



May 23, 2021

10:30 A.M.

One

That We
May Be
ONE

John 17:22



*In *The Four Loves*, C.S. Lewis writes that “to love is to be vulnerable.” He says, “Love anything and your heart will certainly be wrung and possibly be broken. If you want to be sure of keeping it intact, you must give your heart to no one.” He says, “Lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness, but in that casket – safe, dark, motionless, airless – it will change. It will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable. In other words, it will die.”*

Order of Service

Announcements

Welcome

Preparation for Worship

-----God's Greatness-----

Call to Worship

Hymn of Adoration

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Martin Luther

Prayer of Invocation

Affirmation of Faith: The Heidelberg Catechism* , Q. #2

Song of Praise

"The King in All of His Beauty". Boswell/Papa

Children are dismissed for Sunday School

----- God's Renewal-----

Understanding Ourselves Rightly

Public Confession

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort: Ephesians 1:7

Song of Renewal "Lord Have Mercy For What We Have Done"
. Papa/Boswell/Keyes/Tealy

-----God's Grace-----

Scripture Reading: John 17:20-26 (ESV)

Prayer

The Sermon: The Final Prayer
"One"

Words of Institution

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Hymn: "The Power of the Cross". Getty/Townend

Prayer of Approach

-----God's Blessing-----

Parting Hymn

"Jesus Friend of Sinners". Mark Hall/Matthew West

Benediction

God's Gracious Provision 5/16/2021

Attendance: 41

Offering: \$2712.15

Your offering may be place in the box at the Welcome Table.

A Prayer for the God-exalting Blessing of Unity by Scotty Smith

It's *clearly* obvious that where believers dwell in unity you bestow your presence and blessing. For unity is a revelation of life within the God-head—the eternal life into we have been called, birthed and secured. It's *equally* obvious that where there's disunity, Satan bestows his darkness and evil; suspicion and distrust; cynicism and gossip; disintegration and separation. God have mercy on all of us...

Boldly and shamelessly, we ask you for a fresh outpouring of your Spirit on our churches—a downpour of humility, repentance and healing; a deluge of the sane-making power of your presence. Jesus, drench us with the humbling and unifying dew of the gospel. We want to be sopping wet, not merely damp. Saturate and satiate us with the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

We don't look to Aaron and his beard, but to you and your enthronement at the right hand of the Father. Jesus, you are our great High Priest who has received the Spirit without measure, so you can pour forth the Spirit without reservation. Do so without delay, we ask, for the glory of God and the fame of your Name.

As we think of our church families, we also pray for new church plants in their infancy and older church families needing renewal; for missionary teams under fire and in duress; for para-church ministries—even whole denominations. Jesus, bring the grace and truth of the gospel to bear in observable, unmistakable and transforming ways.

No one has done more to secure our unity than you, Lord Jesus ([Eph. 2:14-22](#)). No one is praying more for our unity than you ([John 17:20-21](#)). No one is more glorified by our unity than you ([John 17:22-26](#)). Continue to heal us, reconcile us, and deploy us into your ripened harvest and broken creation together. So very Amen we pray, in your glorious and gracious name.

Upcoming Events

3. Christ Desires Heaven for His Church

John 17:24 (ESV)

²⁴Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

4. Christ Makes a Final Vow to the Church

John 17:25–26 (ESV)

O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

Conclusion

Jesus promises to continue the work of making the Father’s name known. This promise is our hope, and our abiding in Christ is maintained and strengthened through continually growing in understanding the Father through His Word. The more we know the Father, the greater our faith will be, and the greater our obedience to the Father will be. Jesus’ death and resurrection was the greatest revelation of the Father’s love and righteousness. Once Jesus returned to the Father, He continues revealing the Father to us, so we are not abandoned in our mission.

Notes

TODAY May 23 2:30 P.M. Bowling at Jay Lanes in Douglassville for men of all ages.

Tuesday, May 25 6:00 –8:00 P.M. **Youth**(Grades 6-12) **and Young Adults**(under 30) meet at the Deicherts for supper, Bible Study (groups separated), Volleyball, and ice cream.

Saturday, June 5 6:00 P.M. **Prayer Dinner** at the home of Pastor Rick.

Sunday, June 13 10:30 A.M. **Graduate Recognition Sunday**

Saturday, June 19 8:00 A.M. **Men’s Breakfast** at the home of Pastor Rick and Barb

Sunday, June 27 6:15-7:15 P.M. House of Prayer
GCC Prayer Gathering for youth and adults
1300 High Street, Pottstown, PA

Monday, July 19-24 Youth Group goes to **Harvey Cedars Bible Conference Senior High Youth Week.**

Everyone is invited to join with the elders in prayer every Sunday from 9:30-10:00 in the back of the gym.

David and Mindy Nelson

India is the nation with the LARGEST number of unreached people groups. Many of these do not have a Bible in their language. There are very few churches. As an unreached people group, it has less than 2% of Evangelical followers of Christ. One new Indian people group we are praying to reach is the Odia people. They live in Odisha state, where 44 million souls reside. Ninety-four percent are Hindu, and 2.3% are Muslim. Our plan, with your help, is to translate our curricula into the Odia language and equip Bible-believing Christians to reach the rest of the state.



Tim and Holly Howden

- Pray for the opportunities that Tim and Holly will have this summer to work with interns that are coming into the media department. Their request is that the support raising will be finished so they can spend time with these young people. Their support is at 84%.
- Pray that students will attend the Bible Studies that are happening on the campuses where Disciple Makers are present.
- Pray for Disciple Makers staff as they prepare to minister on campuses where classes are returning to normal in the fall.

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- Pray for Austin, stepson of Lorraine Blanski's niece. He is having a series of surgeries for severe burns over most of his body. Pray for his healing and for his family as they walk with him through this time.
- Pray for God's comfort for Lisa Frame's co-worker Kathleen and her husband. They lost their baby this week when Kathleen was 8 months pregnant.
- Pray for Steve Simons' brother, J.J., who was diagnosed with thyroid cancer. Pray for God's strength for J.J.
- Praise that Greg Aument's coworker, Deb Pachella, who had heart valve surgery is doing well and recuperating at home.
- Pray for Christopher, son of Susan and Glen Williams. Pray for mental, physical, and spiritual well-being on his behalf.
- Pray for Deana Deichert's father, who will be receiving treatment for his cancer. Pray for wisdom for his doctors and healing for Deana's father.
- Pray for Rhonda Clark's father, Donald Mace, who had his first treatment on Friday.
- Pray for Denny Bartchak, friend of Barb Knarr. His bladder surgery went well but he has a lot of burning pain. Pray for relief from pain and healing.
- Pray that God reveals Himself to Koreen's friend, Amanda and her husband, John. Amanda's father is dying. Pray for support from John and peace and God's presence for the situation and for the father who does not know the Lord.
- Pray for Ashley, the niece of Lisa Frame's friend, Denise, who is undergoing chemotherapy treatment. Pray for healing and salvation.
- Pray for Diane Ziegler, friend of Donna Jenkins, who had two surgeries and is doing better. Diane needs more chemotherapy treatments.
- Pray for Koreen Mace's brother-in-law, Jim, that God will speak to his heart and for salvation and healing for Jim.
- Pray for Tracy Spencer, niece of Donna Jenkins, and her baby boy, Evan, who was born on May 5th. Pray for improvement in Evan's lungs. Pray for wisdom for the doctors and healing for Evan.
- Pray for Donna Plowfield's son-in-law, David, who is seeking employment in this area.
- Pray for Justine Schumaker, mother of Renee Schumaker. Pray for healing for Justine through her chemotherapy treatment.
- Pray for Jeremiah Mace, who is in a 9-month internship program. Pray for healing for Koreen's family.

Message

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JOHN 17:20–26

Summary Statement

Jesus is poised between the conclusion of his earthly task and the glory awaiting him at the Father's side. From there he gazes out across the rolling centuries where He beholds and embraces the harvest of the ages, the church of the Redeemer, gathered from every nation, people, language and tribe. He is praying for us and in so doing He prays three things: He prays first that the church may be *united*. *Secondly, he prays that* the unity of the church would be a *tangible* one, which will cause the world to believe that Jesus was sent by the Father and that the Father loves the church. And thirdly Jesus prays for an evangelistic witness that such that *the world may believe in Him through the message we bring*.

1. Christ Prays for us Church on Earth

John 17:20–21 (ESV)

“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

2. Christ Implements Unity on Earth

John 17:22–23 (ESV)

The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.