

Theme for Worship: 1 John 3:23

And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ  
and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

Welcome

Announcements

Prayer of Approach

Call to Worship: 1 Peter 2:9-10

Pastor: But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Congregation: Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Prayer of Adoration & the Lord's Prayer

Hymn: #347 "The Church's One Foundation" (v.1-4)

Responsive Reading: 1 John 3:11-24

For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. <sup>12</sup> We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. <sup>13</sup> Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. <sup>14</sup> We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. <sup>15</sup> Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

<sup>16</sup> By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup> But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? <sup>18</sup> Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

<sup>19</sup> By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; <sup>20</sup> for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup> Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup> and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup> And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup> Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

Morning Prayer: Ruling Elder Rick McCready

Hymn #701 "Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!"

Confession of Faith: Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 26, Paragraphs 1 & 2 (p. 864 in Trinity Hymnal)

1. All saints that are united to Jesus Christ their head, by his Spirit and by faith, have fellowship with him in his graces, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory: and being united to one another in love, they have communion in each other's gifts and graces, and are obliged to the performance of such duties, public and private, as do conduce to their mutual good, both in the inward and outward man.

2. Saints, by profession, are bound to maintain an holy fellowship and communion in the worship of God, and in performing such other spiritual services as tend to their mutual edification; as also in relieving each other in outward things, according to their several abilities and necessities. Which communion, as God offereth opportunity, is to be extended unto all those who, in every place, call upon the name of the Lord Jesus.

Doxology

Offering Prayer

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:44-47

And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup> And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Message: “God’s New Society”

Introduction:

*God’s New Society*

### **The Indwelling Work of the Holy Spirit Transforms Our Relationships with One Another**

v.44-45

*“All who believed were together”*

*They were helping those who had any need*

### **The Indwelling Work of the Holy Spirit Transforms Our Hearts**

v.46-47a

*He transforms our worship*

*He transforms our attitudes toward our lives*

*He transforms our relationships with unbelievers*

### **The Indwelling Work of the Holy Spirit Draws People into God’s Kingdom**

v.47b

*The Lord added to their number*

Conclusion

Hymn: #648 “My Jesus, I Love Thee”

Benediction

### **NOTES:**

Attendance for 8/9 - 9am – 18    10:30am – 55    Streaming count - NA

Offering: \$ 7,243.00    Missions: \$797.00

Wednesday, August 19th - 7pm – Zoom Prayer Meeting (link will be sent out Monday)

Saturday, August 29 – 10am – Card Making Party at the church (materials to be provided)  
see Alyssa Crum or Amy Bousema for more details

Sunday, August 30 – **BYOP: Bring your own Picnic!** Missionaries Scott & Kathy Craig will be joining us for both worship services to share what God has been doing in Juarez, Mexico and where he is leading them now. After the second service, please join us outside on the lawn for a picnic. Please bring your own food, drinks, blankets and lawn chairs. We will enjoy more fellowship time with the Craigs and with the church family outside. 😊

Please note a new address for Michal Sunderman, 11912 Parkview Lane, Fishers, IN 46038 and  
Andrew & Christine Berryhill, 408 Canal View Way, Apt. D, Indpls, 46202

Congratulations to Josie Donaldson, former member at Grace, on her graduation from High School! Josie will be attending John Brown University, Majoring in Outdoor Leadership Ministry. If you would like to send her best wishes, you can write to her at home, 2800 Pahl Ave, St. Anthony, MN 55418.