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The ultimate

LOVE

CHRIST'S BOUNDLESS GRACE HAS SET US FREE  
FROM DEATH AND SIN'S CAPTIVITY.  
HE IS OUR REDEEMER, OUR SAVIOR,  
OUR FRIEND.

*This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.*  
1 JOHN 3:16 (NIV)

## Evening Service

April 1, 2018

6:30 p.m.

### WELCOME AND INVOCATION TO WORSHIP

### SINGING TOGETHER (Congregation Stands)

"Nothing But the Blood"

"There is Power in the Blood"

"Are You Washed in the Blood?"

### PRAYER FOR THE GATHERING

### GOD'S GREETING AND GREETING EACH OTHER

### OFFERTORY

### SCRIPTURE READING: John 10:17-18

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### MESSAGE: "The Door That Love Built" John 10:17-18

### PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

### RESPONSE SONG (Congregation stands)

"Nothing But the Blood"

### BENEDICTION

### CHORAL BENEDICTION

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Rev. Kirby Williams  
Worship Leader – Byron Cox

## The Door That Love Built

### John 10:17-18

I. Introduction, John 10:11,12,13,15.

II. Exposition of the text, John 10:17-18.

#### A. Context

1. The reality behind the story, Matt. 26:31-32, John 18:4,5-9.

2. Expanding the allegory, Matt. 22:44.

#### B. Explaining how love built "the Door".

1. A meditation on love, the Crucifixion & the Resurrection, vs. 17.

a. Maintaining the integrity of the verse.

b. A glimpse of indescribable love.

i. What Jesus does not mean.

· He does not mean the Father's love is conditional.

· He does not mean the Father's love is mere empathy for suffering.

· An attempt to break the "Father/Son bond".

ii. What Jesus DOES mean, John 4:34.

iii. The nature of the bond.

· The Eternal Decree of the Father, John 3:14-16, Isa. 53:4,10, John 6:39.

· The obedience of the Son.

· Reciprocal love.

iv. An illustration.

c. A new perspective on the Crucifixion and Resurrection, John 12:23,24, Heb. 2:10.

2. A meditation on authority, vs. 18.

a. A willing and willful death.

i. No one else to blame, Acts 4:27-28.

ii. The freedom of choice.

iii. The authority to lay it down.

b. A willing and willful Resurrection.

c. Command and obedience.

III. Application

A. Mirroring the action and motives of the Lord, John 10:14-15, 14:15, Eph. 4:1.

B. Realizing the objective of the Door that love built!

IV. Conclusion