

WE EXIST TO... GROW IN CHRIST, LOVE LIKE CHRIST, LIVE FOR CHRIST

# SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

WELCOME / PRAYER OF INVOCATION

How FIRM A FOUNDATION Hymns of Grace, 364

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER** 

SERMON: "THE UNITY OF TVC" EPHESIANS 4:1–16

## COMMUNION

## **Apostles' 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 of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He arose again. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, and He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy and universal Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

Verse 1 I believe in God the Father, Mighty and eternal Lord. He alone is the Creator, Forming all things by His word. I believe in our Lord Jesus, God's own Son who came to earth. Born a man by the Spirit, By a virgin given birth.

Chorus

Sing praise to the Father, To the Spirit and the Son. Sing praise to our holy God, Forever three in one.

Verse 2 I believe that Jesus suffered, On the cross He bore my shame. I believe that He was buried Then triumphant rose again. Glorified He has ascended, Seated at the Father's side. He will come again in judgment, Justice will be satisfied.

Chorus

Verse 3 I believe the Holy Spirit Comes to us from Christ above. I believe the church is holy, One communion in God's love. I believe I am forgiven Through the sacrifice of Christ. I believe in resurrection And in everlasting life.

Chorus (repeat)

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#### FROM THE INSIDE OUT

Verse 1 A thousand times I've failed, Still Your mercy remains. And should I stumble again, Still, I'm caught in Your grace. Everlasting, Your light will shine when all else fades. Never-ending, Your glory goes beyond all fame.

Chorus 1 In my heart, in my soul, Lord, I give You control. Consume me from the inside out, Lord. Let justice and praise Become my embrace, To love You from the inside out.

Verse 2 Your will, above all else, My purpose remains. The art of losing myself In bringing You praise. Everlasting, Your light will shine when all else fades. Never-ending, Your glory goes beyond all fame.

#### Chorus 1

Chorus 2 Everlasting, Your light will shine when all else fades. Never-ending, Your glory goes beyond all fame. And the cry of my heart Is to bring You praise, From the inside out. Lord, my soul cries out.

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#### BENEDICTION

Giving:If you feel led to give to the<br/>ministry of TVC, there is an<br/>offering box in the back of the<br/>sanctuary or online giving is<br/>availableTODAY:Rooted begins... a time of<br/>teaching & learning for children<br/>in grades K-4 during the sermon<br/>Members' Meeting following the<br/>morning worship serviceSept 17:Neighborhood Cookout and Meet<br/>& Greet from 1230–230 PM

Sept 24:

24: We would love to have you join us for our Fellowship Breakfast from 9–945 AM – please bring a dish to share

**Read Ahead:** Ephesians 4:17–32

## **General Info:**

<u>TVC Kids</u>: We strive for family-friendly worship & want to encourage parents to keep their children in the sanctuary or East Hall for worship. To help families, backpacks filled with a note sheet, a coloring page, and snacks are available for children Pre-K – 5th grade. Note sheets are available for children in 5th – 8th grade. The backpacks will be handed out prior to the sermon.

We also offer Rooted which is a time of teaching & learning for children in grades K–4 that meets downstairs in the Fellowship Hall classroom. The children who participate in Rooted will be dismissed by Pastor Phil prior to the sermon.

We also offer a volunteer staffed Nursery that meets in the Fellowship Hall during the sermon. We are thankful & appreciate the opportunity to serve you & your children.

We understand that children can get restless & squirmy, so if you have to leave the service with your child, please feel free to do so; but please know that you are welcome to rejoin the service at any time.

<u>Gospel Growth Communities (GGCs)</u>: GGCs are just one way you can purposefully & intentionally invest in your church family as we seek to grow in Christ, love like Christ & live for Christ. If you are interested in joining a GGC, please contact one of your elders. The Reed GGC meets Sunday evenings in Nobleboro. Sorterup GGC meets Wednesday evenings in Damariscotta. The Holladay GGC meets Thursday evenings in Bristol.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. Who is God (what does this passage tell me about God's character)?
- 2. What has God done (how do I see God's character in action)?
- 3. Who am I (how does God's character and action shape how I see myself)?
- 4. What do I do (if I believe 1–3 how would I respond and relate to others)?

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