

## “Kindness”

What is being kind?

According to the dictionary, being kind is: gentle and considerate; goodhearted, proceeding from good heartedness. The dictionary also says about good heartedness – having and showing a kind nature. And there is kindness – the quality of being kind; a kind act or service, a favor. Are not all of these qualities the qualities of Jesus?

Psalm 31:21-24

**21** Blessed be the LORD,

For He has shown His marvelous faithfulness to me in a besieged city.

**22** As for me, I said in my alarm, I am cut off from Your eyes”;

Nevertheless You heard the sound of my pleadings

When I called to You for help.

**23** Love the LORD, all His godly ones! The LORD watches over the faithful But fully repays the one who acts arrogantly.

**24** Be strong and let your heart take courage, All you who wait for the LORD.

Psalm 117:1-2

Praise the LORD, all nations; Sing His praises, all peoples!

**2** For His mercy toward us is great, And the truth of the LORD is everlasting. Praise the LORD!

Isaiah 54:8

With a little wrath I hid My face from you for a moment; but with everlasting kindness I will have mercy on you, says the Lord, your Redeemer.

Ephesians 2:1-7

And you were dead in your offenses and sins,

**2** in which you previously walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.

**3** Among them we too all previously lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the rest.

**4** But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

**5** even when we were dead in our wrongdoings, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

**6** and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus,

**7** so that in the ages to come He might show the boundless riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for your kindness, great love, grace, mercy and forgiveness of sin because of Your kindness You have given us through Jesus. I pray that You will bless this gathering here this morning. With open hearts we want to remember the suffering, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. I ask that will bless the juice and bread as we remember.