

**Opening Prayer**

**Hymn**

**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 12:31-13

**Special Music**

**Sermon** *The Gift of Love*

**Mother's Day Tribute**

**Sermon Notes**

**I. The Holy Spirit teaches us the power of love. 1 Cor.12:31–13:7 Galatians 5:22–23**

**II. God's love for us was proven by the sacrificial death of Christ 1 John 4:7-13) Psalm 57:1<sup>1</sup>**

**1. . God shows us the love of a Father by sending us the gift of the Holy Spirit. Luke 11: 13; John 15:26; 14:17; Romans 8:2; 15 Eph.1:17 John 3:8**

**2. Our fellowship with God is confirmed by Spirit driven love. 1 John 3:23-24; 1 John 3:14; John 13:34-35; Hebrews 10:23–25**

**III. If we love Jesus we will be compelled to share His love with others. 2 Corinthians 5:14-15; Colossians 4:5-6; Jude 21-23 ; John 3:16**

**Calendar**

***Please continue to watch our services on YouTube and Facebook. We still have bills to pay and missionaries to support. There is a link to online giving at our website. Send prayer requests to Vickie or myself by Wednesday at noon.***

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**Prayer List** Paul Flickinger's son Paul and his wife Danielle who tested positive for Coronavirus; Danielle works at Stokley where there are five positive cases; Mike Mahaffey- in hospital with internal infections; Shannon Killen McCarty-cancer; Dianne Abbott (Brenda Alexander's sister-cyst on pancreas; Folks missing their mothers on mother's day; end of the Pandemic; Opening of restrictions so we can return to church **Praise:** Mother's day;

**Thought for the Day** Today is mother's day. Traditionally it is a day where we travel to spend time with our mothers. Often we express our gratitude with presents and especially with our presence. Families worship together or have family dinners. This year is very different. The Pandemic has restricted visiting, churches are closed, travel is restricted and if our mothers are in nursing home or assisted living we are not allowed to visit. None of this feels right. Still others are experiencing their first mother's day when their mother is no longer with us; they are in heaven. There is a lot to focus on if we choose to focus on what we do not have. If our mothers are still alive, we can call them and tell them we love them and thank them for all they do for us. If your mother is in heaven; I have a suggestion. This past December Tom Melvin asked me to deliver a message to folks who would be sharing their first Christmas without their loved ones. They all had ornaments given in their honor. The ornaments were placed on the tree in memory of someone. Looking at the ornaments brought back the pain of loss of love. I suggested we also could look at these ornaments a different way. We could remember what we shared with them during their time with us. Then the tears of sadness can become tears of joy. If our memories start with "if only" then we would have more life to share that will make us sad. But if our thoughts begin with "because we've had" then our memories makes us rich with blessings of shared life and love. I know a lot of the mothers from this church who are in heaven I'm sure they would say to us focus on "because we've had" so we could be blessed remembering their love for us. **Pastor Bruce**