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For God so loved...

“So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love,...” Eph 5:1-2

- Leader:** In the name of God, our Creator, Jesus, the Eternal Word, and the Spirit, Holy Life and Light.
- All:** The Spirit enriches our lives by giving us gifts and then calls them forth for the benefit of the whole community. Each day, the Spirit helps us to live like a new creation. Filled with the gift of God’s love, we are enabled to take off the old self and put on the new. As we respond to God’s gifts, we begin to recognize that we must use them in service of others.
- Reading:** So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love as Christ loved us and handed Himself over for us as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma. Everything exposed by the light becomes visible for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead and Christ will give you light.” Eph 5:1-2,13-14
- Reflection:** How do you imitate God every day?
- Pause:**
- Left:** You are the God of the ages.
Your hands made the heavens and the earth.
You formed us in power and love.
God is love. God’s love abides in us forever.
- Right:** You made us the Temple of Your Glory
to give you the sacrifice of loving and faithful hearts,
set to proclaim your justice and peace to the world.
God is love. God’s love abides in us forever.
- All:** Glory be to our God the Almighty,
to Jesus the Christ, ever in our midst,
to the Spirit Wisdom, who guides all our days,
now and forever and ever. Amen *Edward F. Gabriele*
- Leader:** O God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, move us to hold within the tenderness of our faith and love all of those whose lives have been broken in this life by sorrow, death, or the power of evil. We ask this through Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.