

Announcements:

- 1. Welcome:** Welcome to all Newcomers and Visitors! Please join us downstairs after Worship Service for refreshments.
- 2. Unity Candle:** it is visiting Somos Watsonville led by Rev. Julie Porras-Center. Please pray for them as they provide coffee, study space and mentorship to young people. They are supported through a New Worshipping Communities grant from the Presbytery. The candle will be with El Estero next Sunday.
- 3. Thursday Night Bible Study:** @7pm on Zoom. The group is studying "Cojourners: Joining others in Spiritual Journey". Please contact Wayne Shen at wayneshen1@gmail.com or email the church to receive book & discussion materials at elesteropc@gmail.com.

The **Title** – “a new commandment”

A Greater Love:

Neighbor — as **ourselves**

Christians — as **Jesus loved us**.

A New Reason & Covenant:

delivered from **slavery in Egypt** by blood of **lamb**.

delivered from **slavery to Sin, Satan, Death** by blood of

Jesus.

A New Nature:

Brothers & Sister of **flesh** can be **separated** eternally

Brothers & Sisters **born of God together** for eternity.

The **Example** — “as I have loved you”

Christ loved **un-selfishly, intimately, patiently, practically, sacrificially**

The **Result** — “all men will know that you are my disciples”

1st to know: YOU. **We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren.** (1 John 3:14)

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2 to know: Other Christians

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3 to know: ALL others

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Worship Order

Welcome & Announcements Richard Marquez

A Word for Your Week (Ephesians 4:1-3)

I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, entreat you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing forbearance to one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Call to Worship (2 Corin 5:19) Richard Marquez

Leader: You shall love the Lord your God

ALL: with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.

Leader: The is the first and great commandment.

ALL: And the second like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Leader: On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets

Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn

Love One Another

Love one another, for love is of God. He who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God. For God is love. God is love.

(Love bears all things. Believes all things. Love hopes all things. Endures all things.)

Change My Heart Oh God

Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true; Change my heart, O God, May I be like you. You are the Potter, I am the clay; Mold me and make me, This is what I pray. Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true; Change my heart, O God, May I be like you.

Scripture Reading (John 13:24-25) Richard Marquez

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; **as I have loved you**, that you also love one another. **By this all will know that you are My disciples**, if you have love for one another.

Sermon "A New Commandment"

Closing Prayer Dr. Wayne Shen

*Closing Hymn

They Will Know We Are Christians by our Love

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that our unity will one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yeah they'll know we are Christians by our love

We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yeah, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Benediction

Fellowship with Family on Zoom Richard Marquez

*Congregation Standing