

SUNDAY MORNING
02-16-2020

Pre-service Psalter 243:9, 15**
Silent Congregational Prayer
Votum and Salutation
Psalter 284:1-3**

Reading of the Law: Deuteronomy 5:1-24

Response to the Law: Psalter 322:4**

Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

Congregational Prayer

Giving our offerings to the Lord's service

Psalter 241:1-5**

Text: John 15:9-13

Theme: The Abiding Love of Christ

1. The wonder of this love

2. The obligation of this love

3. The measure of this love

Prayer

Giving our offerings to the Lord's service

Psalter 374:1, 2, 5**

Doxology: "Praise God..."**

Benediction

** Please stand if able

Family Sermon Discussion Questions:

1. What do we mean when we say that fruitfulness = Christlikeness?
2. What amazing things can be said about the Father's love for His only-begotten Son?
- 3*. Why is the little word "so" in verse 9 so very special?
4. What is the significance of Christ exhorting believers to abide in HIS love?
- 5*. Why must believers also love each other?
6. What are some of the ways in which our love for each other must be patterned after Christ's love for us?
7. Why is it so remarkable that Christ confessed His love for His disciples on the eve of His suffering?
8. Why must the cross be the highest motive for Christians to love each other?

SUNDAY EVENING

02-16-2020

Pre-service Psalter 244:1, 4**

Silent Congregational Prayer

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 408: All**

Scripture Reading: John 15:1-16, 1 John 3

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 7 (p. 34)

Congregational Prayer

Giving our offerings to the Lord's service

Psalter 415:2, 4, 6**

Text: John 15:14-16

Theme: The Friends of Christ

1. They are faithful disciples of Christ

2. They have intimate fellowship with Christ

3. They are ordained to bear fruit by Christ

Prayer

Giving our offerings to the Lord's service

Psalter 68:3, 4**

Doxology: "May the grace...." **

Benediction

** Please stand if able

Family Sermon Discussion Questions:

1. How does the word "whatsoever" express the very essence of true discipleship?
2. What connection is there between the "whatsoever" of discipleship and Christ's Word abiding in us?
3. What does Christ's use of the word "friends" tell us about the relationship between Christ and believers—between Him and the living branches?
4. What does Christ reveal to His friends?
- 5*. What is the ultimate reason why believers are the friends of Christ (v. 16)?
6. How does Christ radically exclude all human initiative and contribution as to the salvation of sinners?
- 7*. What is the most important reason why sinners are ordained unto salvation? (v. 16a)
8. How does Christ again encourage His disciples (and us!) to pray without ceasing? What is the connection with verse 7?

* Questions for younger children