

Sermon Title: Hopefull: Of Love Scripture: 1 Peter 1:22-25; Isaiah 40:1-8 Date: February 23rd, 2025 Speaker Name: Justin Chandler

- 1. Is there someone you have met that you felt you have known your whole life? Has that been true of your experience at church?
- 2. How is love for one another a reflection of our souls being purified and obedience to the truth?
- 3. Would you describe your love for others as earnest (unceasing and intense)? Why or why not?
- 4. Why are Christians often at odds with one another? Why are members of the church at odds with one another?
- 5. How would you describe love for others at Harbor Trinity? Where are we doing well? How can we improve?
- 6. Why is it important that we are born again with imperishable seed rather than perishable seed? Why does Peter highlight this distinction?
- 7. Peter quotes Isaiah 40:6-8 in 1 Peter 1:24-25. How do the verses relate to one another?
- 8. Isaiah 40 was written to the people of Israel while in exile. Why is Peter's use of this passage fitting for the recipients of Peter's letter who are living in exile as well?
- 9. Why are the promises of Isaiah 40:1-8 a comfort to those who are living in exile? How are they a comfort to Peter's recipients and to us as well?
- 10. While this passage can refer to the entirety of Scripture/the Bible. In this context, "The good news preached to you" is the word of the Lord that remains forever. Why is this important for us to remember?
- 11. As we prepare for next week, let's read 1 Peter 1:22—2:10. How does Peter's description of the church in 2:4–5, 9–10 emphasize spiritual unity? What else do you get out of his description of the church?"