

December 19, 2021

Readings: Matt. 2:1,2

Ps. 150:1-6

John 4:24

Speaker: Pastor Tim McCardel

Christmas Series: ReDiscover Christmas: Good News In Troubling Times

Today's Message: Finding Love in Our Differences

Psalm 40:11, 12 "My only hope is Your love... for my problems are too big for me to solve..."

Jehovah Roi - "I am the God who shepherds you."

Romans 8:39 "Nothing... will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

1. Consider The Mysterious Magi

Matthew 2:1, 2

John 4:24

"**In spirit and in truth**" - true worship not merely a display (act) of spirituality but concerned with spiritual realities.

NOTICE: No Pharisees, No Sadducees, no spiritual VIP's invited to Jesus' birth!

2. Jesus Christ is Love Embodied

John 10:11

Romans 5:8

1 John 4:7-16

Transforming TRUTH: When We Surrender to Jesus' Love we are restored... fulfilled in His love for us... We live in Him and He lives in us...

Our Solid Foundation: "It's not the strength of your faith but the object of your faith that saves you. We are more sinful and flawed in ourselves than we ever dared believe, yet at the very same time we are more loved and accepted in Christ Jesus than we ever dared hope." ~ Tim Keller

3. Jesus' Love Defines and Propels True Christ Followers

John 13:34, 35

Jesus' Love: Defines His followers... it Brands Us... at least it should.

Matthew 5:43, 44

1 John 4:18, 19

Jesus' Love: In His children drives out the fear within ourselves; it's humble, it listens, it overwhelms all obstacles.

Ephesians 3:17-19