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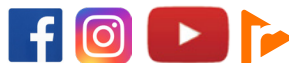
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**FREEDOM &
UNITY**

UNITED: A STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH, 2023 - 10 A.M.

**FREEDOM & UNITY:
FREEDOM OF INTERPRETATION**

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "Love Crucified Arose" Les Fraaza

Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

Our world encourages us to divide into the smallest possible affinity groups, to distrust and dislike the others, and even to pursue opportunities for self-isolation. The church has sometimes reflected the culture in this regard. Paul, in writing to the church in Corinth, encourages a different virtue – unity. As we reflect on the call to be United to Christ and to each other, consider what might be the next step in your own journey from division to unity in your life and relationships today.

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Candles:

Call to Worship: Micah 6:6-8

*With what shall I come before the LORD and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?*

*He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what the LORD requires of you:
To do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God.*

***Hymn:** "Come! Live in the Light" (vs. 1,2,3) #749

***Call to Confession:** 1 Corinthians 11:18, 20, 22

In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul says, "When you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you ... when you come together, it is not really to eat the Lord's supper ... Do you show contempt for the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing?" As Paul rebukes his church for their divisions, so we recognize that we have not been united in Christ this week. Before we come to the Table this morning, let us make together our prayer of confession.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Holy Spirit, you live within us to unite us to each other and to Christ. But we have chosen division over unity and judgment over grace. Forgive us for living into our worldly behaviors while coming before you and the Table at which you preside.

Today we remember that there is no male or female, Jew or Greek, slave or free, but all are one in the Lord Jesus. Unite us again around your Table, and make our identity in Christ the foundation for all other aspects of our earthly lives.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

BRIDGE ST. GOLF OUTING VOLUNTEERS— The CCPC Mission Committee is looking for help preparing and serving lunch at the Bridge St. Mission Golf Outing on Wednesday, August 16. The event will take place at Crane Meadows Golf Course. We will need assistance with food prep at the church on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, as well as volunteers at noon on location. You can also donate food (such as 3 watermelon, 12 medium to large tomatoes and several pints of cherry tomatoes) or cash would be appreciated. Sign up at The Hub for donations or volunteering, or contact Mark Thompson (715-571-2698, mark@mtslc.net).

ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING EVENT MEETING — There will be a meeting discussing our October 21 program on Anti-Human Trafficking in the Cry Room on Sunday, August 20 after service. All are welcome to join us as we gear up for this state-wide, multi-church event that will be led and livestreamed right here at CCPC. If you have any questions, contact Ruth Wrysinski (715-409-0582) or Joanne Lapinski (715-845-6783).

PREPARED MEALS FOR THE HAGAR HOUSE — CCPC will be partnering with The Hagar House in the month of September to provide pre-made, frozen meals for the families in residence. A signup is available at The Hub for those interested in putting these meals together (looking for 10 people). The Hagar House staff will then bring all the pans, labels, and recipes for these meals on a Sunday morning in September. The following week they will return to pick them up here at the church. Each volunteer will be making two pans of the same dish.

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

YOUTH BALLOON GAMES— *TOMORROW*, August 7, we invite all youth to come to the church at 12:30pm for Water Balloon Games! Bring your swimsuit or something that can get wet... and towels! Be sure to bring a friend or two to this time of fun and fellowship.

CCPC YOUTH GROUP — Youth Group continues through the summer with rising 6th-8th graders meeting from 5:30-7pm on Wednesdays, and rising 9th-12th graders meeting after from 7-8:30pm. To learn about all of our fun activities going on this summer, grab a flyer at the Hub or visit our website! Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

YOUTH & KIDS LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON — The Youth and Kids Leadership Annual Luncheon is August 27th following the 10am service. This is a great time to connect with your teaching team and build friendships with other leaders as we share in the vision we have for our kids and youth. Join us in Bouldin Hall for a great meal and encouragement for the upcoming year!

CCPC ATTENDANCE

JULY 30 ATTENDANCE:

AM In-Person Total: **131**

AM Livestream Total: **98**

PM In-Person Total: **30**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU ABI FRAAZA! — We have been so blessed to have Abi Fraaza as our summer intern! She will be heading back to school next week. Abi has done an amazing job assisting with our Youth Ministry during the summer, which included much of the preparations, a large amount of teaching and leading, as well as traveling with our teenagers to summer conferences. God will move in amazing ways as she continues her season of studies, college basketball, and eventually in her career endeavors. *THANK YOU ABI!*

ENDOWMENT MATCHING GIFT — We have been give a \$25,000 matching gift challenge towards our CCPC Endowment. Every dollar you give to the Endowment from now until September 30 will be doubled until we reach that \$25,000 goal! You can give towards this match by placing a check in the offering plate, giving online, or by contacting the church office with questions.

BUY SCRIP — Back-to-school season is a great time to visit the Scrip table in the Narthex to find all of your needs, while supporting our church at the same time! Scrip is an easy way to help earn money for our church community by purchasing everyday items such as groceries, gas, clothing, gifts, entertainment, home improvements, pet care, and much more! It won't cost you a penny more than you already spend... while contributing to the growth of CCPC! If you have any questions about this ministry, please contact Brett Kim-Bixby at brett.irb@gmail.com.

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

BIBLE APP DEVOTIONAL — Join us as we continue to study the Bible together through the Bible App from YouVersion. The Bible App is available for download on the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. We are starting a study *TOMORROW* on the on the Book of Revelation. You can join the study and conversation by clicking the link provided in Monday's email, or contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) to get involved.

OLD GUYS RULE — The Old Guys Rule invite all men to join them at 11:45am every second Thursday of the month (including THIS Thursday, August 10) at Pizza Ranch in Weston. This group meets to have fellowship and food with other men of God, and to form lasting relationships. Please contact Bob Warner (bobw4860@gmail.com) if you have any question.

MISSIONS & VOLUNTEERING

YOUTH & KID'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — As we get closer to the kickoff of the church calendar year in September, we are looking to grow our team of Kid's and Youth Ministry volunteers. This includes, but is not limited to, leaders and assistants for 9am I.D. classes, 10am Children's Church, 6pm service leaders and assistants, Wednesday evening 6pm classes, as well as Confirmation sponsors. If you are interested in taking part, please mark your interest on the back of today's Connection Card, or contact Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org) or Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org).

***Assurance of Pardon:** Micah 6:7
The prophet Micah, speaking for the people, asks what kind of sacrifice could atone for sin. He says, "Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" The answer then, of course, is no. But God gave his own firstborn for the sins of all humanity. This is good news – in the death and resurrection of Jesus, our transgressions are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Congregational Response:** "How Great is Our God" See Screen

Children's Message

[Children may come forward and be seated on the stage.]

Period of Fellowship

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Micah 6:6-7 Page 866

Special Music: "Softly & Tenderly" Brett Kim-Bixby

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 11 Page 173

Sermon: "Freedom & Unity: Freedom of Interpretation" Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** "Let Us Break Bread Together" (vs. 1,2,3) #525

The Sacrament of Communion:

Offering

[We invite you to fill out your Connection Card and leave it in the plate when passed.]

Offertory Music: "More About Jesus" Marcy Fehrman
& Les Fraaza

*Doxology

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction:** "When the Lord Redeems the Very Least" (vs. 4) #852

WELCOME TO COVENANT COMMUNITY!

We consider it a privilege to have you worship with us and sincerely hope you get a blessing from the service. Some notes to help you be more comfortable during the service:

- † Please participate in congregational responses (bold)
- † Please stand as able, as marked with an asterisk *
- † Please fill out the Connection Card insert.
- † Feel free to use the Cry Room (you will be able to see & hear the service) and/or Nursery located across from the sanctuary
- † Activity bags for children are available in the Narthex.
- † Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for donuts, cookies, juice, coffee, and fellowship!

HOW TO JOIN THIS CHURCH

The officers and members of CCPC welcome all persons who wish to respond to the Lordship of Jesus Christ by confessing or reaffirming their Christian Faith or by transferring their membership. We invite you to accept this invitation if you do not have a church home. Please speak with Jim Gates, note your interest on the Connection Card, or phone the church office (715) 359-6467. You are welcome here!

OUR AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven; and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all who serve the church on Sunday mornings!

Worship Leader: Stephanie Finamore **Live Stream:** Jack Dupuis
Acolytes: Grace & Greta Spangler **Slides:** Derek Nelson
Elder Greeter: Joy Briggs & Lynda Reis **Usher Lead:** Jesse Lawton
The Hub: Dianne Abel **Fellowship Hour:** Terry & Vicki Anderson

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following folks who were recently in the hospital or reside in an assisted-care facility.

Mary Zuidema <i>(Renaissance in Wisconsin Rapids)</i>	Joyce Michna <i>(Fond du Lac)</i>	Dave Vachowiak <i>(Forest Park Village)</i>
Stella Lamping <i>(Home)</i>	Cheryl Lenz <i>(Colonial Center in Colby)</i>	Tom Scott <i>(Aspirus)</i>
	Jerry Pearson <i>(Hospice House)</i>	

THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

<u>TODAY</u>		<u>MONDAY</u>		<u>TUESDAY</u>		<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	
10AM	WORSHIP	12:30PM	YOUTH WATER BALLOON GAMES	6PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	3PM	FOOD PANTRY
4PM	BAND REHEARSAL					5:30PM	MS YOUTH GROUP
6PM	WORSHIP					7PM	HS YOUTH GROUP
6PM	CCPC SOFTBALL AT KELLY CLUB						
<u>THURSDAY</u>		<u>FRIDAY</u>		<u>SATURDAY</u>		<u>SUNDAY</u>	
11:45AM	OLD GUYS RULE AT PIZZA RANCH					10AM	WORSHIP
2PM	SHEEPSHEAD					4PM	BAND REHEARSAL
						6PM	WORSHIP
						6PM	CCPC SOFTBALL AT KELLY CLUB

For more details about CCPC programming, refer to the next couple of pages in this bulletin, go to www.covenantcommunitypc.org, or call the church office at 715-359-6467.