assured of his glad welcome.' Ephesians 3:12 NLT

3. Love must _____.

'If anyone boasts, "I love God," and goes right on hating his brother or sister, thinking nothing of it, he is a liar. If he won't love the person he can see, how can he love the God he can't see? The command we have from Christ is blunt: Loving God includes loving people. You've got to love both.' 1 John 4:20-21 MSG

'Dear children, let us stop just saying we love each other. Let us really show it by our actions.' 1 John 3:18 NLT

'When the Holy Spirit controls our lives, He will produce this kind of fruit in us love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.' Galatians 5:22-23 NLT

'As we know Jesus better, his divine power gives us everything we need for living a godly life.' 2 Peter 1:3 NLT

'I pray that you will begin to understand how incredibly great his power is to help those who believe him. It is that same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead.' Ephesians 1:19-20 LB

'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.' John 3:16 NIV

'God showed how much he loved us by sending his only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love. It is not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other.' 1 John 4:9-11 NLT



SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. When you think of 'love', what initially comes into your mind?
2. Why do we all have limits to our love towards others? How does 1 Corinthians 14:1 challenge this view?
3. Read Mark 12:30-31. Jesus said nothing is more important than learning to love God with all your heart and learning to love everybody else. Why is this important?
4. Life is all about learning to love. Do you agree or disagree with that statement? See Galatians 5:6, John 13:34.
5. Read Mark 2:15-17 and Matthew 5:43-45. In what ways were Jesus' actions and his teaching so radical? What are some of the reasons why it is hard to love other people?
6. Read 1 John 4:20-21. How do these verses challenge you?
7. Read 1 John 3:18. Love requires action to show compassion. Share a time someone did something for you or someone you know that showed God's love at a time it was needed most.
8. Read 2 Peter 1:3 and Ephesians 1:19-20. In what ways does it encourage you that a supernatural power to love is available to believers? Have you had an instance in your life where you have loved with power from God when naturally you didn't want to?
9. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. Others should be able to look at Christians and see what love looks like. What are examples of how others could see what love looks like by looking at Christians?



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