

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.