

IN-PERSON WORSHIP
Southern Pines United Methodist Church

2 May 2021

5th Sunday in Lent

8:30 in the morning

- WE GATHER-

We are welcomed and called to worship

Come to Christ, the true vine, and bear much fruit.

We have come to abide in the vine, and to bear the fruit of salvation.

Come to love one another, for love is of God.

We have come to the household of love, for God is love.

Come to set aside your fears, for perfect love drives out fear.

We have come to love one another, as God has loved us.

Come! All are welcome here.

Verse 1 **"Come to the Table"**

We all start on the outside

The outside looking in

This is where grace begins

We were hungry we were thirsty

With nothing left to give

Oh the shape that we were in

Chorus

Just when all hope seemed lost

Love opened the door for us

(He said) come to the table

Come join the sinners who have been redeemed

Take your place beside the Savior

Sit down and be set free

(Come to the table)

Verse 2

Come meet this motley crew of misfits

These liars and these thieves

There's no one unwelcome here

So that sin and shame that you've brought with you

You can leave it at the door

And let mercy draw you near

Bridge

To the thief and to the doubter

To the hero and the coward

To the pris'ner and the soldier

To the young and to the older

All who hunger all who thirst

All the last and all the first

All the paupers and the princes

All who've failed you've been forgiven All who dream and all who suffer

All who've loved and lost another All the chained and all the free

All who follow all who lead Anyone who's been let down

All the lost you have been found All who've been labeled right or wrong

To ev'ryone who hears this song

*Sermon Scripture from **1 John 4:7-21***

"It Begins & Ends with Love"

Prayer Concerns & *Invitation to Communion*

response: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Prayer of Confession

God of love and life, your glory knows no bounds. We yearn to set aside our fears, but we are often afraid.

We long to love our sisters and brothers, but we often feel alienated from them. We desire to abide in you as you abide in us, but we cut ourselves off by our disobedience. Show us once more how to love, for only love can cast out our fear. Show us how to love one another well, for only then can we truly know you. Show how to abide in your vine, for only then can we bear the fruit that glorifies your name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The Great Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

Prayer after Communion

Lord God, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

"They Will Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

Verse 1

We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity
May one day be restored

Verse 2

We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news
That God is in our land

Verse 3

We will work with each other
We will work side by side
We will work with each other
We will work side by side
And we'll guard each man's dignity
And save each man's pride

Chorus

And they'll know we are Christians
By our love by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians
By our love

We worship through the sharing of our gifts and God's tithe

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