

**September PMV Meeting**  
**WE WORSHIP TOGETHER**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Holy and gracious God, we gather together in this place to worship you.

**People: We come from different places, with different stories, but we are united in our desire to know you more.**

Leader: You have called us by name and claimed us as your own.

**People: We are your children, chosen and beloved.**

Leader: As we worship you today, may we be filled with your Spirit and empowered to serve You in the world.

**People: May our hearts be open to your transforming love, and may our lives be a witness to your grace. Amen and amen.**

**HYMN #300 (GtG)**

*We Are One in the Spirit*  
*Somos uno en espíritu*

Leaders: Rev. Cristhian Gómez and Elder Belkys Teherán

**Verse 1 - English**

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;  
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

**Verse 2 - Spanish**

Somos uno en espíritu y en el Señor,  
Somos uno en espíritu y en el Señor,  
Y rogamos que un día se complete la unión.  
Y que somos cristianos lo sabrán, lo sabrán,  
Porque unidos estamos en amor.

**Verse 3 - English**

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;  
We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,

And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

*(Translation) Marcharemos tomados de la mano en amor,  
Marcharemos tomados de la mano en amor,  
Anunciando que en esta tierra vive y obra Dios.  
Y que somos cristianos lo sabrán, lo sabrán,  
Porque unidos estamos en amor.*

#### **Verse 4 - Spanish**

Trabajemos unidos lado a lado en amor,  
Trabajemos unidos lado a lado en amor,  
Como guardas celosos de la gente en su honor.  
Y que somos cristianos lo sabrán, lo sabrán,  
Porque unidos estamos en amor.

*(Translation) We will work with each other; we will work side by side;  
We will work with each other; we will work side by side,  
And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Leader: Gracious God, we come before you with heavy hearts.

**People: We confess that we have not always loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

Leader: We have turned a blind eye to the suffering of others.

**People: We have been silent in the face of injustice and oppression.**

Leader: Forgive us, Lord, and open our eyes to the needs of those around us.

**People: Help us to see your image in every person, and to work for justice and peace in our world..**

Leader: Give us the courage to speak out against injustice and to stand with those who are marginalized.

**People: May we be agents of your love, bringing hope and healing to all who are in need.**

Leader; We pray for an end to poverty, hunger, and violence.

**People: We pray for a world where all people are treated with dignity and respect.**

Leader: Holy Spirit, guide us as we seek to follow you.

**People: May our lives be a reflection of your love, as we work for justice, and peace in your name. Amen and amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**All: Forgiveness comes from God, who does not count our sin against us. For God has reconciled us through Christ and entrusts to us the message of reconciliation. Believe the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

#### **1 Corinthians 13: 1-8 -- New Living Translation (NLT)**

RE Paula Ewers

**13** If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. **2** If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing. **3** If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it;[a] but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing.

**4** Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud **5** or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. **6** It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. **7** Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

**8** Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages[b] and special knowledge will become useless. But love will last forever!

#### **1 Corintios 13: 1-8 -- Nueva Traducción Viviente (NTV)**

Elder Gina Zabala

**13** Si pudiera hablar todos los idiomas del mundo y de los ángeles pero no amara a los demás, yo solo sería un metal ruidoso o un címbalo que resuena. **2** Si tuviera el don de profecía y entendiera todos los planes secretos de Dios y contara con todo el conocimiento, y si tuviera una fe que me hiciera capaz de mover montañas, pero no amara a otros, yo no sería nada. **3** Si diera todo lo que tengo a los pobres y hasta sacrificara mi cuerpo, podría jactarme de eso;[a] pero si no amara a los demás, no habría logrado nada.

**4** El amor es paciente y bondadoso. El amor no es celoso ni fanfarrón ni orgulloso **5** ni ofensivo. No exige que las cosas se hagan a su manera. No se irrita ni lleva un registro de las ofensas recibidas. **6** No se alegra de la injusticia sino que se alegra cuando la verdad triunfa. **7** El amor nunca se da por vencido, jamás pierde la fe, siempre tiene esperanzas y se mantiene firme en toda circunstancia.

**8** La profecía, el hablar en idiomas desconocidos,[b] y el conocimiento especial se volverán inútiles. ¡Pero el amor durará para siempre!

**Romanos 8:35, 37-39 -- Nueva Traducción Viviente (NTV)** Elder Gina Zabala

**35** ¿Acaso hay algo que pueda separarnos del amor de Cristo? ¿Será que él ya no nos ama si tenemos problemas o aflicciones, si somos perseguidos o pasamos hambre o estamos en la miseria o en peligro o bajo amenaza de muerte?

**37** Claro que no, a pesar de todas estas cosas, nuestra victoria es absoluta por medio de Cristo, quien nos amó.

**38** Y estoy convencido de que nada podrá jamás separarnos del amor de Dios. Ni la muerte ni la vida, ni ángeles ni demonios,[a] ni nuestros temores de hoy ni nuestras preocupaciones de mañana. Ni siquiera los poderes del infierno pueden separarnos del amor de Dios. **39** Ningún poder en las alturas ni en las profundidades, de hecho, nada en toda la creación podrá jamás separarnos del amor de Dios, que está revelado en Cristo Jesús nuestro Señor.

**Romans 8:35, 37-39 -- New Living Translation (NLT)** RE Larry Hollar

**35** Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death?

**37** No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

**38** And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,[a] neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. **39** No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**SERMON**

**School of Love**

MWS Amy Duiker

**HYMN #366 (GtG)**

***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling***

**Installation of Vice-Moderator Janet Miller**

Moderator Michael Seewer

**Communion**

MWS Mike Wakeland and Rev. Vilma Yáñez

**Special Music during Communion**

Elder Belkys Teherán, Rev. Cristhian Gómez

**SOÑAMOS**

Soñamos con un mundo de justicia, soñamos con un mundo de amor  
Soñamos con un mundo sin violencia, soñamos con un mundo sin rencor.

Soñamos que en Jesús somos hermanos, soñamos que luchamos con valor,  
Soñamos que está viva la esperanza, soñamos que no existe el dolor.

WE DREAM

We dream of a world of justice, we dream of a world of love  
We dream of a world without violence, we dream of a world without bitterness.  
We dream that in Jesus we are siblings, we dream that we struggle courageously,  
We dream that hope is alive, we dream that pain does not exist.

Coro

Soñamos, soñamos, porque hay que soñar,  
Soñamos un mundo de libertad.  
Soñamos, soñamos con pueblos hermanos  
donde tu Reino se haga realidad.

Chorus

We dream, we dream, because we have to dream,  
We dream of a world of freedom.  
We dream, we dream of communities sharing like families  
where your Kingdom becomes reality.

**Charge & Benediction**

MWS Amy Duiker

Possible additional music for communion.

**PORQUE TU DIOS ES AMOR (BECAUSE YOUR GOD IS LOVE)**

Porque tu Dios es amor, Tú puedes, puedes amar  
Porque Jesús es la luz, Tú puedes perdonar

Translation:

Because your God is love, You can, you can love  
Because Jesus is the light, you can forgive

Coro (Chorus)

Dame Señor de tu perfecto amor  
Quiero permanecer en Ti  
Derrama Jesús de tu luz en mí  
Porque Tú eres amor (Uh)

Translation:

Give me, Lord, your perfect love  
I want to abide in You  
Jesus, shed your light on me  
Because you are love (Uh)