



HIGHLIGHTS *from* ONE HOPE CHURCH

March 13, 2025



THIS WEEK

UNITY IN CHRIST ALONE

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Unity in Christ Alone

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Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
Philippians 2:8 (NASB 1995)

I admit that lately, I've had a lot on my mind. When I take the season of Lent seriously, that can happen. Our series from Psalm 22 has stirred my spirit within me. Giving up things that hold me back from Jesus has helped ready my heart for reception. My devotional life is more impactful. Lent just hits differently (for me) than any other time of year.

Studying and thinking about the crucifixion of our Lord keeps leading me to Philippians 2. If you want to better understand the person of the Trinity, who is fully God and fully human, dive into Philippians 2. If you want to be like Jesus, meditate and internalize Philippians 2. If you would like the church to have unity in Jesus, our route must travel through Philippians 2.

Paul lets the churches in Philippi know that they can give him complete (perfected) joy by "...maintaining the same love, [being] united in spirit, [and becoming] intent on purpose." Unity in the church appears to be elusive. I've heard an emphasis on unity since I

accepted my call into full-time ministry. We sing songs about unity: "We are one in the Spirit, we are One in the Lord." We state our vision and mission to find a joint purpose. We have conferences that are designed to unite us.

Many of us have exited a mainline denomination and have been demonized for breaking unity. I called the unity in a "big tent" denomination, "unity in unity." I understand this as a unity of proximity. This type of unity is different than being of the same Spirit, mind, and "intent on one purpose."

Jesus is the only one who can offer us unity! This isn't just our personal idea of Jesus, nor just who people say Jesus is or isn't, but a picture of the one true Son of God. This comes from a unity of Spirit and Word. What does the Bible say about Jesus, His character, and His motivation? This is who we all should strive to become. Becoming like Christ isn't easy or natural or readily accepted by the world. May God draw us closer to Jesus this Lenten season, so we can experience true unity at One Hope.

LENTEN SERMON SERIES

Seeing Through Jesus' Eyes, Psalm 22:1-31

"At the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?' which is translated, 'My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?' (Mark 15:34)." Jesus pleaded with His Father as he hung on the cross. These words aren't just spoken vainly in a vacuum. Jesus was pointing back to Psalm 22. This Psalm of David was not only a prophecy of the Messiah giving His life, but it appears David was Seeing Through Jesus' Eyes on the cross! Join us as we move to the season of Lent, preparing our hearts for the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Look to the cross from a different perspective. Gain a new appreciation of Jesus' sacrifice. Discover how Psalm 22 can impact your faith!



March 9 – Psalm 22:1-5

- ***Forsaken by the Father***

March 16 – Psalm 22:6-13

- ***Despised by the World***

March 23 – Psalm 22:14-21

- ***Man of Sorrows***

March 30 – Psalm 22:22-27

- ***Praising Through the Pain***

April 6 – Psalm 22:28-31, A

- ***Prophecy for Posterity***



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03/16 VOLUNTEERS

Clean Up

Earl S.

Fellowship - Coffee & Treats

Sheryl A.

Hospitality

Sheryl A.

Prayer Group

Earl & Sue S.

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Dana G.

Tech - Audio

Laurie K.

Tech - Video

Bob K.



PRAYER CONCERNS

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”
~ Philipians 4:6*

Prayers for:

Pam F., dealing with health challenges

Larry, recovery after eyelid surgery to remove a cancerous tumor

Jennifer, cancer, and Charles & Marie, her parents, who are caring for her, friends of David P.

Linda S., second battle with cancer, David P's sister

Sara J's mother, Parkinsons & dementia, David's friend

Becky S., stomach cancer, Sue S. sister-in-law

Ruby, in Hospice care, Sheryl A.'s mom

One Hope Church, to find its own affordable and spacious worship location

Global Methodist Church Heartland Conference

Global Methodist Church Heartland Annual Conference 5/28-5/31/2025

Peace for Israel, Ukraine & Taiwan

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Prayer | 8:30am

Worship | 9:00am

Children | 9:15am

Fellowship | 9:50am

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