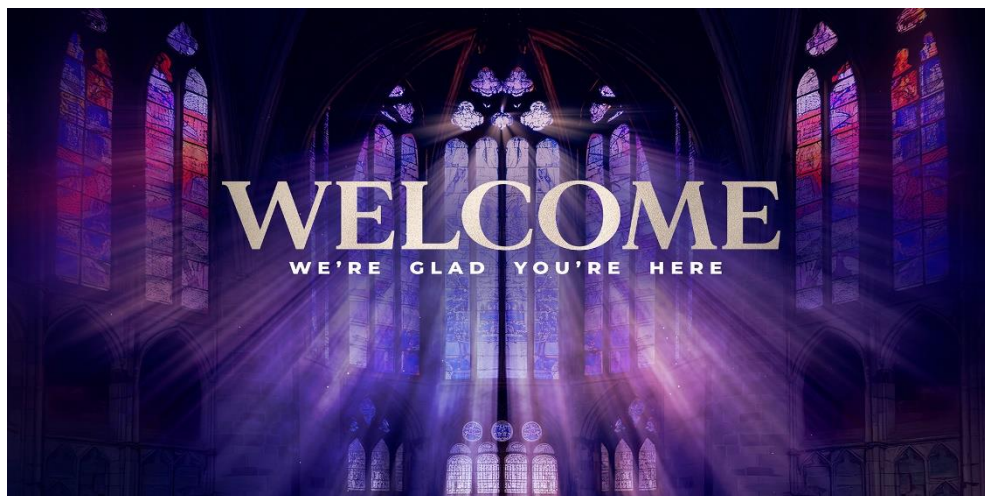
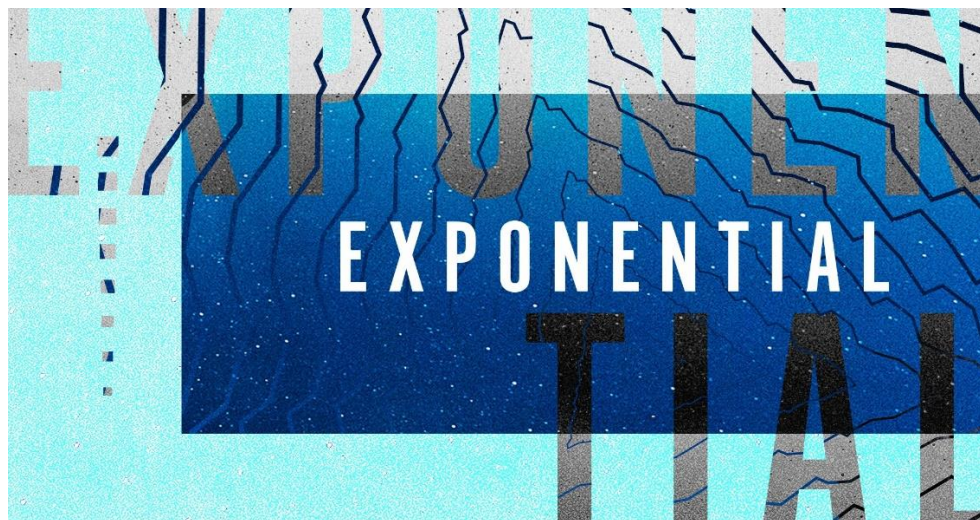


Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



WELCOME TO CEC..... Bex Kent
SINGING TOGETHER Saviour of the world
The creed (I believe)
King of kings

PRAYER
UPDATES Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER Hymn of heaven
BIBLE READING Ephesians 4:1-16 (Church Bible page 1227)
MESSAGE Taught by Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER Oh, how good it is



Exponential ~4 How to be more devoted to each other. Ephesians 4:1-16

'Christ loved the church and gave his life for it.' Ephesians 5:25 TEV

'I'm praying for all who will believe in me because of my disciples testimony. I pray that all of these people continue to have unity in the way that you, Father, are in me and I am in you. I pray that they may be united.' John 17:20-21 GW

1. Focus on what we have in _____ not our differences.

'Let us concentrate on the things which create harmony and the growth of our fellowship together.' Romans 14:19 JBP

'There is only one body and one Spirit – just as you were called to one hope when you were called – one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.' Ephesians 4:4-6 NIV

'Welcome people who are weak in faith, but don't get into an argument over differences of opinion.' Romans 14:1 GW

'Welcome with open arms fellow believers who don't see things the way you do. And don't jump all over them every time they do or say something you don't agree with... They have their own history to deal with. Treat them gently.' Romans 14:1 MSG

'Let there be real harmony so there are no divisions in the church. I plead with you to be of one mind, united in thought and purpose.' 1 Corinthians 1:10 LB

2. I must continually _____ at unity.

'Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.' Ephesians 4:3 NIV

1. Don't bring _____ into the church.

'When there is jealousy among you and you quarrel with one another, doesn't this prove that you belong to this world, living by its standards? When one of you says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos"—aren't you acting like worldly people? After all, who is Apollos? And who is Paul? We are simply God's servants, by whom you were led to believe. Each one of us does the work which the Lord gave him to do.' 1 Corinthians 3:3-5 TEV

2. Don't be pulled into the world's _____.

'Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth.' 2 Timothy 2:23-25 NIV

3. Be realistic in my _____.

'Nothing is perfect except your Words.' Psalm 119:96 LB

'Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.' Ephesians 4:2 NLT

'Most of all, let love guide your life, for then the whole church will stay together in perfect harmony.' Colossians 3:14 LB

'Love each other as if your life depended on it. Love makes up for practically anything.' 1 Peter 4:8 MSG

4. Offer _____ instead of criticism.

'Let's use all our energy in getting along with each other. Help each other by using encouraging words; Don't drag others down by finding fault.' Romans 14:19-20 MSG

'A wise, mature person is known for his understanding. The more pleasant his words, the more persuasive he is.' Proverbs 16:21 TEV

'What right do you have to criticize someone else's servants? Only their Lord can decide if they are doing right.' Romans 14:4 CEV

'Why do you criticize and judge your brother or sister in Christ? Why do you think you are better than they are? We'll all be judged one day, not by each other's standards, or even by our own, but by the judgment of God.' Romans 14:10 JBP

'For you have been called to live in freedom—not freedom to satisfy your sinful nature, but freedom to serve one another in love. For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbour as yourself." But if instead of showing love among yourselves you are always biting and devouring one another, watch out! Beware of destroying one another.' Galatians 5:13-15 NLT

'All of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers and sisters, be compassionate and humble.' 1 Peter 3:8 NIV



1. There's a saying, "You may be the only Bible a person reads." If Christians are fighting amongst themselves, what message does that send to non-believers?
2. What does Ephesians 4:4-6 tell us about what all believers share? Is unity conformity? Why or why not? In order to focus on unity, what distractions do we need to put aside?
3. What qualities do we need in order to replace negative words and actions with positive ones? (See 2 Timothy 2:23-24.) What steps can you take to avoid being influenced by the world, knowing how difficult it is to avoid quarrels?
4. What was happening in the Corinthian church because of a petty issue? (See Romans 14:20 and 1 Corinthians 3:2-5.) What positive things can we focus on to foster unity and avoid divisiveness in our relationships?
5. What does Ephesians 4:2 encourage us to do when tempted to be critical of others? Share a time when you judged a person and then found out later what they were going through. How did that change your perspective?
6. What do Proverbs 16:21 and Romans 14:4 tell us about interacting with others?
7. According to 1 Peter 3:8, what describes unity? Which one of these character traits can you practice this week? What would it be like to turn that practice into a habit?
8. Unity is not an easy goal or Jesus would not need to pray for us, John 17:20-21. What action(s) can you take right now that will increase our unity?

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