



THE YEAR OF  
**WHOLE  
HEARTED**  
COMMUNITY

# CALL TO WORSHIP



We will give thanks to you, O LORD, with our whole heart; we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

We will be glad and exult in you; we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

— Psalm 9:1-2



# CONFESSION



Our Lord Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.

Lord, we confess that we've given our hearts to our idols, our souls to false promises of fulfillment, and our minds to fear and worry.



You also instruct us in this way: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments, hang all the law and the prophets.

We confess that we have treated others with bitterness, entered into relationship with selfish motives, and failed to acknowledge the Imago Dei in our neighbors. As God has instructed us in these great commandments, and because we have not lived in full obedience, let us now confess our sins to God, trusting Christ as our Savior and Lord.



# ASSURANCE



# PASSING THE PEACE





# GIVING



There is nothing we have that we have not received; all we have and are belong to God, bought with the blood of Jesus. To spend everything on ourselves, and to give without sacrifice is the way of the world that Our Father cannot abide. Holy Spirit, strengthen us to give generously until there are no needy among us.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



# WHOLEHEARTED: WOMEN'S RETREAT

Saturday, September 26  
10 AM-4 PM at Sugar Creek Silos, Greenfield, IN



# COATS FOR KIDS

Now through October 12



# SERVICE OPPS

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# CONNECT CARD

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# MC RESET

Saturday, September 12  
9 AM-12 PM at Soma Midtown





Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi,  
with the overseers and deacons: Grace to you and  
peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always  
in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer  
with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel  
from the first day until now.



And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.



And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

— Philippians 1:1-11



**What does this tell us  
about becoming a more  
wholehearted community?**



# What is gospel partnership?



*For Paul, the experience of dying with Christ, though intensely personal, can never be private. Fundamentally, cruciformly means community, and community means cruciformity. Paul...did not come merely to “save” individuals but to form communities, specifically what we might call “exclusivist-inclusivist” alternative communities of cruciform faith, love, power, and hope.*



*These communities exclude allegiance to every other so-called lord and god, but include people of all stations in life who confess and live Jesus as Lord, thus challenging the values of the day by their very existence. They are communities formed by and into the countercultural story of their countercultural Lord.*

— Michael Gorman



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*Everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms—to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances.*

— Victor Frankl



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- Language



*The characteristic of the blessed ones is that, wherever they go, they always speak words of blessing. It is remarkable how easy it is to bless others, to speak good things to and about them, to call forth their beauty and truth, when you yourself are in touch with your own blessedness.*

— Henri Nouwen



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*In the deeps are the violence and terror of which psychology has warned us. But if you ride these monsters down, if you drop with them farther over the world's rim, you find out what our sciences cannot locate or name, the substrate, the ocean or matrix or ether which buoys the rest, which gives goodness its power for good, and evil its power for evil, the united field: our complex and inexplicable caring for each other, and for our life together here. This is given. It is not learned.*

— Anne Dillard



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- Prayer
- Compassion
- Growth in Love





**Why does it matter?**



# COMMUNION



# BENEDICTION



And I pray this: that your love will keep on growing in knowledge and every kind of discernment, so that you can approve of the things that are superior and can be pure and blameless in the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ to the glory and praise of God.

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

— Philippians 1:9-11

