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Crossroads UMC Worship 08-08-2021

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

(from Psalm 38:1, 3-5)

One: We will bless the Lord at all times;

ALL: God's praise shall continually be on our lips.

One: O magnify the Lord with me,

ALL: Let us exalt God's name together.

One: When we seek God, God will answer us,

ALL: And deliver us from all our fears.

One: Look to God with radiance,

ALL: May we never be ashamed of worshiping God.

Prayer of Confession

God of All, we come to You with broken hearts. We confess to You that we have sinned. We have broken faith with one another and with You. We have failed to live into Your intention for our lives. We have failed to see Your image in one another. Forgive us. Refine us and purify us, so that our hearts might heal, and fill with Your love for one another. Restore us fully to You, O God, and help us to seek forgiveness, reparation, and restoration wherever possible. Amen.

Words of Assurance

One: Dear friends in Christ, You are forgiven, loved and restored on this journey of faith. Go with full hearts, wise minds, and the spirit of God in you, to love and forgive and bring healing to our broken world.

ALL: Amen.

Praise

Sent Out In Jesus Name

Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Therefore, after you have gotten rid of lying, Each of you must tell the truth to your neighbor^[a] because we are parts of each other in the same body. Be angry without sinning.^[b] Don't let the sun set on your anger. Don't provide an opportunity for the devil. Thieves should no longer steal. Instead, they should go to work, using their hands to do good so that they will have something to share with whoever is in need.

Don't let any foul words come out of your mouth. Only say what is helpful when it is needed for building up the community so that it benefits



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those who hear what you say. Don't make the Holy Spirit of God unhappy—you were sealed by him for the day of redemption. Put aside all bitterness, losing your temper, anger, shouting, and slander, along with every other evil. Be kind, compassionate, and forgiving to each other, in the same way God forgave you in Christ.

Therefore, imitate God like dearly loved children. Live your life with love, following the example of Christ, who loved us and gave himself for us. He was a sacrificial offering that smelled sweet to God.

Sermon
Sermon Series

Creating the Possibility of Peace
No Longer Strangers
Pastor Scott Walters

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction