

**Blakemore United Methodist Church**  
**Worship**  
**8/30/2020 (9:30 am)**

Gathering

Announcements

**Prelude**

**Prayers of the People**

**Centering**

The enemy:

Love Them

The oppressor:

Walk the mile with them

The Master:

Turn the other cheek to them.

This doormat faith

Seems too much to bear

In a world where those who bully

Always seem to win

The enemy:

Imbalance them with love

The oppressor:

Shame the law that oppresses

The Master:

Turn the cheek as an equal

This rebellious faith

Seems too much to bear

In a world where those who bully

Are loved back to justice by the bullied

But this is heaven's revolution

And we are called into it

Come let us worship

Love's rebel, Jesus

## Hymn - "All Who Love and Serve Your City" *The United Methodist Hymnal #433*

### Verse 1

All who love and serve you city,  
All who bear its daily stress,  
All who cry for peace and justice,  
All who curse and all who bless;

### Verse 2

In your day of loss and sorrow,  
In your day of helpless strife,  
Honor, peace, and love retreating,  
Seek the Lord, who is your life.

### Verse 3

In your day of wealth and plenty,  
Wasted work and wasted play,

Call to mind the word of Jesus,  
"Work ye yet while it is day."

### Verse 4

For all days are days of judgement,  
And the Lord is waiting still,  
Drawing near to all who spurn him,  
Offering peace from Calvary's hill.

### Verse 5

Risen Lord, shall yet the city  
Be the city of despair?  
Come today, our Judge, our Glory,  
Be its name, "The Lord is There!"

## Proclaiming

### Scripture Reading: Romans 12: 9-12

Love should be shown without pretending. Hate evil, and hold on to what is good. Love each other like the members of your family. Be the best at showing honor to each other. Don't hesitate to be enthusiastic-- be on fire in the Spirit as you serve the Lord! Be happy in your hope, stand your ground when you're in trouble, and devote yourselves to prayer. Contribute to the needs of God's people, and welcome strangers into your home. Bless people who harass you-- bless and don't curse them. Be happy with those who are happy, and cry with those who are crying. Consider everyone as equal, and don't think that you're better than anyone else. Instead associate with people who have no status. Don't think that you're so smart. Don't pay back anyone for their evil actions with evil actions, but show respect for what everyone else believes is good.

If possible, to the best of your ability, live at peace with all people. Don't worry our try to get revenge for yourselves, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath. It is written, Revenge belongs to me; I will pay it back, says the Lord. Instead, If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink. By doing this, you will pile burning coals of fire upon his head. Don't be defeated by evil, but defeat evil with good.

### Sermon: Amanda Diamond

## Discussion and Reflection

### **Hymn “Jesu, Jesu”-- *The United Methodist Hymnal #432***

#### *Refrain*

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love  
Show us how to serve .  
the neighbors we have from you

these are the ones we should love;  
all these are neighbors to us and you.

#### *Refrain*

#### *Verse 1*

Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
silently washes their feet,  
Master who acts as a slave to them.

#### *Verse 4*

Loving puts us on our knees,  
serving as though we are slaves:  
this is the way we should live with you.

#### *Refrain*

#### *Refrain*

#### *Verse 2*

Neighbors are rich folk and poor,  
neighbors are black, brown, and white,  
neighbors are near and far away.

#### *Verse 5*

Kneel at the feet of our friends,  
silently washing their feet,  
this is the way we should live with you.

#### *Refrain*

#### *Verse 3*

These are the ones we should serve,

## Responding

Invitation to Holy Communion

### Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,**

**We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have failed to be an obedient church.**

**We have not done your will,**

**We have rebelled against your love,**

**We have not loved our neighbors,**

**And we have not heard the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**Free us for joyful obedience,**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
That proves God's love toward us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**All: Glory to God. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

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.**

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