

VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION

OPENING: Jesus is the valentine God sent to all of us.

READER I: How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. *1 John 3.17-18*

LEADER: Jesus said, "Love one-another as I have loved you."

ALL: Sometimes it's not easy to love. Help us, Lord.

LEADER: Care for each other as I have cared for you.

ALL: Sometimes we are not aware of the needs of others. Help us, Lord.

LEADER: Share each other's joys.

ALL: Sometimes we don't let others know we are happy when good things happen to them. Help us, Lord.

LEADER: Love one another, help one another, and make each other happy.

ALL: Amen.

READER II: Dear friends, let us love one another, because love comes from God. Whoever loves is a child of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. And God showed his love for us by sending his only Son into the world, so that we might have life through him. This is what love is: it is not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the means by which our sins are forgiven.

Dear friends, if this is how God loved us, then we should love one another.

1 John 4:7-11

PRAY: Dear Lord,
Every family has needs. Our family needs many things, but mostly we need love. For while we can live without many things, we cannot live without love—love for one another in our family, love for friends, love for strangers, love for you, and for your world. We thank you Lord, for teaching us to love. Make our love stronger every day. Amen.

