



**LOVE
Your
ENEMIES**

...But How?

**October 1, 2023, 10:30 a.m.
18th Sunday After Pentecost**

**First United Methodist Church
Of Newton**

Order of Worship

(*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

PRELUDE “Adagio for Strings” (Barber) Henry Repp

GREETING Kathleen Meredith

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) Evelyn Cornwell

Today, let us be called to worship God and also to look at our own actions.

Let us look at how we can share forgiveness and the love of Jesus Christ with those who persecute us.

Help us today, Lord, to see the power of your grace and love in all we say and do.

Let us be living examples of the good news of Jesus Christ! Amen.

*HYMN “Where Charity and Love Prevail” UMH 549

*OPENING PRAYER (unison) Evelyn Cornwell

Merciful God, your Son commanded us to love one another and not just those who love us, but our enemies as well.

This is an almost incomprehensible task. How do we love those who persecute us, who ridicule us, who make us feel inferior? This is always a struggle, but you are there to help us understand just how to do this, you who are the source of *agape*, a love that is undeserved, gracious, and sacrificial. We pray for the ability to follow this command from your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM “O, Jesus, I Have Promised (Catherwood) Choir

COMMUNITY PRAYER Kathleen Meredith

CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Evelyn Cornwell

Luke 6:27-38 (NLT)

²⁷ “But to you who are willing to listen, I say, love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you. ²⁸ Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you. ²⁹ If someone slaps you on one cheek, offer the other cheek also. If someone demands your coat, offer your shirt also. ³⁰ Give to anyone who asks; and when things are taken away from you, don’t try to get them back. ³¹ Do to others as you would like them to do to you.

***agape*: [ah]-[GAH]-[pay]

This Week's Schedule

Monday, Oct 2	10 Chair Yoga (HH)
Tuesday, Oct 3	10-1 Life With Joy (HH) 6 Hypnosis for Health
Wednesday, Oct 4	10-3 Life With Joy (HH) 6 Potluck Supper (HH)
Thursday, Oct 5	10-1 Life With Joy (HH) 6 Theology on Tap (Angry Erik) 7 Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, Oct 7	7:30 am-1 SCYO Auditions (HH/Media Center) 9-2 Treasures of Hope
Sunday, Oct 8	9 Joy Fellowship (HH) Sunday School (1B) 10:30 Sanctuary Service 11-4 Newton Fall Festival 6-8 From Jesus to Christ Video, Dinner & Discussion

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Today's Worship Leaders

Certified Lay Servant
Liturgist
Director of Music/Organist
Greeter
Camera Operator
Soundboard Operator

Kathleen Meredith
Evelyn Cornwell
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