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John 15.9-17

Jesus talks about the love which comes from the Father to Jesus, then on to his followers, and from them to others. Jesus gives one vital command: to love each another in the same way that he loves us. Obeying this command is not a sign that we are his servants but that we are his chosen friends.

A note on the passage. The focus is on the power of love as seen through friendship with Jesus. It is particularly significant because it comes shortly before the Passion, where Jesus lays down his life for his friends. And this friendship is not casual, it is a covenant relationship; a gracious gift to us from God. Although the disciples are now described as friends, the call to obedience is still vital: it is the loving response of a friend who has been chosen



Ask yourself:

Do earthly friendships differ from a friendship with Jesus?
If so, how?



Wesley Methodist Church

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Link for on line worship

<https://www.valeofstour.org.uk/virtual-church/live/vosworship>

Newsletter: Sunday 9th May 2021

Weekly Hymn: -

**An Upper Room did our Lord prepare
for those he loved until the end:
and his disciples still gather there
to celebrate their Risen Friend.**

**A lasting gift Jesus gave his own:
to share his bread, his loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down,
he by his Cross shall lift us up.**

**And after Supper he washed their feet
for service, too, is sacrament.
In him our joy shall be made complete –
sent out to serve, as he was sent.**

**No end there is! We depart in peace,
he loves beyond the uttermost:
in every room in our Father's house
he will be there as Lord and Host.**

The funeral for the late Doreen Cartwright will take place on Friday 14th May 2021, 10.20am at Stourbridge Crematorium – attendance by invite only due to restricted numbers.

Donations in memory of Doreen are for Mary Steven's Hospice and can be sent to J T Brookes, Mount Pleasant, Quarry Bank.

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Wesley is unable to support this year, but please consider making your own donation.

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Reminder Food bank Collection at Amblecote
Wordsley Wednesday 19th May 10.30am – 12.30pm