

Sunday

10:45 am Hebrews 10:25 Group

Monday

6:00 pm Bible Study

Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Bible Study

Pastors leave for New Room Conference

Wednesday

10:00 am Sisters In Christ

7:00 pm Choir

Thursday

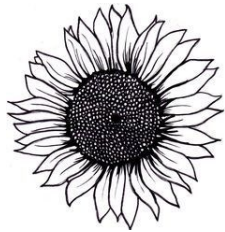
11:00 am Grace Notes Crew

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Giving Income: \$8,374

YTD Operating Income: \$439,202

YTD Operating Expenses: \$569,680



Flowers are provided today in honor of past and present members of The United Methodist Women, which is a world-wide organization founded over 150 years ago.

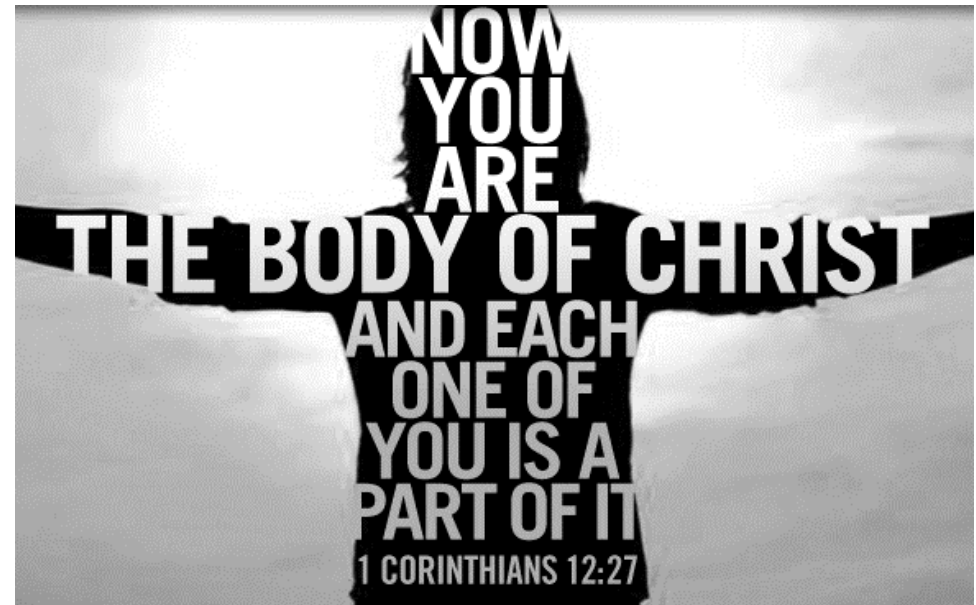
Discussion Questions

Scripture passages you might want to read and discuss:

Psalm 24:1, Romans 1:1-6, Romans 7:1-6,
Ephesians 2:14-22, Ephesians 5:25-32

- 1) What questions did this message raise in your mind?
- 2) If, as in Psalm 24:1, everything already belongs to God, what does that mean for our everyday life?
- 3) Look at the section on the invitation. Which part of that invitation do you heartily affirm without question or reservation?
- 4) Which part of that invitation do you find most difficult to understand or to respond affirmatively to? What is it about that that challenges you?
- 5) What distortions has the image of marriage taken on in our culture or in the church?
- 6) Practically speaking, how can your marriage (or your single life married to Jesus) show the world a picture of what belonging to Jesus looks like?

“A Called Community”



DECATUR *Grace*

September 19, 2021

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *Mighty God, Holy God*

Praise and Prayer

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 118:14-29 UMH #839

***Hymns of Praise**

Majesty, Worship His Majesty UMH #176

His Name is Wonderful UMH #174

He Is Lord UMH #177

UMW Recognition

Congregational Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Anthem *Then Sings My Soul*

Invitation to the Offering

I Peter 2:4-5

Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn of Preparation**

My Hope Is Built UMH #368

Hearing and Responding

Scripture & Message

*Romans 1:1-6

“A Called Community: Called to Belong to Jesus”

Rev. Beth A. McLaughlin

***Closing Hymn**

Is He Worthy?

(sung by choir and congregation)

***Benediction**

Postlude

*Congregation please stand as able

Liturgist: Sig Bjorklund

Choir Director/Organist: Arlis DeJaynes

Sermon Notes

A Called Community: Called to Belong to Jesus

Romans 1:1-6, Ephesians 2:14-22

1) We belong to Jesus by His _____ of _____
as our _____.

2) We belong to Jesus by _____ to His invitation.

The invitation to belong to Jesus is an invitation:

To _____ with _____ and with _____;

To become _____ together in the _____
of _____;

To become _____ of God _____
into His family;

To become together one _____ whose
_____ is Jesus and whose
_____ is the _____
we find in the _____.

3) We belong to Jesus by _____.

We are His _____ in whom Jesus is at work
_____ us for Himself, purging us of _____
and making us _____ as He is holy.

Congregational Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

(Time for personal prayer)

Almighty God, through Jesus Christ, you taught us to pray. Guide us by your Holy Spirit that our prayers may serve your purposes and show your steadfast love to others.

Keep us centered in your will and way all our days.

Heavenly Father, thank you for sending us our Savior, Jesus Christ, who broke down the walls of hostility that divide us and reconciled us to you.

Help us build on Him as the Chief Cornerstone of our life together.

Holy God, whom to love also means to love our neighbors, break down the divisions that separate us from one another.

Remove hatred, prejudice, and bitterness from us and others so that we may live together in your peace.

Merciful God, stand with those who are in sorrow or bear the pain of this world. May they be sure that neither life nor death, nor things present nor things to come, shall separate them from your love in Christ Jesus.

Provide strength for each day and bright hope for tomorrow.

God of compassion, bless those whom we love, our families and friends, so that drawing close to you, we may be drawn closer to each other.

May we be joined together into a holy temple for your glory by the presence and power of your Holy Spirit.

Grace-filled God, whose Word we trust, whose Spirit works in and through us, hear our prayers this day and further those that will bring about your purposes on the earth. We pray through Jesus Christ, the One who rules over all things. And now we pray the prayer He so graciously taught His followers to pray... *(The Lord's Prayer follows.)*

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Again, thank you for helping to reach out and show appreciation to our officers for the hard work they do protecting our city and county.

Thank You Cards

Thank you for taking the time to write a note of appreciation to the officers. Please put the completed cards in the basket at the back of the sanctuary.

Suggested verses for cards:

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Jesus said, “In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.” - John 16:33

Jesus said, “Blessed are those who are the peacemakers, for they are called children of God.” – Matthew 5:9

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no one comes to the Father, but by me.” – John 14:6

Jesus said, “Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” – John 5:10

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