



“God, what is it You want to do through me?”

Pray for a World Full of Love

Piano lessons were a big part of my childhood. While my teacher often focused on the classical composers such as Bach, Mozart, Chopin and Schumann, I think my mother grew tired of hearing them being practiced every day. Whenever she could set aside a little money, we would make a trip to the local music store where she would pick out sheet music for a popular song – often The Carpenters or something from Hal David and Burt Bacharach. I would learn these songs knowing they were her special requests and I know she enjoyed hearing them played amongst the classics.

In a recent worship service, Music Minister Daniel Searce shared the song **What The World Needs Now Is Love**. I remember learning and playing this song as a child but it has taken me years to fully appreciate the deep meaning behind its prayerful lyrics.

The chorus is profound and truly theological:

*What the world needs now is love, sweet love
It's the only thing that there's just too little of
What the world needs now is love, sweet love
No not just for some, but for everyone*

These words were written during a time of deep divisions in our country – including racial inequities and the struggle for civil rights, growing disparities between the wealthy and the poor, and the war in Vietnam. Sadly, in many ways we seem to be stuck back in the same

place now that we were when the song was written. Nearly six million people in the world have died from COVID-19, leaving millions more friends and family grieving from the loss. Regrettably, systemic racism remains a very real challenge, and we are daily witnesses to the needless destruction and disruption of millions of innocent Ukrainian lives by an unprovoked invasion by Russia.

The world needs love – not just for some, but for everyone. Love for those who grieve, love for those who've been subjected to injustice, and love for those who endure upheavals in their lives.

Prayer: God, thank you for providing us great comfort through the gift of music and poetry to aid us in our times of trouble. Amen.

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