

Called to become neighbors with those near and far by  
joyfully walking together in God's peace

## Washington Mennonite Church

April 28, 2024 – 9:30 AM

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

We welcome all to this place for the worship of God and for Christian fellowship.  
Let us worship God in spirit and in truth, reaching out to one another in Christ's love.  
We welcome our guests and visitors and hope you will join us again soon.

### GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

**Prelude Preparation** – Roger Farmer

**Welcoming God's People** – Marlinda Beachy

**Gathering Songs** – Mary Lou & Roger Farmer

VT 7 – *Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing*

VT 158 – *I Know God Loves Me*

VT 136 – *Holy*

**Children's Focus** – Luke Hertzler

**Offerings**

*Coins for Camp*

*Regular WMC Offering*

### TELLING GOD'S STORY

**Confessing Our Faith**

VT 922

**Hearing Scripture** – 1 John 4:7-21

<sup>7</sup> Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

<sup>9</sup> This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us...

<sup>16(b)</sup> God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them...

<sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup> Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup> And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

**Sermon** – Nick Detweiler-Stoddard

“No Other Option: Love One Another”

### RESPONDING TO CHRIST'S LOVE

**Response Song**

VT 388 – *How Can I Say*

**Congregational Sharing & Praying** – Nick Detweiler-Stoddard

### SENT TO LOVE OTHERS

**Benediction**

**Sending Song**

VT 841 – *As You Go Out from Here*

**Tech Host** – Marcus Unruh

**Greeter** – Jane and Frank Widmer Yoder

**Sunday Morning Schedule:**

May 5 – Holy Humor Sunday

May 12 – Nick Detweiler-Stoddard

May 19 – Elisabeth Pfeiffer

**Upcoming Events:**

May 11 – Spring Clean-Up Day, 8am

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**Mission Statement** - As followers of Jesus Christ, we are a community of faith empowered by the Holy Spirit, seeking to love God with all our hearts, minds, souls, and strength, and to love others as ourselves.

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