



Sharing the love of Jesus to transform lives,  
Cincinnati and the world.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGIST Jeff Sheldon

PRELUDE *Rhosymedre* Ralph Vaughan Williams  
Dr. Brenda Portman, organ

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*Your kingdom, O God, comes to transform my heart, my community, and the world. As I worship today, fill my heart with love, moving me to serve my neighbor with a glad and generous heart. Amen.*

CALL TO WORSHIP ( from Jeremiah 31: 3)

People of God, rejoice! Our God comes to us, saying:

**“I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.”**

Let us worship our God with joyful, thankful hearts!

HYMN *How Can We Name a Love* [Hymnal 111](#)

How can we name a Love that wakens heart and mind,  
indwelling all we know or think or do or seek or find?  
Within our daily world, in every human face,  
Love’s echoes sound and God is found, hid in the commonplace.

If we awoke to life built on a rock of care  
that asked no great reward but firm, assured, was simply there,  
we can, with parents’ names, describe, and thus adore,  
Love unconfined, a father kind, a mother strong and sure.

When people share a task, and strength and skills unite  
in projects old or new, to make or do with shared delight,  
our Friend and Partner’s will is better understood,  
that all should share, create, and care, and know that life is good.

So in a hundred names, each day we all can meet  
a presence, sensed and shown at work, at home, or in the street.  
Yet every name we see, shines in a brighter sun:  
In Christ alone is Love full grown and life and hope begun.

OPENING PRAYER

**Loving God, with open arms You welcome all who call on  
Your name, who acknowledge You as Lord, and look to You  
in faith. No one stands outside the circle of Your mercy and  
love. We come to worship You and to declare that You are  
our God, and that we are Your people. Through the presence  
of Your Holy Spirit open our eyes to see You, our minds to  
receive Your truth, and our mouths to sing Your praise. For  
You God, are worthy of all praise, now and for ever. Amen.**

**CORONAVIRUS UPDATE:**

We will continue to offer **online worship only** until further notice.  
Please check out our website for updates: [www.hydeparkchurch.org](http://www.hydeparkchurch.org).  
You and your family remain in our prayers.

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

ANTHEM *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* Susan Borwick  
Vocal Ensemble: Sheila Brown, Andrew Cunningham,  
Jennifer Russell, Tom Jordan; Brenda Portman, piano;  
Ben Owen, conducting

O love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul  
in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine  
ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O light that foll’west all my way, I yield my flick’ring  
torch to thee; My heart restores its borrowed ray, that  
in thy sunshine’s blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

O love that wilt not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee.

O joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my  
heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, and  
feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

O love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in  
thee, that in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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. Amen.**

PRAYER RESPONSE *There Is a Balm in Gilead* [Hymnal 375](#)

Refrain:  
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;  
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Some times I feel discouraged, and think my work’s in vain.  
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.  
(Refrain)

Don’t ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend,  
and if you look for knowledge he’ll ne’er refuse to lend.  
(Refrain)

If you can’t preach like Peter, if you can’t pray like Paul,  
just tell the love of Jesus, and say he died for all.  
(Refrain)

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 15:21 - 28

This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ.  
**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *Living in God’s Kingdom:  
Agents of Love* Rev. Dr. Cathy Johns

OFFERTORY *The Loving God Who Made Us All* Andrew Birling

The loving God who made us all has given gifts to each.  
For some are gifted with a saw, while some are called to  
preach. And some are called to work with young, while  
others care for old. The different gifts that each one has  
create a special whole.

The loving Christ who walked on earth saw everyone the  
same: the tax collector, fisherman, the wealthy, and the  
lame. His care for each saw past their face and saw their  
heart inside. And for them all he gave his life when on  
the cross he died.

The loving Spirit with us now has called us all to be a  
loving presence in the world to all God’s family. To  
welcome those within our midst with more than passing  
nod. To celebrate the lives and loves of every child of God!

**Please consider presenting your offering online or by mail today.**

THE PRESENTATION AND DOXOLOGY [Hymnal 94](#)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING FORTH

HYMN *They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* [TFWS 2223](#)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune* Georg Philipp Telemann

**HPC Kids** SUNDAY SCHOOL:

- We are currently not meeting together on Sunday mornings and we miss you dearly!
- Please let us know if you would like to be added to our weekly email newsletter and be sure to join our Children and Family Ministry Facebook page.
- *Please contact Pam Pilger to get connected from your home - ppilger@hpcumc.org*

**HPC YOUTH am** 11:00am - 12:00pm

- Confirmation Classes are held via ZOOM

**HPC YOUTH pm** 5:30-8:00pm

Various times on Sunday evening:

- **All Youth grades 7-12th** are welcome to join a virtual small group. It's such a fun way to stay connected!
- *Please email Dana Calhoun if you would like to join a small group - dcalhoun@hpcumc.org*

**CHILDREN'S CHOIRS: 11:00am**

We miss making music with you in person! We will be together again soon. In the meantime, if you have questions about our children's choirs, please contact one of our directors listed below.

- **Joy Singers (Age 3 - Grade 2)**  
Elizabeth Hickerson, Director - Room 8
- **Sunshine Singers (Grades 3 - 8)**  
Dana Calhoun, Director - Choir Room 202

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**(Current class information, please contact class leader)**

**9:30am**

Adult Bible Study Ron Purdon, [purdon@mail.com](mailto:purdon@mail.com)  
 Faith Weavers Micheal Hickerson, [mikehickerson@gmail.com](mailto:mikehickerson@gmail.com)  
 Parents Group Jason Burgess, [JasonBurgess13@gmail.com](mailto:JasonBurgess13@gmail.com)

**11:00am**

New Ventures Mike Vilardo, [mpvilardo@gmail.com](mailto:mpvilardo@gmail.com)  
 Soul Builders Ronda Deel, [rodeel@fuse.net](mailto:rodeel@fuse.net)

**Invitation to Pray:**

**Sympathy:** To the family of Edna Asbury who died on January 5, 2021.

To the family of Mary McCrea who died on December 14, 2020.

**Staff & Their Families:** Our staff and families dealing with Covid 19.

**Men & Women in the Military:** We are praying for all men and women serving in the military.

**Our Church Ministries:** Our classes meeting online.

**Our Global Ministries:** Haiti, Romania and Russia

**Next Sunday, Jan. 24th**

*Living in God's Kingdom* continues with the message, *Knowing in our Unknowing* by Pastor Doug. His sermon is based on Matthew 13:1-9, 17-23. We look forward to connecting with you next Sunday!



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**Hyde Park Community Worship:**

*Sundays 9:30am & 11:00am online only*

**Recordings of the sermons are updated weekly on our website in both video and audio formats.**

**Holy Communion:**

*Hyde Park Community*

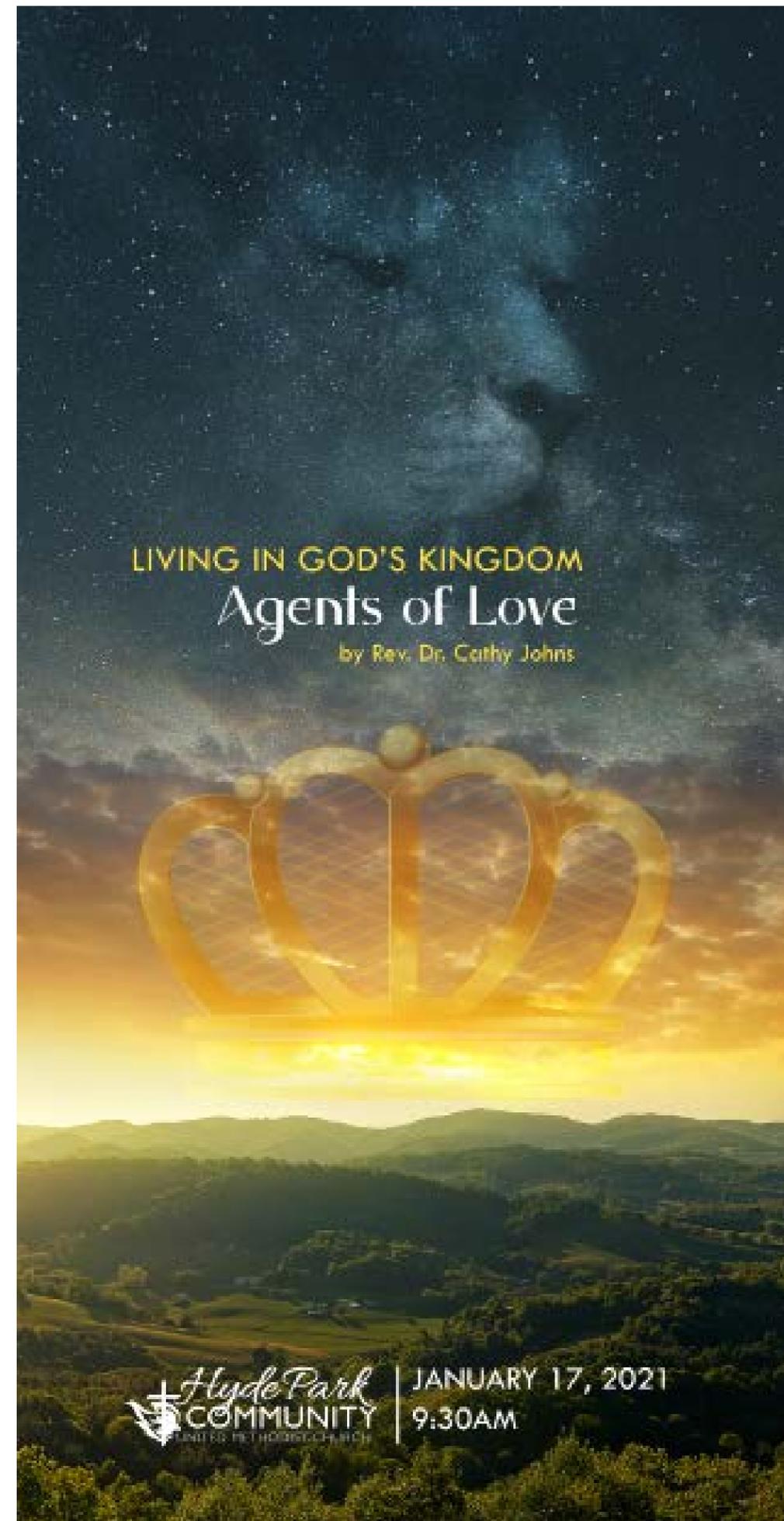
**1st Sunday of the month**  
 All Services (9:30 & 11:00am)



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**Agents of Love**  
 by Rev. Dr. Cathy Johns



**JANUARY 17, 2021**  
**9:30AM**