

# AMICABLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Tiverton Four Corners

10:00 AM

February 14, 2021

## TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

Welcome! We invite you into a time of preparation for worship. We invite you to unplug, turn off your phones, unwind from the past week, and focus your hearts on God's presence within, around, and between us all.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

L: God is present. L: Everywhere, all the time.  
C: **All the time, everywhere.** C: **God is present.**

PRELUDE "St. Valentine's Day Medley" arr. V. Bryner

CALL TO WORSHIP I Corinthians 13:9-10,13, *The Message* Bible

L: We know only a portion of the truth, and what we say about God is always incomplete.

**C: But when the Complete arrives, our incompletes will be canceled.**

L: But right now, until that completeness, we have three things to do to lead us toward that consummation:

**C: Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love.**

**All: Let us worship God, who is Love.**

HYMN "O Love of God"

1. O love of God, how strong and true! Eternal and yet ever new, uncomprehended and unbought, beyond all knowledge and all thought!
2. O love of God, how deep and great, far deeper than our deepest hate; self-fed, self-kindled like the light, changeless, eternal, infinite.
3. O heavenly love, how precious still, in days of weariness and ill, in nights of pain and helplessness, to heal, to comfort, and to bless!
4. O wide-embracing, wondrous love! We read you in the sky above; we read you in the earth below, in seas that swell, and streams that flow.

### Agape: Unconditional

SCRIPTURE Romans 8:37-39 Bill Sterrett

READING "Love Tells a Story"  
by Jamie Poulton

HYMN "I Will Lift the Cloud of Night" (NCH #482, vs. 1,2,4)

1. I will lift the cloud of night before you,  
what is wrong I'll make it right before you,  
all your battles I will fight before you, and the high place I'll bring down.

*Refrain:* When you walk and lose the way I'll lead you;

on the produce of the land I'll feed you;  
And a home within my heart I'll deed you; and the high place I'll bring down.

2. With an everlasting love I'll love you,  
though with trials I will test and prove you,  
still there's nothing that can hurt or move you; and the high place I'll bring down.  
*Refrain*

3. I will lift the cloud of night before you,  
I will make the crooked straight before you  
I will spread my wings protecting o'er you; and the high place I'll bring down.  
*Refrain*

### Storge: Family, Pets

SCRIPTURE I John 4:7-12; 3:18 Kristen Zeiser

SPECIAL MUSIC "Kindergarten Love Song :)" D. Gasparini  
Molly Donovan, *vocals* & Lila Kane, *keyboard*

SCRIPTURE Job 12:7-10 Maryellen Castro  
II Samuel 12:2a-3

SPECIAL MUSIC "Times Like This" Flaherty & Ahrens  
Reegan Camiré, *vocals* & Lila Kane, *piano*

SCRIPTURE I Corinthians 13:4-8a Lexi Whitney

HYMN "The Gift of Love"  
Barbara Zeiser, *cantor*

1. Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
2. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,  
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.
3. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

### Eros: Romantic

SCRIPTURE I Samuel 18:1-4; 20:16-17 Charles Simonson

READING "Our Love" Leslie Simonson

HYMN "When Love Is Found"  
Sarah Mello, *cantor*

1. When love is found and hope comes home, sing and be glad that two are one.  
When love explodes and fills the sky, praise God, and share our Maker's joy.
2. When love has flowered in trust and care,  
build both each day, that love may dare  
to reach beyond home's warmth and light, to serve and strive for truth and right.
3. When love is tried as loved-ones change,

hold still to hope, though all seems strange,  
till ease returns and love grows wise through listening ears and opened eyes.

4. When love is torn, and trust betrayed, pray strength to love till torments fade,  
till lovers keep no score of wrong, but hear through pain love's Easter song.

5. Praise God for love, praise God for life, in age or youth, in calm or strife.  
Lift up your hearts! Let love be fed through death and life in broken bread.

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come;  
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory forever. Amen.**

**SERVICE OF GIVING**

**Philia: Friendship, Neighbor**

**SCRIPTURE**

Romans 12:9-10  
John 15:12-13

Mike McCoy

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

“Put a Little Love in Your Heart”  
Vaughn Bryner, *vocals & keyboard*  
*Refrain:* And the world will be a better place  
And the world will be a better place  
For you and me  
You just wait and see

**THE TAKE HOME**

“When the power of love overcomes the love of power the world will know  
peace!”  
- *Jimi Hendrix*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** “Postlude on THE GIFT OF LOVE” arr. V. Bryner

We thank Brendan & Kaleigh McNerney and everyone else, who helped lead the  
worship service.

All are invited to our Virtual Coffee Hour today at 11:00 AM.

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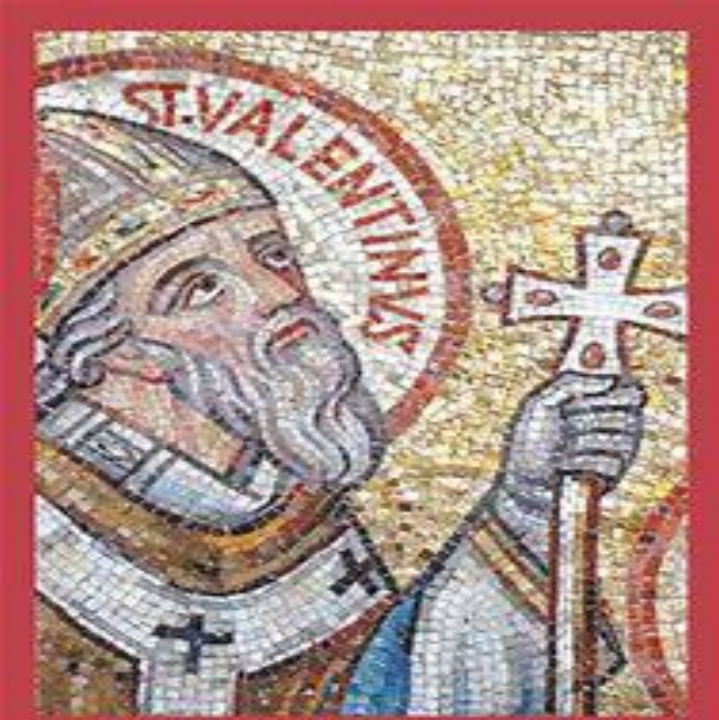
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**St. Valentine**  
Martyr, c.269  
Commemoration - 14 February

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where you are on life's journey,  
you're welcome here.**

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