

Focus Statement: *Live:* Just as Jesus lived in ways that were consistent with the Kingdom of God, he invited others to authentically embrace his way in full commitment of their everyday lives. Jesus sends his disciples to embody God's passion for the world.

Encountering

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

We are called to bring a new understanding of God:
that God so loves the world.

We are the salt of the earth.

We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives
us new life.

We are the light of the world.

We are called to follow the commandments and the law.

The law of God is to love God and to love one another.

Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.

Come, let us love one another with the love of God.

***Let us join together in our love of God to worship and
follow Jesus.***

Engaging

Singing

<i>Come thou fount</i>	VT 563
<i>How great is our God</i>	VT 116
<i>Be thou my vision</i>	VT 549

Children's Time	<i>Let the children come</i>	VT 512
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Offering	<i>My Coins Count, too</i>	
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Scripture Reading	Matthew 5: 13-20; John 14:23-24	
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Message	"I Put My Heart in Action (Verb!)": How Follow Leads to Living Love	
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Empowering

Response Time	Commissioning <i>Let us build a house</i>	VT 36
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Congregational Prayer

Sending Song	<i>Use us, God</i>	VT 811
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Blessing

Grant, O Lord,
that what has been said with our lips
we may believe in our hearts,
and that what we believe in our hearts
we may live out in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
who came as brother and servant to us all. Amen.
Go in peace.

Commission

As we have been called to Passionately Follow Jesus, so we are commissioned to live into that vision.

May God empower us to lead first with love, showing the example of Jesus' vigorous, unconditional love for every person, no matter shape, size, color, orientation, or background.

May we let that love be the invitation into conversation from which the love of God is spread from one person to another until it spreads to a whole community.

Then let our community--through study, conversation, and grace--be equipped to share that love with everyone they meet, in time making God's passion for the world take root in all who encounter it.

So that, in time, everyone in the whole world will be experiencing and sharing the fervent love that God provides.

This all begins with each one of us passionately following Jesus and desiring to love and look like Jesus in our world.

May God guide our steps on this journey, and may we be continually on the move with Jesus, following with passionate abandon, opening ourselves, and this world God loves, to transformation. Amen.

This commission was adapted from one written by Sophia Sherrill as a part of her internship at EGMC. Thank you, Sophia!



Worship Leader
Music Leader
Scripture Reader
Children's Time
Message
Prayers of the People
Zoom Hosts
Tech Components

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Naomi Yoder
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Tim Yoder
Tom Yoder
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Passionately Following Jesus: Living into Our Vision

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10:30 a.m. Worship
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