

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 28, 2024 || 9:00 a.m.

*CONGREGATION PLEASE STAND

***OPENING SONG** *Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners*
Arr. by Laura Story

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

***SONG** *King of Kings*
Arr. by Chandler More

SCRIPTURE Hosea 2:14-23

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *Be a Blessing*
Lisa Barber

(Children first grade and under dismissed)

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY MOMENT

***SONG** *His Mercy Is More*
Arr. by Shane and Shane

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON SERIES A Place at the Table: Life Together in an Age of Self

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 2:1-4, 11-17; & 3:6-8

SERMON The Necessity of Confession | Dr. Tim Filston

***CLOSING SONG** *Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me*
Arr. by CityAlight Music

***BENEDICTION**

SERVING TODAY

PREACHING	Dr. Tim Filston
LITURGIST	Rev. Tyler Wilson
USHER CAPTAIN	Frances Patterson
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP	Emily & Ryan Bradburn
NURSERY VOLUNTEERS	Chay & Sean Hughes
JAIL MINISTRY VOLUNTEER	Charles McNeil

NURSERY is available to children 4 years and under during worship.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MONDAY - FRIDAY, APRIL 29 - MAY 3

8:30 am Preschool

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

5:15 pm Women of the Word | Quinton Home

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

8:00 am Men's Bible Study | SMB
3:30 pm JAM (K-5th Grade) | EDW
5:30 pm Middle School Students Small Groups | SMB
7:00 pm High School Students Small Groups | VL

THURSDAY, MAY 2

7:00 am Men's Bible Study | EDW
9:00 am Women of the Word | EDW

SUNDAY, MAY 5

8:30am Early Risers Sunday School | AE
9:00am Arise Worship | FH
9:30am Choir Practice | CR
10:00am Adult and Student Sunday School: Cinco de Mayo Brunch | FH
10:00am Children's Sunday School | EB
11:00am Traditional Worship | S

S: Sanctuary EDW: Edwards Building AE: Adult Education
EB: Education Building VL: various locations FH: Fellowship Hall
SMB: Student Ministry Building CR: Choir Room FC: Friendship Courtyard

CHURCH NEWS



SERMON NOTES

The Necessity of Confession Ephesians 2:1-4, 11-17; & 3:6-8

How do we create a fellowship that inspires the next generation?

The dirt of our humanity can be a seedbed of fellowship when we dig out these three rocks.

The rock of pretense.

2:11-12 "...formerly called uncircumcised...by those who called themselves the circumcised."

The rock of pride.

3:6 "The mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel."

The rock of vanity.

3:8 "To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given."

Fast facts: Ephesians 2 & 3 Unity in Diversity

The city of Ephesus was a melting pot of cultures, religions, and ethnicities, which would have presented challenges for building a unified Christian community. Paul introduces the theme of reconciliation, breaking down barriers between Jews and Gentiles through Christ's sacrifice, emphasizing the inclusive audience of the gospel message. The "mystery" of Christ, previously hidden but now revealed, emphasizes the inclusion of Gentiles in God's plan of salvation.



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