

WORSHIP GUIDE: SUNDAY AM – October 1st, 2023 – 10:15am

Christ-Minded Unity

Welcome: [Pastor Bernie]

- Over the next few weeks, we will be working through Philippians 2:1-11 and this majestic passage on the glorious humiliation and exaltation of Christ. We should be unified around the mind of Christ, the humility of Christ, and the glory of Christ. In the weeks to come, as we explore Philippians 2:1-11, these realities will be unpacked.
- Today we will focus on Philippians 2:1-4 – Christ minded unity: Unity in Christ is the motivation for mutual love.

PRAISE THE TRIUNE GOD

Call to Worship: Unity in Christ: Ephesians 2:19-22 [Pastor Joel]

¹⁸ For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens,^[d] but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by^[e] the Spirit.

Congregational Song: Holy Holy Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Congregational Song: Wonderful Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men
Oh, You rescue the souls of men

*You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for*

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper
Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost our way
Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way

*You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for*

Almighty, infinite Father
Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne
Oh, we're falling before Your throne

*You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for*

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer: [Pastor Steve]

MUTUAL LOVE BECAUSE OF UNITY IN CHRIST

Congregational Song: O How Good It Is

Oh how good it is
When the family of God
Dwells together in spirit
In faith and unity.
Where the bonds of peace,
Of acceptance and love
Are the fruit 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
Till the whole earth 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
Till the whole earth 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
Till the whole earth sees
The Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence of His people.*

Congregational Song: May the Mind of Christ My Savior

May the mind of Christ, my Savior,
live in me from day to day,
by His love and pow'r controlling
all I do and say.

May the word of God dwell richly
in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph
only through His pow'r.

May the love of Jesus fill me
as the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing:
this is victory.

May I run the race before me,
strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus
as I onward go.

***Children 3-K5 dismissed to back**

Message: Philippians 2:1-4 [Pastor Steve]

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Congregational Song of Response: More and More Like You

Lord change my heart from deep within
oh, purify me once again
Renew my mind to love Your truth
Make me more and more like You

*More and more like You
More and more like You
Do whatever You must do
To make me more and more like You*

Lord cause my will to choose Your ways
In each temptation that I face
Until Your glory's shining through
Make me more and more like You

More and more like You
More and more like You
Do whatever You must do
To make me more and more like You

Announcements: [Pastor Bernie]

- Report and praise of Malta Missions project
- Ladies Bible Study kickoff following service.
- Upcoming Weeks:
 - October 8 – AM Worship Service; PM Service - Lord's Supper
 - October 15 – AM Worship Service; 1st Quarter Progress & Fellowship.
 - October 22 – Charles and Abigale David, missionaries to India will be here for the day, both morning and evening.