

The Week of the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday, July 31, 2022

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:4-5

Love is patient, love is kind, love is not envious or boastful or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful.

You may have heard this passage read at a wedding ceremony as it is commonly utilized. We need to seriously consider this text as it relates to our own lives and attitude. Think about our own actions to people who differ from us, who have a different outlook on the hot button issues of the day including covid or racism, and every difficult decision in our homes, our church, our neighborhood, our school, our work. We as followers of Christ are held to a standard of integrity and morality as we seek to represent his new way of life in our communities. Love isn't merely a feeling but a way of relating to others. Actions without love are meaningless. I believe it is safe to say that our world is currently broken. War, crime, pandemics, corruption, supply shortages are all prevalent and increasing. God has been taken out of our society which is the true source of love. In the end it will be up to us as followers of Christ to restore love that never fails.

Prayer: Be with us, O Lord, and make your presence known that we may live with faithful obedience to your will. Amen.

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