

Greetings to all,

“For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father.” You and I, all of us, are sisters and brothers. We have each other. We are a church and we are a family. That matters. In you, I find the love that comes from our Father. Nowhere else. God’s love is real love. Without our friends and family and sisters and brothers, we do not know the very deep love God has for us. God created us to be together. And, as far as I can tell, that is the meaning of life. How strange and wonderful it is to be created in the image of God, Father and Son and Holy Spirit, a holy family.

Christmas is a season of joy and celebration that lasts until Epiphany, January 6<sup>th</sup>. Make a point of holding onto Christmas in your heart. Make this season a season of faith and hope and love.

I will be gone to St Paul, MN for some intensive classes, January 5<sup>th</sup> to January 18<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Sarah Semmler Smith will preach on Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>. You will enjoy what she brings.

Evening prayer and Bible study will resume on Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30pm. As the new year begins, join us and dig deeper into the Scriptures. Let the Spirit light your heart on fire.

Thanks to everyone who made our Christmas eve services and our lessons and carols service all so beautiful. What a joy it is to worship with you.

Don’t forget that you can always find my sermons on our website: [www.gracesoutrange.com](http://www.gracesoutrange.com) and on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/user/cavalerima>.

Be good to each other.

As always, catch me and talk to me in church, come see me in my office or shoot me an email. I am here for you.

Peace and all-good.

Micah