

## SERMON NOTES

Christmas Services \* 2021

Sermon by the Reverend Tom Rutherford

Isaiah 9:2-7 \* Psalm 96 \* Titus 2:11-14 \* Luke 2:1-20

### The WHY of Christmas

Why would Jesus do that? Because he L\_\_\_\_\_ us. E\_\_\_\_\_ of us.

God so loved the WORLD, he gave his only Son so that all who believe in him will not perish, but have eternal life. John 3:16

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 Love is patient.

Love is kind.

It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

It does not dishonor others.

It is not self-seeking.

It is not easily angered; it keeps no record of wrongs.

Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

[Love] always protects.

[Love] always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails.

*Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.  
The Bible tells me so.*

## Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation with your family, Home Group, or a friend

1. What is one of your favorite Christmas Carols? Why?
2. 1 Corinthians 14:4-8 defines love like this: "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."  
  
Who in your life has loved you in at least one of those ways? Which one of those ways?
3. Whom in your life have you loved in at least one of those ways? Which one of those ways?
4. What is one of those ways you've experienced that Jesus loves you? Which one?
5. PRAY:
  - ✦ Thanking God for that person in your life who loved you.
  - ✦ For grace to love others as Jesus has loved you.
  - ✦ For any needs in your group.

# *The Christmas Flowers are given to the Glory of God*

*In memory of Renee Graser  
from The Beck Family*

*In memory of loved ones from Chuck &  
Deborah Grunder*

*In memory of my brother Jim  
Harrison and mother and father from Ron  
& Linda Bouton*

*In memory of all our family and friends  
who died from Ansel & Ina Haughton*

*In memory of Jim Collings and Tara  
Collings Pierroux from Mary Ann  
Collings*

*In memory of Berlyann Hosten,  
daughter and mother from Beatrice  
Hosten and Breyanna Morrison*

*In memory of Bill & Dorothy Elsesser and  
Bill & Pearl Crawford from Bill & Pat  
Crawford*

*In memory of our son Jay Hull and  
Janice's brother Jim Comeau from Harry  
& Janice Hull*

*In memory of Connie Lindler & Peter  
DeRosa from Alice DeRosa*

*In memory of Phillip Todd Jackson from  
Elizabeth Kolb-Jackson*

*In memory of loved ones from Jay &  
Marsha Dymond*

*In memory of our parents from Tom &  
Sandi Johnston*

*In memory of Lee Farnsworth & John  
Thoren from Helen Farnsworth*

*In memory of Elizabeth & Don Innis  
and Janis McRae from Richard &  
Kelley McRae and Logan*

*In memory of Ray Flood from Carleen  
Flood*

*In memory of our daughter, Mary  
Brandenburg, our parents, Robert &  
Mary Miller, Malcom & Phyllis  
Knutson, Janice & John Miller and  
Phyllis Perry from Ken & Bonnie  
Miller*

*In memory of Hubert Gaye, George  
Simpson & all my family who have passed  
on— Rest in peace from Aliena B. Gaye*

*In memory of George & Barbara Joiner  
& Thomas Gold from The Gold  
Family*

*In memory of Lynne Passilla, Phil &  
Rose Passilla, Mildred Petit, and Jim  
& Ellenor Kennedy from Jim Passilla*

*In memory of Captain Sean Grimes,  
U.S. Army from Don Grimes*

*In memory of Squire Riley, Tony  
Kreinbagen and Len Phillips from Sue  
Riley*

*In memory of my brother and sister;  
Donnie Schroeder and Sandy Schroeder  
Byerly from Rodney Schroeder*

*In memory of Chadd Smith from the  
Smith-Paredes Family*

*In memory of Joe Burke from Pat, Bill  
& Kirk Smith*

*In memory of family members gone before  
us from Don and Betty Stanton*

*In memory of my parents, Bernie &  
Donice O'Boyle from Jeanne Teter*

*In memory of my father John, brother  
Anthony Alleyne and grandmother-  
Muriel Thompson Phipps from Deborah  
Townsend*

*The Truglia Family; Alice, Carmine,  
Vicenza, Christine and Joseph from  
Vincent Truglia*

*In memory of our daughter, Janet  
Hughes in thanksgiving for her life from  
Mike & Bobbie Warren*

*In memory of Allan & Florence  
Watson and Hebert & Beatrice Clough  
from Rodger & Johanna Watson*

*In memory of Alan & Betty Webster*

*from Stuart & Linda White*

*In memory of Paul & Joyce Conrad and  
Edward & Elizabeth Wirbel from  
Tom & Dawn Wirbel*

*In thanksgiving for our Holy Christmas  
and God's love from Ron & Linda  
Bouton*

*In thanksgiving for being a part of the  
Messiah Family, The Montgomery  
Family and the Farnsworth Family  
from Helen Farnsworth*

*In thanksgiving for my marriage from  
Carleen Flood*

*In thanksgiving for my family, children  
& grandchildren from Aliena B. Gaye*

*In thanksgiving for all our blessings in-  
cluding Linda Gold and Susan Kiehm  
from The Gold Family*

*In thanksgiving for family and friends  
from Nancy Gordon*

*In thanksgiving for Aria Fae McRae  
from  
Kelley*

*Rich-  
&*



*McRae and Logan*

*The Staff and the Vestry of the Church of the Messiah wish you a  
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*



*The Church office will be closed on  
Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>*

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*The Rt. Rev. Greg Brewer, Bishop    The Rev. Tom Rutherford, Rector*

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**Church of the Messiah**

and designate it for :

**TORNADO RELIEF**

and we'll pass it on to Episcopal Relief and Development, who will pass it on to local Episcopal Churches serving their communities.



Tom & Debbie Rutherford saw the movie,  
LOVED it, and encourage you to go!

To see the trailer, visit [www.americanunderdog.movie](http://www.americanunderdog.movie)

*American Underdog* opens Christmas Day at these theaters

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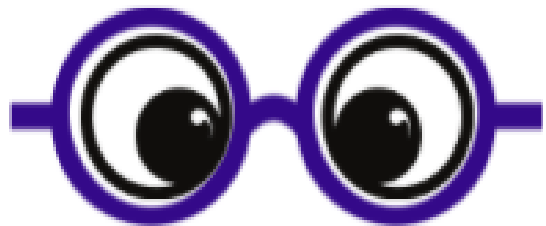
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**\*Do you love your Messiah Family?**

**\*Are you looking for meaningful part-time  
employment?**

**We need a Maintenance Minister to work 12-15  
hours during the week to keep our facility tidy,  
clean, and attractive.**

**The pay is \$12/hour.**

**Interested? Please contact Tom Rutherford for a  
Position Description...at the office, or his email is:  
[TomRutherford@ChurchOfTheMessiah.com](mailto:TomRutherford@ChurchOfTheMessiah.com)**

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*A Parish Family: Loving our Neighbor, Loving One Another  
Changing the world with Jesus:  
One Child, One Person, One Community at a time.*

**Regular Weekly Worship Services**

**Sundays:**

**8:00 am... Traditional Communion**

**9:30 am... Family Communion**

**This service is livestreamed on our Facebook Page and YouTube Channel**

**Children's Church for ages 4-11**

**11:00 am... Contemporary Communion**

**Children's Church for ages 4-11**

**4:00 pm...French & Creole Service**

**This service is livestreamed on our Facebook Page**

**7:00 pm... Casual Communion**

**Wednesdays:**

**10:00 am... Healing and Holy Communion**

**\* For other activities, please visit:**



***Other Ways to Get Involved:***

**SHINE Kid's Club** with Children's Minister, Ms. Angela  
For Students in grades K-5 on Sunday evenings at 4:30 pm in the Youth Hall

For more information contact Ms. Angela at:

**[angelalopez@ChurchOfTheMessiah.com](mailto:angelalopez@ChurchOfTheMessiah.com)**

**ACTIVATE Youth Group** with Youth Minister, Ms. Garine Adams for students in middle school and high school. This group meets on Sundays at 5:00 pm in the Youth Hall. For more information, contact Garine Adams at:

**[youthminister@ChurchOfTheMessiah.com](mailto:youthminister@ChurchOfTheMessiah.com)**

**DIVING DEEPER** with Father Tom Sunday evenings at 5:00 pm in the Narthex for Bible Study and livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube.

**Sunday Simple Suppers:** Come eat with the Messiah Family in the Parish Hall at 6:00 pm.



**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY:** in the library at 11:00 pm.



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