**Call To Worship**

Come, all who seek to live in the light of Christ’s love.

**We come to lay aside our divisions and put on the armor of light.**

God calls us to love our neighbors as ourselves, to build bridges of

understanding and compassion.

**With open hearts, we gather to worship the God who first loved us.**

Let us worship with joy, knowing that love is the fulfillment of the law.

**We will praise the God who empowers us to love radically and live courageously.**

**Opening Prayer**

Loving God, You have called us to a life of radical love—a love that transcends barriers, a love that builds bridges. We come before You today, seeking to be transformed by Your Spirit. Help us to let go of our fears and prejudices, so that we may love others as You love us. Illuminate our hearts with Your light, that we may walk as Your children, living in truth, kindness, and grace. As we worship You today, empower us to be agents of Your love in a divided world. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

**Please announce the Hymn of Praise:** “O How I Love Jesus” #170

**Scripture Reading:**

Romans 13:8-12 (CEB)

Don’t be in debt to anyone, except for the obligation to love each other. Whoever loves another person has fulfilled the Law. The commandments, *don’t commit adultery, don’t murder, don’t steal, don’t desire what others have,* and any other commandments, are all summed up in one word: *You must love your neighbor as yourself.* Love doesn’t do anything wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is what fulfills the Law. As you do all this, you know what time it is. The hour has already come for you to wake up from your sleep. Now our salvation is nearer than when we first had faith.The night is almost over, and the day is near. So, let’s get rid of the actions that belong to the darkness and put on the weapons of light.

The words of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**