

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021, MORNING MESSAGE

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“Nearly all the wisdom we possess, that is to say, true and sound wisdom, consists of two parts: the knowledge of God and of ourselves.”

-John Calvin, The Institutes of the Christian Religion

The writer of I John tells us that love is the way in which we know God. He tells us that love does not define God rather God defines love. He acknowledges that love comes from God. The knowledge of God Calvin describes begins with knowing ourselves to be in relationship with God; recognizing that God’s love is revealed in the sending of God’s Son. This knowledge of God enables us to see ourselves as we truly are.

The sacraments of baptism and the Lord’s Supper are signs of God’s love for us. Long before we were aware of God or ourselves, God had staked a claim on us and the church celebrates that claim in water and bread and wine. The sign of God’s continued indwelling among us is, as the writer of I John tells us, known by our love for one another.

We love because God first loved us. We know God’s love, in the love in the meal we share this week. We also know God’s love in the love we give and receive from one another.

Blessings,
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