**Minister**:   Our next reading is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

and will be read by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

***1 Corinthians 13:1-8, 13***

Hear these famous words about love,

from Paul’s letter to the people of Corinth,

May we find relevance in this ancient wisdom.

Paul writes:

*If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels,*

*but do not have love,*

*I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.*

*And if I have prophetic powers,*

*and understand all mysteries and all knowledge,*

*and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains,*

*but do not have love,*

*I am nothing.*

*If I give away all my possessions,*

*and if I hand over my body so that I may boast,*

*\*but do not have love,*

*I gain nothing.*

*Love is patient;  Love is kind;*

*Love is not envious or boastful, or arrogant or rude.*

*It does not insist on its own way;*

*It is not irritable or resentful;*

*It does not rejoice in wrongdoing,*

*but rejoices in the truth.*

*It bears all things, believes all things,*

*hopes all things, endures all things.*

*Love never ends.*

*But as for prophecies, they will come to an end;*

*As for tongues, they will cease;*

*As for knowledge, it will come to an end.*

*And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three;*

*And the greatest of these is love.*

Here ends the reading.

May our hearing be blessed with understanding.