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# Local Church Offering



John 3:16: “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

God loves us and wants us to know Him and experience a meaningful life. He created us in His own image, and He desires an intimate relationship with each one of us. Our heavenly Father watches us with eyes of love and affection. He cares for us too deeply to have stayed in heaven, looking down on us watching us fall and fail. Instead, He came down out of heaven into this sinful world in the person of His precious Son, Jesus Christ, that we may have life, and have it abundantly (John 10:10).

Ellen G. White reminds us that “we belong to God; we are His sons and daughters.. His by creation and His by the gift of His only-begotten Son for our redemption.... The mind, the heart, the will, and the affections belong to God; the money that we handle is the Lord’s” (Counsels on Stewardship, p. 72).

## APPEAL

Let us remember that we are His, that we are loved, and that He has entrusted us with means in order to show His love to the world.

## PRAYER

Thank you Father, for your love to us. Help us to demonstrate that love to others. Amen.