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5th Sunday of Easter – White  
May 2, 2021

*The 10 Most Important People In HIStory*

**JOHN,**  
**THE APOSTLE OF LOVE**

1 JOHN 4:7-11

## HERE TO SERVE

District Superintendent.....Eduardo Rivera  
Today's pianist..... Victor Gene Robbins  
Technical Support.....Vic Ivy & Ray Griffith  
Secretary / Bookkeeper.....Christina Duarte  
Nursery Attendant.....Antonia Terrazas  
Custodians.....Alexis Duarte & Delia Dutchover

# **WORSHIP SERVICE**

May 2, 2021

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling # 384

**PRAYER**

**HYMN** I Stand Amazed in the Presence # 371

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**PRAYER & PRAISE CARD/MORNING PRAYER/LORDS PRAYER**

**HYMN** Grace Greater than Our Sin # 365

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** 1 John 4:7-11

**MESSAGE** JOHN, THE APOSTLE OF LOVE

By Pastor Randy Thomas

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**INVITATION TO RECEIVE CHRIST AND ALTAR TIME / JOIN THE  
CHURCH**

Please let us pray for you and help you any way we can.

Please fill out your prayer/praise card in you  
bulletin, and place it in the offering.

## JOHN, THE APOSTLE OF LOVE

### 1 John 4:7-11 (NKJV)

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and every one who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup> In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. .

### John 21:20-24 (NKJV)

<sup>20</sup> Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?" <sup>21</sup> Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, "But Lord, what *about* this man?" <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, "If I will that he remain till I come, what *is that* to you? You follow Me." <sup>23</sup> Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If I will that he remain till I come, what *is that* to you?" <sup>24</sup> This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true.

## I. JOHN'S EARLY WALK WITH JESUS

### Matthew 4:21-22 (NKJV)

<sup>21</sup> Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James *the son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them, <sup>22</sup> and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

### Matthew 10:1-4 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> And when He had called His twelve disciples to *Him*, He gave them power *over* unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease. <sup>2</sup> Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James *the son* of Zebedee, and John his brother; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James *the son* of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Cananite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him.

## II. TWO PROBLEMS IN THE LIFE OF JOHN

### Luke 9:51-56 (NKJV)

<sup>53</sup> But they did not receive Him, because His face was *set* for the journey to Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> And when His disciples James and John saw *this*, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?" <sup>55</sup> But He turned and rebuked them, and said, "You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. <sup>56</sup> For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save *them*." And they went to another village.

## **2 Timothy 3:16 (NKJV)**

<sup>16</sup> All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

## **Matthew 20:26-28 (NLT2)**

<sup>26</sup> But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, <sup>27</sup> and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. <sup>28</sup> For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

## **III. JOHN BECAME A LOVING PERSON**

### **John 20:30-31 (NLT2)**

<sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.

### **1 John 5:13 (NLT2)**

<sup>13</sup> I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life.

### **Revelation 19:11-16 (NLT2)**

<sup>11</sup> Then I saw heaven opened, and a white horse was standing there. Its rider was named Faithful and True, for he judges fairly and wages a righteous war. <sup>12</sup> His eyes were like flames of fire, and on his head were many crowns. A name was written on him that no one understood except himself. <sup>13</sup> He wore a robe dipped in blood, and his title was the Word of God. <sup>14</sup> The armies of heaven, dressed in the finest of pure white linen, followed him on white horses. <sup>15</sup> From his mouth came a sharp sword to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod. He will release the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty, like juice flowing from a winepress. <sup>16</sup> On his robe at his thigh was written this title: King of all kings and Lord of all lords.

NOTES:

### **\*Please notice the next steps for your card.**

#### NEXT STEPS

- I just accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior.
- I just recommitted my life to Jesus Christ.
- I will examine whether I love others as I should.
- I will memorize the memory verse this week.

Please mark your next step on your Prayer Card and place it in the offering. Then, keep the next step above as a reminder for the upcoming week.

#### MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

### **1 John 5:13 (NLT2)**

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# Announcements

- ⇒ Happy Birthday:
  - Tanner Ward May 2nd
  - David Neyland May 7th
  - Vic Ivy May 13th
  
- ⇒ Advanced Lay Servant Training - May 8th at 9:00 am MT. Facilitator is Albert Hronich. Discover your spiritual gifts.
  
- ⇒ Advanced Lay Servant Training - May 14-15. Joy of Preaching Facilitator Rev. Ernie Vineyard.
  
- ⇒ Basic Lay Servant Training June 12th
  
- ⇒ Special Upcoming Online Training
  - ◆ May 10 - Church Finances for Missional Leaders #2 - 4:00 pm
  - ◆ May 24 - Church Finances for Missional Leaders #3 - 4:00 pm
  - ◆ June 7 - Church Finances for Missional Leaders #4 - 4:00 pm
  
- ⇒ Sermons and bulletins can be found on our website: [fsfumc.com](http://fsfumc.com), as well as other updates and important information.
  
- ⇒ Our Food Bank is in need of donations of dry and canned goods, and is available during scheduled office hours.

**WITH OUR GIFTS**

Received last Sunday:.....Tithes & Offerings.....\$1,850.00

**WITH OUR PRESENCE**

Last Sunday's Morning Service.....15  
Online Views (as of Thursday).....5

**FUMC MISSION STATEMENT**

New. Life. Now.

**WITH OUR PRAYERS**

Ruth & Emily Neyland who  
have continuing health issues.  
Johnnie & Olga Rivera.  
Kay Magee.  
Denna Sadler.  
Sara Borden.  
Melba Ward.  
Sylvia Thomas.  
Eva Gail Abington.

Shawn Beeles who has  
melanoma behind an eye.  
Ray Ortiz who has cancer.  
Brett Magee recovering from  
knee surgery.  
Frank Granado.  
Olga Rivera recovering from  
gallbladder surgery.

*GOD BLESS*

*Have a fantastic week.*