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Serving Christ and Community since 1754 Third Parish Church; 1833 The Brick Church

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THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

- One: May the peace of Christ be with you.
- All: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

- One: May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant us to live in harmony,
- All: in the way of Christ Jesus, so that together we may with one voice glorify God.
- One: Welcome one another, therefore,
- All: just as Christ has welcomed us, for the glory of God.
- One: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
- All: so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- **HYMN** "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" #485

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Geoff Parker

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

- One: Loving God, when we forget we are yours,
- All: Remind us of your love which formed us.
- One: When we fail to honor your image in our neighbor,
- All: Restore in us the heart of Christ for others.
- One: When we lose sight of you, and your hope for our world and for our lives,
- All: Show us your Spirit moving in and through us all.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- One: May we be assured of God's grace: The Compassion of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
- All: God's mercy is new every morning, and great is God's faithfulness.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 89: 1-4, 15-18 Hannah Sommes, Sally Sommes

ANTHEM

Matthew 10:40-42

THE SERMON

"Steadfast Love"

Rev. Geoff Parker

MUSICAL MEDITATION & TIME OF PRAYER

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY

CLOSING HYMN "O Love, How Vast, How Flowing Free" #209

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Go in Peace"

POSTLUDE