

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Voluntary

Dominic Frigo, Organist
John Stanley (1934-1996)

WELCOME

PEALING OF THE BELL AND SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*O God, you have called us to ventures where we cannot see the end.
By paths never yet taken, through perils unknown.
Give us the courage, not knowing where we go,
to know that your hand is leading us, wherever we might go. Amen.*

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: The God of our ancestors calls us to worship.

People: Praise the Lord!

Pastor: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

All: Let us worship God!

*** HYMN** (see page 5)

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Marion

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

[Exodus 3:1-15](#)

Chrissy Connor, layreader

after each reading:

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON

[Matthew 16:21-28](#)

MUSIC FOR SOLO VOICE AND ORGAN

Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee

Savannah Bisset, soprano

English melody, 17th century; arr. K. Lee Scott, 1987

Out of the depths I cry to thee,
Lord, my sins bewailing!
Bow down thy gracious ear to me,
make thou my prayer availing.
Mark not my misdeeds in thy book,
gracious Lord, most holy;
On my sins in mercy look;
who can stand before thee?

With thee there is forgiveness, Lord,
love and grace abounding.
The greatest thought or deed or word
were else but empty sounding.
All who in thy sight appear
come in sinful measure;
All before thee bow in fear,
seeking thy good pleasure.

Hear my prayer, hear my cry, hear my supplication.
Thou my hope, thou my light, thou my soul's deliverance. Amen.

*-Psalm 130, para. Martin Luther (1483-1546);
transl. Edward T. Horn, III, alt.*

SERMON

"Great is the Mystery"

Rev. Marshall

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Affirmation of Faith by Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org)

Pastor: We believe in a wilderness God

People: who breathed life into dust, turned seeds into flowers, and flooded the sky with stars.

Pastor: We believe in a wilderness God

People: who went hungry in the desert, walked barefoot on the water, and taught from the mountainside.

Pastor: We believe in a wilderness God

People: whose love could be described as nothing short of wild.

Pastor: So with confidence and hope, we long to follow our wilderness God who walks with people on their darkness nights,

People: **who sings hope into places of grief, isolation, and suffering, and who exists in the form of untamed joy, relentless love, and impossible hope. Step by step, may it be so. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING ([Go](https://ryepc.com/give/) to website <https://ryepc.com/give/> or see below to give online.)

* HYMN (see page 6) Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak *Canonbury*

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE FOR ORGAN

Trumpet Tune

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

**indicates standing for those who are able.*

Following the conclusion of the postlude, online participants will be given the opportunity to unmute themselves and to greet one another.

We thank Dominic Frigo for serving as the organist this morning. Prior to moving to New York City, Mr. Frigo, a native of Chicago, served at Clarendon Hills Community Presbyterian Church, just outside of Chicago. Jason Charneski is on vacation through Labor Day.

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God.

Parish Concerns

Eliza Luke

To families with young children:

Welcome! We are glad you're here!

"Jesus said to them, 'Allow the children to come to me. Don't forbid them, because God's kingdom belongs to people like these children...' Then he hugged the children and blessed them." Mark 10:14-16

Jesus not only welcomed children, he also blessed them. Know that your children's presence in worship is both welcomed and a blessing to us all!

Here are some ideas to help make the most out of worship as a family:

- ❖ Please make sure to register to attend worship each week so we know how many from your family will be attending.
- ❖ Bring crayons or colored pencils from home so your children can color the provided coloring pages and illustrated children's bulletins. It might also be helpful to bring a hard surface (a book or clipboard) for them to use while coloring.
- ❖ Explain what is happening during worship and what is coming next. Let children cross things off in the bulletin as they happen. Whispering is okay!
- ❖ When it's time to stand, allow children to kneel on the pews if they would like.
- ❖ Allow children to participate in the offering by putting in your envelope or putting in their own gift in the offering plates near the doors as you leave. A picture drawn for God is appropriate!

Most importantly, relax and be at peace. We know that God made children to be full of energy and excitement.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, September 2

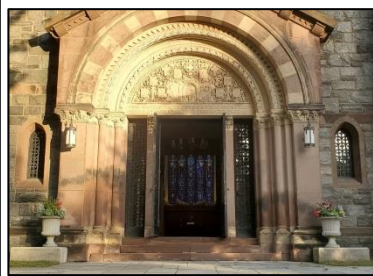
7:30 p.m. Mission & Outreach via Zoom

Thursday, September 3

6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry – Prime Ministers via Zoom

GENERAL NOTICES

Our e-mail prayer group is going strong. Please join us in our ministry of prayer for others. Or if you have a prayer request, please do not hesitate to contact rpcprayers@gmail.com.



NEW WEEKDAY HOURS

Starting in September, the church will extend its opening hours to 10-2, Monday through Friday, for private prayer in the Sanctuary and other church business. Only one door will be open for entry - the door facing Parsons Street near the Assembly Room. If you need access to the building at some other time during the day, please contact the church office at 967-0842, or at rpc@ryepc.com. If you do come to the church, please take careful note of the guidelines that are in place so that we may all safely use the church building together (<https://ryepc.com/article/weekday-reopening-of-rye-presbyterian/>)

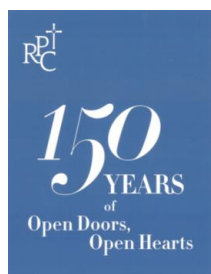
Please note: The church Thrift Shop is not yet taking donations.

ONLINE GIVING

Online donation options are available on the RPC Website Giving page. Go to ryepc.com/online/give/ or scan the QR Code to the right with your cell phone to donate. Please contact Maida Robinson at mrobinson@ryepc.com, if you have any questions or need assistance. Many thanks for your continued generosity and support of the church!

RPC PRAYER WALL

As a way to connect to one another and to God throughout this time, you are invited to make prayer requests known on the RPC website Prayer Wall (ryepc.com/article/rpc-prayer-wall/). Together we continue to pray for all those in need throughout this ordeal. All can share anonymously, but please keep in mind that it is a public forum.



The Sesquicentennial Service Challenge

2020 marks the sesquicentennial of our sanctuary. 150 years of people coming in and going out through the doors of our beautiful sanctuary. People come in to find their faith strengthened and renewed as we worship together. People then go out in service to the world beyond our doors.

The Mission and Outreach Committee invites you to join your fellow disciples of Rye Presbyterian Church in the 2020 Sesquicentennial Service Challenge!

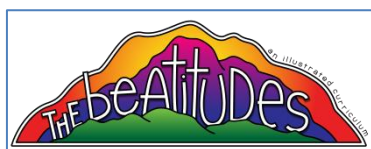
The goal: at least 150 minutes of service from every member for every month of 2020. With 1052 members, that would mean the total number of services minutes for 2020 would be 1,893,600!

Please know that ANY volunteer service you do either with the church or in the community COUNTS.

If you are giving the gift of your time, it counts. When logging your minutes, you can group your minutes together. You don't need to log each activity separately. Simply total your minutes and then list, as briefly as possible, what activities you did. The two things we are tracking are total number of minutes (not hours), and the variety of activities that people are involved in as they give the gift of their time by volunteering.

Minutes logged thus far: 224,196

TO LOG YOUR MINUTES, GO TO: <https://ryepc.com/150>



VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Starting **Sunday, September 13**, we are going virtual for Sunday School! The curriculum is Illustrated Ministry's *The Beatitudes: An Illustrated Curriculum*. Through art, reflection, and discussion, we will learn about Jesus' vision of God's kingdom for all people, how Jesus turned expectations and traditional beliefs about being blessed upside down, and how to live into the promises of Jesus' Beatitudes from Matthew 4:23-5:12.

Each Sunday we will meet as a combined 30-minute class for PreK-5th grade via Zoom at 9:00 a.m. During each session, we will catch up with one another and discuss our welcome question, reflect on that morning's theme, offer a blessing to one another, and end our time together with a few discussion questions and a prayer. **If you would like your child(ren) to participate via Zoom, please fill out the registration form on our website <https://ryepc.com/ministries/children/>**

If your children are able to join us via Zoom, don't worry! We are also including a **Family Page** in our **weekly Christian Ed newsletter** for families to engage Jesus' Beatitudes together at home. **If you would like to receive our newsletter, please contact Rev. JP (jmarshall@ryepc.com).**

CONNECTION & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP – FALL 2020

Both our middle school Connection and High School Youth Group will be starting up again this September with a mix of Zoom and in-person gatherings! Please visit the “**Youth Ministry**” page of website – <https://ryepc.com/ministries/youth/> - to get a glimpse of what our youth will be up to this fall.

While you are there, all middle school and high school youth are invited to fill out our **get-to-know-you form**! This form will help us all stay connected as much as possible during the school year, so please encourage your youth to fill it out before the school year starts.



SUNDAY CHANCEL FLOWERS

During this COVID time, you may still make a donation of the Sunday chancel flowers.

Each week beautiful flowers adorn our sanctuary and provide an uplifting reminder of the goodness of God. Please consider honoring the memory of a loved one or recognizing a special occasion for a \$70 donation.

The flowers are a blessing to worshippers attending the service live in the sanctuary as well as those attending via ZOOM.

Your donation will be noted in the church bulletin and the weekly email.

To make arrangements, contact Denise LeVan (dlevan@ryepc.com).



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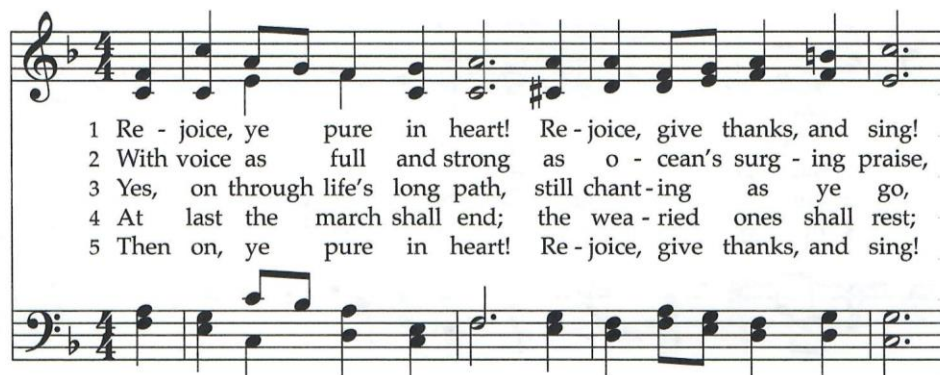
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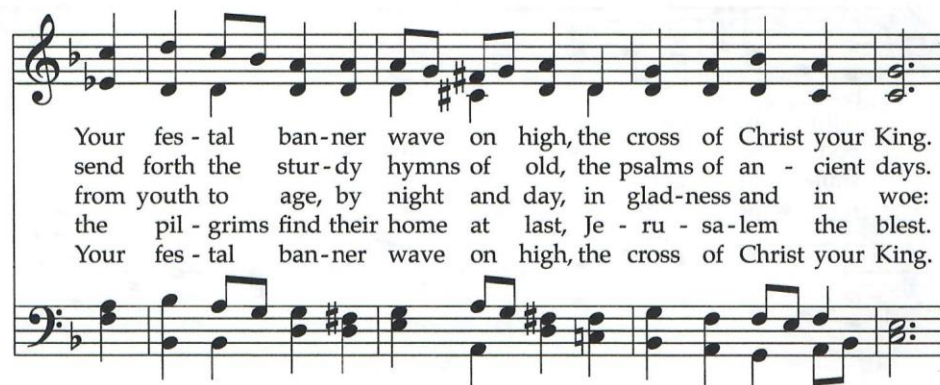
The Rev. Daniel Love, *Co-Pastor*
The Rev. Dr. John Miller, *Co-Pastor*
The Rev. Jean-Paul Marshall, *Associate Pastor for Christian Education*
Jason Charneski, *Director of Music and Organist*
Lisa Rawson, *Director of Choirs for Children and Youth*
Maida Robinson, *Chief Administrative Officer*
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Denise LeVan, *Pastoral Assistant*
Juan Velasquez, *Head Sexton/Building Manager*
Alonso Osorio, *Sunday Sexton*
We are a Stephen Ministry church.

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Marion



1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
3 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,
4 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall rest;
5 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!



Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:
the pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
Re - joice! Re - joice!

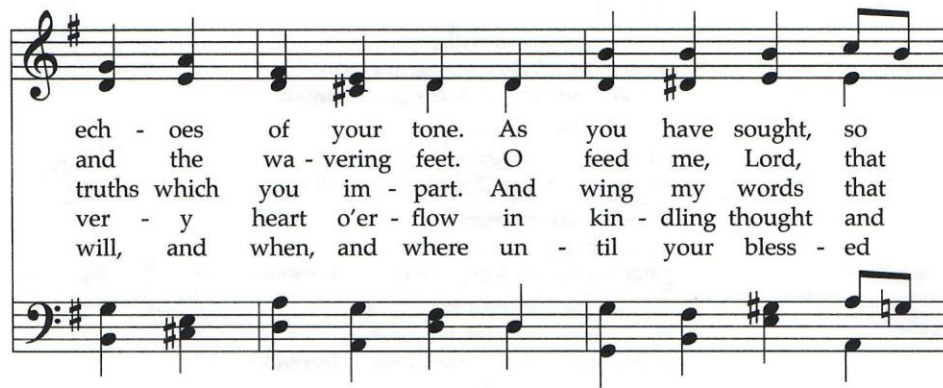
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Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak

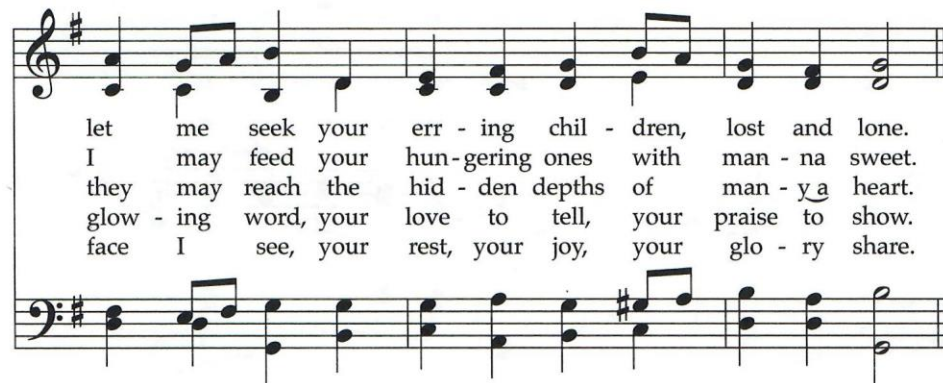
Canonbury



1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering
3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious
4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my
5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you



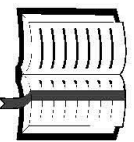
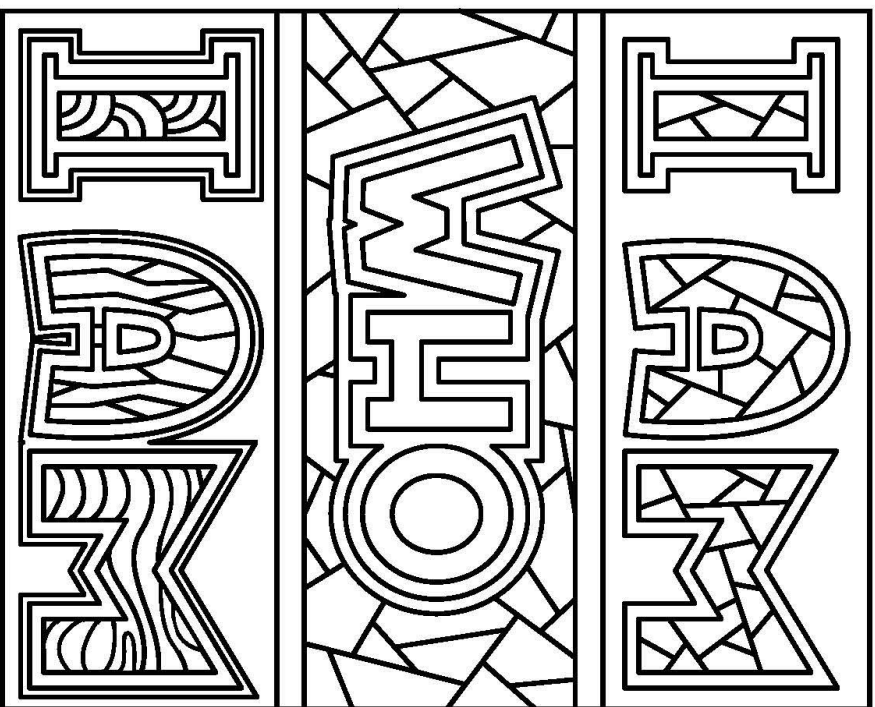
ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
truths which you im - part. And wing my words that
ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed



let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
I may feed your hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

text: Frances R. Havergal, 1872, alt.
music: Robert Schumann, 1839, alt.

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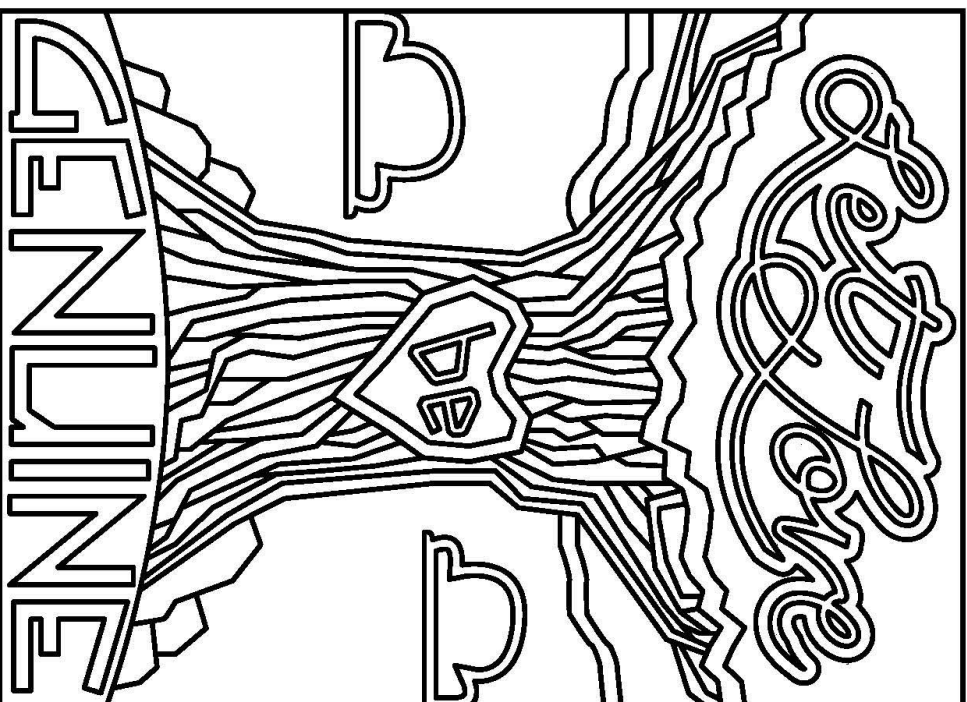


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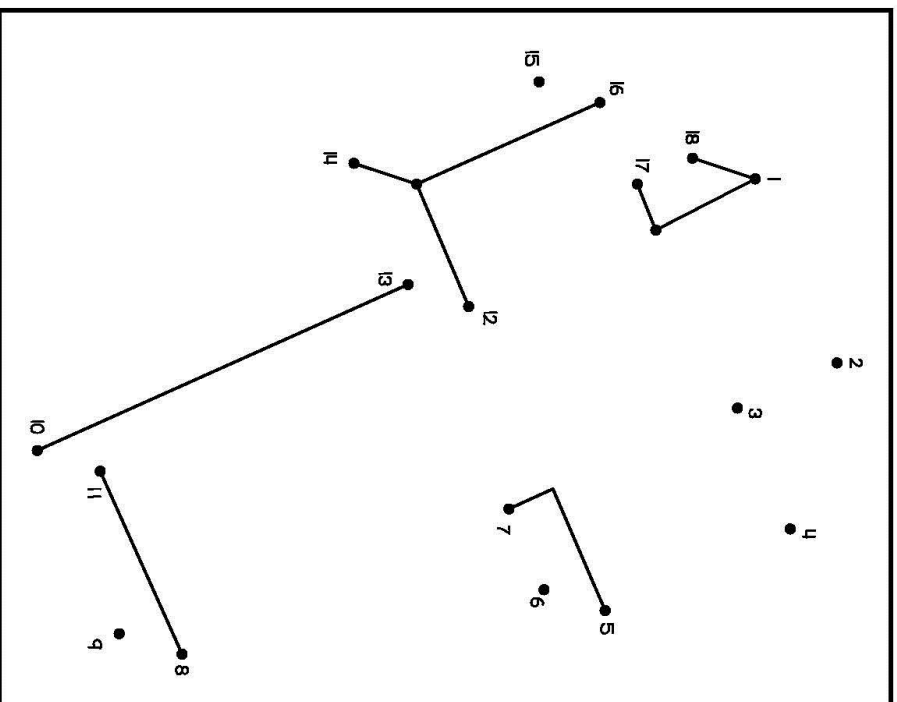
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Exodus 3:1-15, Romans 12:9-21, Matthew 16:2-12B.



CONNECT the DOTS

In Matthew 16, Jesus says that if we want to follow him, we need to "pick up our cross." Connect the dots to form the cross. Inside the cross, write or draw some challenges you are carrying right now. Think about how Jesus shares the load with you.



DRAW IT

Romans 12 gives important instructions on how to truly follow Jesus - love one another, be passionate in spirit, serve God, rejoice in hope, be patient in hard times, always keep praying... Draw a picture of what it looks like to do these things.



LET
love
OBEY

GENUINE

HOLD FAST
to what is GOOD

(Love one)
ANOTHER

REJOICE
IN
HOPE

be patient in
SUFFERING

persevere
IN PRAYER

EXTEND
HOSPITALITY

BLESS,
DON'T REPAY
EVIL WITH EVIL

REJOICE
WITH THOSE WHO
REJOICE

WEEP
WITH
THOSE
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Live in
HARMONY

LIVE PEACEABLY

OVERCOME
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