

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024.**

**11:30 a.m.**



Life can be wonderful.  
The world can be better.  
Seek a higher self and a  
healthier community.

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CENTERING SONG

"Always Got Time for Love"

Heatherlyn

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ANCIENT STORY

1 John 4:7-21

NRSV (abridged)

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.... Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and [God's] love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in [God] and [God] in us, because [God] has given us of [the] Spirit...

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.... There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because [God] first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate a brother or sister are liars, for those who do not love a brother or sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

"Love > Fear"

The Many

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TODAY'S MESSAGE

"What Is Love?"

Jolene Wade Gatlin, MDIV

CLOSING SONG

"Love Anyway"

Brian McLaren

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