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PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Faith, hope and love, these three;

and the greatest of these is love.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,

the conviction of things not seen.

Hope that is seen is not hope.

For who hopes for what is seen?

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God,

and God abides in them.

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READING: John 12:37-43

³⁷Although he had performed so many signs in their presence, they did not believe in him. ³⁸This was to fulfil the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah:

"Lord, who has believed our message,
and to whom has the arm of
the Lord been revealed?"

³⁹And so they could not believe, because Isaiah also said,

⁴⁰ "He has blinded their eyes
and hardened their heart,
so that they might not look with
their eyes,

and understand with their
heart and turn—
and I would heal them."

⁴¹Isaiah said this because he saw his glory and spoke about him. ⁴²Nevertheless many, even of the authorities, believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they did not confess it, for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³for they loved human glory more than the glory that comes from God.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

May we look and perceive, listen and understand,
turn and be forgiven.

HYMN OF THE DAY "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

PRAYERS

Let us pray to the Lord, the God in heaven above and on the earth beneath.

O Lord our God, show us your everlasting love,

that we may serve you from the obedience of our hearts.

Lead us in the way of your peace,
that our souls may be restored.

Fill our imaginations with the wonders of your creation,
that our minds may reflect your glory.

Guide us in the way of the cross,
that we might proclaim the strength of your love.

O Lord, there is no God like you, in heaven or on earth, keeping covenant in steadfast love with your servants who walk before you with all their heart. Hear us, O God, and keep teaching us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

BLESSING

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, with all your strength. Keep these words in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorpost of your house.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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