



THE YEAR OF
**WHOLE
HEARTED**
COMMUNITY

CALL TO WORSHIP



Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout
aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before Him with thanksgiving, and extol
Him with music and song.

— Psalm 95:1-2



CONFESSION



God of love and justice, we long for peace within and peace without.

We long for harmony in our families, relationships, and communities, for serenity in the midst of our brokenness. We long for our homes to be a dwelling place for your love.



Yet we confess that we are often anxious, we do not trust each other, and we harbor bitterness. We are often not willing to take the risks and make the sacrifices that love requires.

Look upon us with kindness and grace. Rule in our homes, communities, and in all the world; show us how to walk in your paths, through the mercy of our savior. Amen.



ASSURANCE



I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty.



From there he shall come again to judge the living and the dead.

May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life. Amen.



PASSING THE PEACE



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Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

— Genesis 1:26-27



The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.”

— Genesis 2:15-18



The crucifixion scene is a good image of church. Jesus dies between two criminals. Anyone at the time, looking at that scene, would not have made a distinction between who was guilty and who was innocent. There was just one landscape - God on a cross between two thieves. That is the perennial ecclesial image. Grace and sin, sanctity and pettiness, and fidelity and betrayal, all part of a single horizon.

— Ronald Rolheiser



**Community is essential for
transformation.**



Mission:
The gospel changes
everything.



Truth

Holy
Spirit

Practices

Community

James Bryan Smith



**We are created from and
for relational community.**



**Communion with God is
the basis for true
community.**



**Whole communities
require whole people in
loving union & communion
with a Whole God.**



To put it simply, human connections shape neural connections, and each contributes to the mind... Relationship experiences have a dominant influence on the brain because the circuits responsible for social perception are the same as, or tightly linked to, those that integrate the important functions controlling the creation of meaning, the regulation of body states, the modulation of emotion, the organization of memory, and the capacity for interpersonal communication.

— Daniel Siegel



And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.



And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

— Acts 2:42-47



**God recreates relational
community to heal us and
restore us back to his image.**



Individualism (me > we)



Tribalism (we > me)



The tragic paradox of hyper-individualism is what began as an ecstatic liberation ends up as a war of tribe against tribe that crushes the individuals it sought to free.

— David Brooks



**Christian community is a web of
stubbornly loyal, diverse,
wholehearted relationships
knotted together in Jesus into a
living network of maturing
persons.**



*We might define true community as that place where
the person you least want to live with always lives.*

— Parker Palmer



If you want a good litmus test of your spiritual growth, simply examine the nature and quality of your relationships with others...Our relationships with others are not only the testing grounds of our spiritual life but also the places where our growth toward wholeness in Christ happens. There is a temptation to think that our spiritual growth takes place in the privacy of our personal relationship with God and then, once it is sufficiently developed, we can export it into our relationships with others and “be Christian” with them.



But holistic spirituality, the process of being formed in the image of Christ, takes place in the midst of our relationships with others, not apart from them...Every relationship has the potential of becoming the place of transforming encounter with God, and every advance in the spiritual life has its necessary and immediate corollary in the transformation of our relationships with others.

— Robert Mulholland



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- 4. Remember the bigger story.**



COMMUNION



BENEDICTION



Finally, brothers and sister, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

— 1 Corinthians 13:11

