

# *Unity and Peace*



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Call to Worship:

Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is*  
For brethren to dwell together in unity!

***It is like the precious oil upon the head,  
Running down on the beard,***

The beard of Aaron,  
Running down on the edge of his garments.

***It is like the dew of Hermon,  
Descending upon the mountains of Zion;***

For there the LORD commanded the blessing—

**Life forevermore.**

Hymn of Praise: #275 How Firm a Foundation

Prayer for God's Blessing

Confession of Sin:

Father, we are sorry for the many times we have left you and chosen to satisfy our own selfish desires.

**Forgive us for the times we have hurt the members of our families and brothers and sisters in Christ by refusing to be the person You would have us be.**

Father, forgive us for the times we were unkind and impatient with those who needed our time and concern.

**Father, forgive us for the times we were too weak to stand up for what was right and allowed others to suffer because of our cowardice.**

Father, forgive us for the times we refused to forgive others.

**Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.**

## Hymn of Meditation: When I See the Blood

Christ our Redeemer died on the cross,  
Died for the sinner, paid all his due;  
Sprinkle your soul with the blood of the Lamb,  
And I'll pass over you

Chiefest of sinners, Jesus will save;  
All He has promised, surely He'll do;  
Wash in the fountain where sinners can bath,  
And I'll pass over you.

### **Chorus:**

When I see the blood of my holy One  
My wrath shall be quenched, my judgments be thru  
When I see the blood of my only Son  
Yes I will pass over you.

Judgment is coming, and all will be there,  
Each one receiving justly his due;  
Hide in the saving, sin-cleansing blood,  
And I'll pass over you.

### **Chorus**

O great compassion! O boundless love!  
Now found with power, Jesus is true!  
Find peace and shelter under the blood,  
And I'll pass over you.

### **Chorus**

When I see the blood of my only Son  
Yes I will pass over you

Assurance of Pardon:

Hear the Good News!

**There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death.**

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

**The old life has gone; A new life has begun.**

Know that in Jesus, God embraces you, forgives you, and strengthens you to live a renewed life.

**Thanks be to God who has given new life in Christ.**

Hymn: Come As You are

Hymn: Shout to the Lord

## Pastoral Prayer

Scripture: **Ephesians 4: 1-6**

Sermon: Unity and Peace

<sup>1</sup> I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, <sup>2</sup> with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

### **Ephesians 1:4-7**

<sup>4</sup> just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, <sup>5</sup> having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

<sup>7</sup> In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace

### **Ephesians 2:4-6**

<sup>4</sup> But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), <sup>6</sup> and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

### **Ephesians 2:12-13, 16**

<sup>12</sup> that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

<sup>16</sup> and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.

### **Matthew 16:18**

<sup>18</sup> And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

### **Ephesians 4:22-24**

<sup>22</sup> that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, <sup>23</sup> and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, <sup>24</sup> and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

### **Philippians 2:3**

<sup>3</sup> Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

### **Ephesians 2:2-3**

<sup>2</sup> in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, <sup>3</sup> among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

### **Psalms 103:13-14**

<sup>13</sup> As a father pities his children,  
So the Lord pities those who fear Him.

<sup>14</sup> For He knows our frame;  
He remembers that we are dust.

### **Philippians 1:27**

<sup>27</sup> Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel,

**Psalm 34:14**

<sup>14</sup> Depart from evil and do good;  
Seek peace and pursue it.

**Ephesians 4:16**

<sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

**Colossians 2:19**

<sup>19</sup> and not holding fast to the Head, from whom all the body, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments, grows with the increase that is from God.

Hymn: Yet Not I But Through Christ

Benediction

## Upcoming Announcements

Women's Bible Study is focusing on "Relying on the Holy Spirit" by Charles Stanley. Join us on Mondays at 10 am at the Christian Center.

Dinner Before Bedtime has presented FBC with an appreciation plaque, a thank you letter (which will be on the bulletin board) and wanted to know if we would be interested in delivering meals this June for a week or two. Contact the office for more information.

Marjorie Phares is turning 100 yrs old on April 29th. If you would like to help her celebrate by sending a Birthday card, that would be great. Please send cards to Jeff Phares, 855 Elm Street, 46176.