



# Love remains



*Worship resources for the 2022 One Great Hour of Sharing*

## ***Call to Worship***

ONE: Love is...

ALL: **All people being heard and no one being left behind.**

ONE: Love is ...

ALL: **acts of justice and mercy.**

ONE: Love is ...

ALL: **compassion, forgiveness, humility and reconciliation.**

ONE: Love is ...

ALL: **this and so much more.**

ONE: Love is ...

ALL: **truly the greatest!**

## ***Invitation to Communion***

“When the storms of life are raging, stand by me. In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me.” These are words from a hymn by the African-American preacher and leader Charles Albert Tindley. In those two lines, the connection between Week of Compassion and the practice of Communion come into focus.

Physical storms like tornadoes [or hurricanes, or...adapt to local context] ravage our communities. Spiritual storms, like broken relationships and socioeconomic injustice, ravage our personal and communal lives. When we experience brokenness in any part of life, we turn toward Christ and to this communal meal, which draws us together in ways that are both mystical and comforting.

The generous Christ invites us to his table today to receive the gifts of broken bread and crushed grapes. Encounter them anew as we observe this day of sharing; for in that brokenness, we are made whole. Taste and see grace in your midst. No matter what is happening, love is found at the table. Love remains.

## ***Charge and Benediction***

ONE: Faith, hope and love will remain for the ages to come.

ALL: Faith is trust and belief rooted in Christ.

ONE: Hope is not wishful thinking, but deep trust in God.

ALL: Love is the greatest—because it is the fabric of communal life.

ONE: Love binds us together as the body of Christ.

ALL: Faith, hope and love remain forever, but the greatest of these IS love.