

WORSHIP GUIDE: SUNDAY AM APRIL 23rd, 2023 — 10:15am

Unity because of Christ

Welcome: [Pastor Joel]

- Unity Because of Christ
- Church Body Life Focus today. Through our service today, we will look to the unity that we have with other believers because of Christ. Unity in Christ and with others is understood through the ordinances. We will observe the ordinance of Baptism and will hear salvation testimonies. The message will consider the significance of the ordinance of the Lord's Supper.

UNITY IN CHRIST

Congregational Song: In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Testimonies of Salvation & Votes for Church Membership

- Dan Bolles
- Chris Bauer
- Brenda Bauer
- Annika Bauer

Baptisms

- Dan Bolles
- Chris Bauer

Congregational Song: And Can it Be?

And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain—
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

*Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray—
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

*Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th' eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

*Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

UNITY WITH OTHERS

Church Commitment: *Our Commitment to One Another* [Pastor Bernie]

Having been brought by divine grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and to give up ourselves to him, and having been baptized upon our profession of faith, in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, we do now, relying on His gracious aid, solemnly and joyfully renew our commitment with each other.

We will submit to the Word of God as our central authority which contains all things that are necessary for life and godliness. We will value it in its preaching, public reading, and as an object of our meditation and delight.

We will work and pray for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

We will walk together in brotherly love as followers of Christ, exercising an affectionate care and watchfulness over each other, faithfully admonishing and entreating one another.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor neglect to pray for ourselves and others.

We will seek the salvation of the lost, and we will endeavor to bring up all that are under our care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

We will rejoice at each others' happiness and endeavor with tenderness and sympathy to bear each others' burdens and sorrows.

We will seek, by Divine aid, to live carefully in the world, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, and remembering that, as we have been voluntarily buried by

baptism and raised again from the symbolic grave, so there is on us a special obligation now to lead a new and holy life.

We will work together for the continuance of a faithful evangelical ministry in this church, as we sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines.

We will contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We will, if we move from this place, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this commitment and the precepts and principles of God's Word.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.

Prayer: To live out this commitment to one another [Pastor Bernie]

Congregational Song: O How Good It Is

Oh how good it is when the family of God
Dwell together in spirit, in love and unity;
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love
Are the fruits of his presence here among us.

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,
And with one heart we'll live out his word
Til the whole world sees the Redeemer has come,
For he dwells in the presence of his people.*

Oh how good it is on this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn.
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace,
When we offer the blessing of belonging.

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,
And with one heart we'll live out his word
Til the whole world sees the Redeemer has come,
For he dwells in the presence of his people.*

Oh how good it is to embrace his command
To prefer one another, forgive as he forgives.

When we live as one we all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit.

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,
And with one heart we'll live out his word
Til the whole world sees the Redeemer has come,
For he dwells in the presence of his people.*

Children 3-K5 dismissed

Message: Church Ordinance: The Lord's Supper [Pastor Steve]

Congregational Song: O Mighty Cross

O mighty cross, Love lifted high,
The Lord of life raised there to die;
His sacrifice on Calvary
Has made the mighty cross a tree of life to me

O mighty cross, what throne of grace,
He knew no sin, yet took my place;
His sacrifice on Calvary
Has made the mighty cross a tree of life to me

O mighty cross O Christ so pure,
Love held Him there, such shame endured
His sacrifice on Calvary
Has made the mighty cross a tree of life to me

O mighty cross, my soul's release;
The stripes He bore have brought me peace;
His sacrifice on Calvary
Has made the mighty cross a tree of life to me

Closing Announcements:

- SFCS School Play
- This Wednesday the 26th – No AWANA, but we are having teen and adult meetings Wednesday night.
- Summer In-Home Fellowship – Sign up in back if you are interested in hosting or leading a study.
- FBC Baccalaureate – May 7th