

First Presbyterian Church of Santa Rosa
Sunday, March 29, 2020
Scripture Reading: John 14:11-12, 15-19, 23-27 (NIV)

Introduction: In the following passage, Jesus and his disciples are in Jerusalem for the Passover festival. They have gathered in an upper room to celebrate the Passover meal. Chapters 13-17 of John record Jesus words with his disciples, which is referred to as the Farewell Discourse. In this passage, Jesus tells his disciples he is leaving them to return to the Father. He reassures them with a promise to send the Holy Spirit to be with them. Reading Jesus' words from John 14, beginning at verse 11:

Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father....

If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live....

Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

The Word of the Lord!