

The Lord's Day

August 1, 2021 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

-Ephesians 4:1-3 (ESV)

- Prelude *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* arr. S. Pthel
Hymn 264
- * Call to Worship [Psalm 36:7-9](#)
- * Hymn 457 [Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing](#) NETTLETON
- * Invocation
- Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 393) [Ezra 7:1-28](#)
(continuous reading)
- ** Silent Prayer of Confession
- * Assurance of Pardon
- * Hymn 461 [Not What My Hands Have Done](#) LEOMINSTER
- ** Pastoral Prayer
- Offertory *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!* arr. S. Howlett
Hymn 600
- * Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDREDTH
- * Prayer of Dedication
- Sermon *Maintaining the Unity of the Faith* Pastor Will Snyder
Text: [Ephesians 4:1-16](#) (Bible, p. 977)
- * Hymn 356 [How Beautiful the Sight](#) ST. GODRIC
- The Lord's Supper *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* Hymns 508
 & *Be Thou My Vision* & 642
- * Hymn (insert) *Behold the Lamb* arr. Getty/Townend
- * Benediction

* Congregation Standing

** Congregation Kneeling

* Silent Meditation

Announcements and Dismissal

As you enter the Sanctuary, please be considerate of others who are quietly preparing for worship. Please silence your cell phones before the service begins.

Consistent with current Connecticut state guidelines and CDC recommendations, face masks are optional inside the Church building for fully vaccinated individuals and are not required for anyone outdoors.

Also, according to state guidelines, you are not required to use a mask or cloth face covering if it is contrary to your health or safety because of a medical condition, a child in a child-care setting, anyone under the age of 2 years, or an older child if the parent, guardian or person responsible for the child is unable to place the mask safely on the child's face.

Communion Reminder: The outside rows on each cup tray contain grape juice; all other cups in each tray contain wine. The bread/cracker served is gluten-free.

Backyard Fellowship, 5:30 PM:

Please join us at the church at 5:30 PM for a Backyard Fellowship. See Announcements for more details.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

August 1, 2021

Worship Leader: Elder Doug Fox
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: David Embree
Ushers: Jeff Edwards
Audio: Zeb Sinnamon
Nursery: 9:30:
10:30 (Worship): Danielle Bolliger, Ava Wilson
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up:
Evening Audio: *Backyard Fellowship*

August 8, 2021

Worship Leader: Elder Richard Jones
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Walter Mayo
Ushers: David Embree
Audio: Zeb Sinnamon
Nursery: 9:30:
10:30 (Worship): Anita Hilinski, Julia Lazzaro
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up:
Evening Audio: *Backyard Fellowship at the Mayo & Mayhew's home*

Behold the Lamb (Communion) Hymn

1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way slain for us
2. The bod - y of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, torn for you
3. The blood that cleans - es ev - 'ry stain of sin, shed for you
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re - spond.

4
and we re - mem - ber the pro - mise made that all who
eat and re - mem - ber; the wounds that heal, the death that
drink and re - mem - ber; He drained death's cup that all may
and to re - mem - ber, our call to fol - low in the

6 **Refrain**
come in faith find for - give - ness at the cross. So we share in this
brings us life paid the price to make us one. So we share in this
en - ter in to re - ceive the life of God. So we share in this
steps of Christ as His bod - y hear on earth. As we share in His

10
bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice as a
bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice as a
bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice as a
suf - fer - ing, we pro - claim Christ will come a - gain! And we'll

13
sign of our bonds of peace a - round the ta - ble of the King.
sign of our bonds of love a - round the ta - ble of the King.
sign of our bonds of grace a - round the ta - ble of the King.
join in the feast of heav'n a - round the ta - ble of the King.

This Week at Church

Monday	1:00 PM	Women's Prayer Group at Ohlunds
Tuesday	6:00 PM	Session Meeting
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Prayer Gathering
Saturday	6:30 PM	Fireside Youth Group
Sunday	5:30 PM	Backyard Fellowship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

BACKYARD FELLOWSHIP!

We will meet for a Backyard Fellowship today at **5:30 PM** at the church. Please plan to come for a time of food, fellowship, devotion, and prayer. Each individual or family should bring chairs or blankets, meat to grill for their own family, and a side dish and/or dessert to share. All plates, utensils, and drinks will be provided. The rain location is the church. Please plan to make these gatherings a part of your summer routine! It is a great way to get to know each other better in an informal setting.

COMING EVENTS

VBS 2021!

Vacation Bible School is set to explore Mystery Island from **August 9-13, from 9 AM to noon**, right here at the church! Register your child(ren) using the paper application in the Fellowship Hall, or online at coventrypca.church/vbs. We look forward to seeing you there!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be on **Thursday, August 26th from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall**. They have added extra safety precautions due to COVID-19 such as temperature checks before entry into the building, social distancing protocol, wearing of face masks, etc. You can visit www.redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday afternoon Bible study will resume on **August 25th**. More details to follow. If you are interested in joining, please contact Pastor Will at the church office: (860) 742-7222.

VBS NURSERY HELP NEEDED

I am looking for a few volunteers who could help in the nursery during the week of Vacation Bible School, **August 9-13th from 9 AM to noon**.

The nursery is available to those on our VBS staff who have little ones not yet old enough to attend VBS. This allows our VBS staff to be able to serve during the week and have their child taken care of. Whatever time you can give, even if it's just one day, would be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

Anita Hilinski (doggroom21@cs.com and (860) 716-4370)

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Should we start a Prayer Shawl Ministry at PCC? Contact Sue Bird with your thoughts or questions: suebird1968@gmail.com; (860) 872-3362; in person on Sunday. Thank you for your input.

FLOWER CALENDAR

Flowers in worship serve in reminding us of God's glory reflected in creation, His loving care for us and our own mortality. If you would like to bless our worship/honor a loved one by providing flowers, please use the flower calendar found on the Women's Ministry board in the Fellowship Hall. Flowers can be from your garden or purchased.



Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

Maintaining the Unity of the Faith

Ephesians 4:1-16

Main Preaching Point: Since you share in the same redemption with the whole body of Christ, maintain the unity of the Spirit and faith by using your Christ-given gift(s) and demonstrating a Christ-like love.

- The Call to Unity (v.3,13)
- The Character that Serves Unity (v.1-3, 7-12, 16)
 - Deep People (v.1-2)
 - Gifted People (v.7-12, 16)
- The Aim of Unity (v.15-16)

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Ephesians 4:1-16

Title: Maintaining the Unity of the Faith

Questions:

1. What was most important or applicable in today's preaching? Can you summarize the main message?

The Call to Unity (v.3,13)

2. Read verses 3 and 13. While through chapters 1-3 of Ephesians Paul focuses on doctrinal truths that are a reality for all believers (e.g. elected by God, forgiven through Christ's blood, united to Christ) he then shifts in chapter 4 to practical matters. According to the sermon, what is the first matter he addresses?

- What is the "unity of the faith"? What unites believers? Discuss or consider non-essential matters that ought not divide believers.

3. What metaphor does Paul use to communicate unity in the church? In what way(s) is this metaphor helpful? Consider the following passages: Ephesians 2:22, 1 Peter 2:4-5, John 15:1-5. What metaphors do these passages use to illustrate unity?

The Character that Serves Unity (v.1-3, 7-12, 16)

4. Read v.1-3, 7-12, and 16. According to the sermon, what are the characteristics of people who advance and promote unity (see v.1-3)? Give examples of what it might look like to "bear with one another in love".

- In verse 3 Paul does not say "be eager to create the unity of the Spirit", but rather "be eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit." What is important about this distinction and what does it reveal about the nature of God and how the church is to reflect that?

5. Consider verses 7-12. What has Christ given to his people in order to build up the body of Christ? Every believer has been given gift(s) to be used for building up the body of Christ. What gift(s) has been given to you and how might you use that for the strengthening of the church? What "work of ministry" (v.12) are you serving, or feeling led to serve?

The Aim of Unity (v.15-16)

6. Read v.15-16. What is the goal and aim of unity? Paul emphasizes at least two ideas: First, corporate growth. While individuals are called to play their part and work properly within the body, corporate growth is Paul's emphasis. In what way(s) can believers contribute to serve the growth of the whole body? Second, love. Paul says that when the body is unified and working properly, "it builds itself up in love." How does unity produce growth in love? Why is this important?

7. How does unity promote the person and work of Jesus Christ? See v.15. Explain.