

**Love As Jesus Loved May 6, 2018**

**Bonnie**

**Meditation Thought: When we love as Jesus loves, it spills out of us and we can share that love and Christ's mission with others. Continue to fill your lives up through prayers and study. When you do this, God's love will overflow to all you meet.**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Invitation to Worship**

**Psalm 98 adapted**

**Sing a new song to our God, who has worked wonders,**

**Shout to the Most High, all the earth,**

**Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

**Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.**

**Let the floods clap their hands, let the hills sing together for joy**

**before our God.**

**\*Hymn "Now Sing to Our God"**

**CCS 108**

**\*Invocation**

**\*Response**

**Our Generous Response**

**Offertory Statement**

**Blessing and Receiving of our offerings**

**Hymn "God is Calling"**

**CCS 172**

**Communion Message**

**Hymn of Preparation "Coming Together for Wine and for Bread"**

**CCS 516**

**\*\*Blessing and Serving of the Bread and Wine**

**Ministry of Music "Lord, Prepare Me" Solo/duet sing 2X CCS 280**

**Pastoral Challenge attached**

**\*Hymn: "Go Now Forth into the World"**

**CCS 646**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Response**

**\*Recessional**

## **Pastoral Challenge**

**Have you ever wished you could love as Jesus loved? How can we do that? We get filled with God's love when we hear the stories of Jesus' life and ministry, death and resurrection.**

**We get more of God's love when we learn that Jesus taught his followers to love God, to love their neighbors and to love their enemies. By eating with sinners, serving the poor, healing the unclean, blessing children, welcoming women and men among his disciples, Jesus declared all people are of worth in the sight of God. It is to Christ and his gospel that we declare our loyalty and will be judged.**

**Have you ever wished you had so much love that it would pour over into other people's lives like your friends, family, or even the lives of others you meet? How can this happen?**

**John 15:9-10 says, "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love."**

**Your prayers to God help your love grow like Jesus' love so it overflows to all those around you. When we love as Jesus loves, it spills out of us and we can share that love and Christ's mission with others. Continue to fill yourselves up with love through prayer and study. When you do this, God's love will overflow to all you meet.**