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 JANUARY-APRIL 2018

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March 11, 2018

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"Within your temple, O God,
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 Psalm 48:9

Please feel free to sit or stand
 as we worship through song.

#70 *God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him*
Reckless Love

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

What Wondrous Love Is This

Time for Young Disciples

Children in 1st - 5th grades may go to their classes

Offering - People of God

Please sign and pass the registration pad down your pew

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading - 1 John 4:7-21

Message: "Walk in Love"
 Pastor Dave Ricketts

And Can It Be

Opportunities to Give, Gather, & Go

Blessing

Postlude - Pastorale - D. Zipoli

Need prayer this morning?
 Come to one of the prayer corners at the front of the Sanctuary.



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COMMUNITY LIFE

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THE WORD

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OUR RESPONSE

COMMUNION

All who confess Jesus as Lord and Savior may participate
 Please come to one of the stations whenever you are ready
 Gluten-free bread is offered at the rear station

OFFERING

Please bring your gifts to the Lord to one of the
 Offering Boxes at the front or rear

PRAYER

A member of our Prayer Team will be in the back
 if you would like prayer

FELLOWSHIP

Dinner following *The 5* will resume April 15

Feedback, questions and thoughts: #mvpcthe5



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