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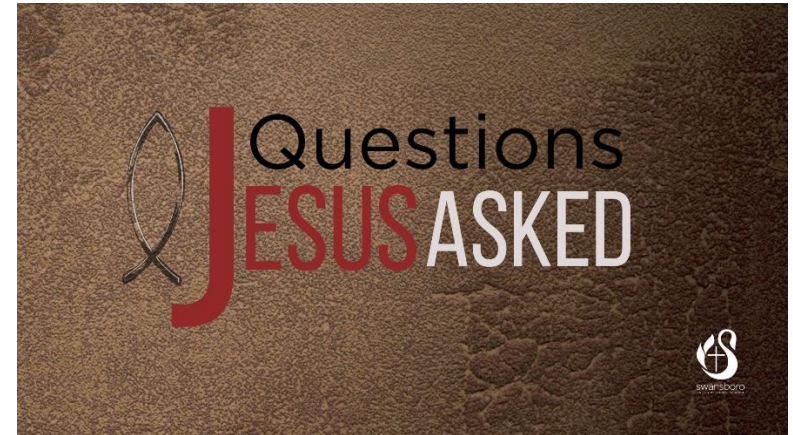
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*The Chancel flowers on the altar are dedicated
To Sue & Mel Guss
In celebration of their wedding anniversary*



“Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World”



October 8, 2023

8:25 a.m. Daymark Worship

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Daymark Worship

Gathering Praise

Welcome and Announcements

Song of Preparation “The Gift of Love” Margorie Quinlan, Susan Teachey,
Richard Montfort, Jacob Smith

*Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Come, Holy Spirit as wind to cleanse us!

Come Holy Spirit to convict, convert, and consecrate our hearts & lives!

Lord, may the fire of your love burn within us this day!

God's steadfast love endures forever! Praise the Lord!

*Hymn UMH #384 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*Opening Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, in Christ Jesus, you teach us to love our neighbors but instead we build dividing walls of hostility. You show us how to love one another as sisters and brothers but instead we hide from our own human family. You ask us to seek out the stranger and welcome the guest. You want us to share your abundant gifts with the poor but instead we cling tightly to our possessions and our privilege. You call us to proclaim good news to all people but instead we waste our words and hide our light. Lord, our loving God, have mercy on us. Forgive our sin, open our hearts, and change our lives. Fill us with the Holy Spirit. Make us holy and whole—one people, united in faith, hope, and love through Jesus Christ, our Reconciler and Redeemer. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Hear now the Good News. Christ died for us while we were yet sinners.
That proves God's love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

*The Peace (*As forgiven & reconciled people, let us show one another signs of reconciliation & love.*)

Old Testament Lesson: Leviticus 19:13-18, 33-34 Marie Hurst

Ministry Spotlight Annette Harpine, Alex Szczesniowski
Onslow Community Outreach Food Packing

Membership Reception: Baptismal Covenant 1 (p. 33)
Margorie “Margie” Quinlan

Open Altar, Open Heart (*During “Call to Prayer”, all are invited to the altar for morning prayer.*)

Call to Prayer “How Long, O Lord?”

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Special Music “Your Love, O God”

*Gospel Lesson: Luke 6:27-36

Sermon: “Whom Will You Love?”

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory “Glorify Thy Name”

*Doxology UMH #94

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn UMH #581 “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude “The Lord Bless and Keep You”

**Please stand as you are able.*

Reflection Questions & Notes

1. Who do you know who has modeled the Golden Rule for you?
2. How do you prevent the Golden Rule from being applied egotistically or reciprocally? In other words, how can you treat a person the way he or she wants to be treated rather than the way you want to be treated?
3. What are some ways you can strengthen your capacity for empathy for other people?
4. How will you learn to love those who are hard for you to love and forgive those who have harmed you?
5. Which of these three teachings of Jesus—turn the other cheek, give away your shirt, walk a second mile—is easiest for you to understand and apply? Which is the hardest?