

# “EPHESIANS: FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE”

## PROPER 13: SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2024

### WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Organist

Welcome and Greeting in Jesus' Name Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

\*Opening (Stand) # 394 “In Christ There Is No East or West”

\*Call to Worship (Stand)

We see ourselves in the mirror of stories.

**Now let us reflect upon the stories of God.**

We see our sin in the window of the Word.

**Now let us be open to the prophecies of God.**

We see the way of salvation in Christ.

**Come, Spirit of Christ, and open our eyes, change our minds, and warm our hearts as we gather to worship you, our Heavenly Father, in spirit and in truth.**

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\*Opening Prayer (Stand) Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

Song of Faith # 143 “You Are My All in All” JERNIGAN

### WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Pat Carpenter

The First Reading 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

The Second Reading Ephesians 4:1-16

Gospel Reader: Deacon Laurie Dewey

\*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (Stand) John 6:24-35

\*Responsorial (Stand) #670 “Glory Be to the Father” GLORIA PATRI

\*Greeting and Sharing Peace with Family and Neighbors (Stand)

The Children's Sermon (Kids 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and younger go to Children's Church)

Announcements & Prayers of the Community

Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations - Worshippers are invited to give their tithes, gifts, and offerings to the Lord.



Offertory Special #668 “Doxology” OLD HUNDREDTH

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A Prayer of Illumination & The Message “Live as One Family in God”  
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

### WE FEAST AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD

Invitation to Holy Communion / The Table of the Lord<sup>†</sup> (Servers Prepare)

Communion Song “One Bread, One Body”

Words of Institution and 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.

Holy Communion: The Lord's Supper

Breaking of Bread *The Body of Christ; The Bread of Heaven*

Passing of the Cup *The Blood of Christ; The Cup of Salvation*

### WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH AND SERVICE

Invitation to Faith and Fellowship – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God's forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to be a follower of Jesus in the waters of baptism or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

\*Closing Hymn (Stand) # 389 “Blest Be the Tie” DENNIS

\*Spoken Benediction Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

Postlude Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Organist

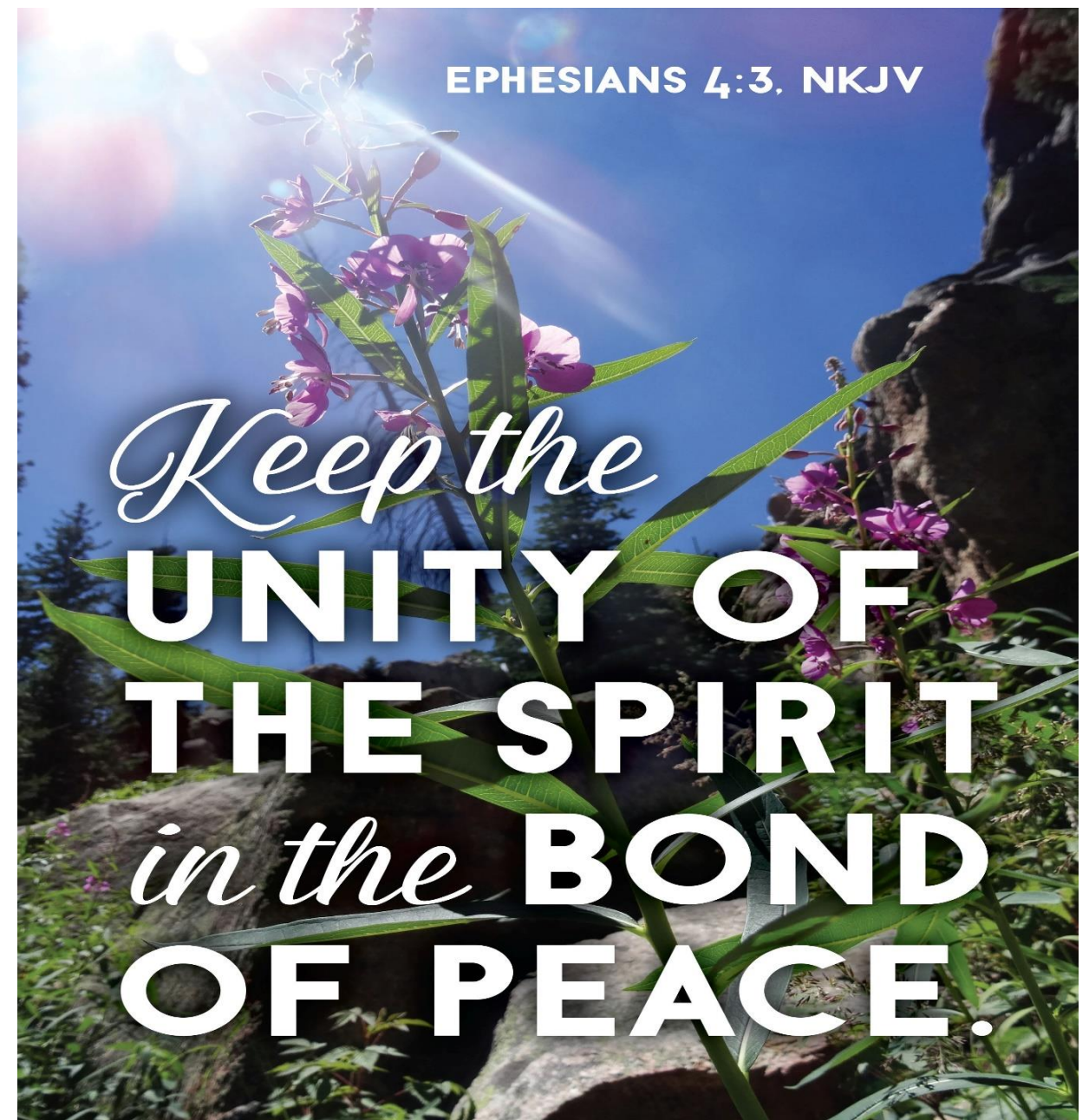
## HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

**GOOD NEWS!** God loves you and wants to rescue all people from the consequences of evil. The Bible teaches the way to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ:

1. **ADMIT** – Admit to God you have done wrong things (sinned) that have hurt God and others. Apologize to God, turn away from harmful behavior, and start doing good things (See Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).
2. **BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD** – Accept and trust that Jesus is God's one and only Son who died on the cross in your place and give God the credit for raising Jesus from the dead (See Romans 5:8; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31a; John 3:16; 1 Peter 3:18; John 14:6).
3. **CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD** – Make a religious commitment to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus by trusting Him to be your Rescuer, Redeemer (Savior), and Ultimate Leader (Lord). (See Romans 10:9 and 10; Romans 10:13; Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23)
4. **DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO THE JESUS WAY** - Tell your family and friends about your new trust in Jesus Christ by coming to the front of the Sanctuary at the end of a worship service to publicly share your decision to follow Jesus (Christian).

**HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COME FORWARD** – Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and accepting the Christian principles, practices, and covenant may join this church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor or come forward at a congregation meeting. A person may join by Believer's Baptism, Letter of Transfer from a previous Christian church with prior baptism, or a Satisfactory Statement of Christian Faith. ***You do not need to be baptized again to join this church.***

**OUR MISSION** – We are a Jesus People! We love God and we love people by sharing the Good News of God's forgiving forever love in Jesus Christ through word and action so all people can live quiet, Godly lives. West Side Baptist Church is an autonomous Christian church partnering with like-minded people of faith and service agencies in our City, County, State, Nation, and World in Jesus' name.



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