



Hospitality and Community: Part 4

Welcoming Others:



Building a Christian Community

Heavenly Father, You have brought us all together as one people in one place. Jesus taught us unity when He said that He and the Father were one. He also prayed for us that we would be one in spirit like that...



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We confess that our own sinful natures, the influences on current thinking, and the ever present working of the evil one, all battle against our unity...

They would all divide us and sow discontent. But, You have overcome the world and You have given us the Spirit which is greater than all that comes against us...



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Raise our minds, hearts,
hands and voices today in
praise, and help us to
surrender to our King, He who
loves us best. Draw us and
bind us together we pray. In
the name of the Prince of
Peace. Amen.

So he (Paul) reasoned in the
synagogue with the Jews and
the God-fearing Greeks, as
well as in the marketplace day
by day with those who
happened to be there.

—Acts 17:17



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How good and pleasant it is
when brothers live
together in unity!

It is like precious oil poured
on the head, running down on
the beard...



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running down on Aaron's
beard, down on the collar of
his robe.

It is as if the dew of
Hermon...

were falling on Mount Zion.
For there the Lord bestows
his blessing, even life
forevermore.

—Psalm 133



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הִנֵּה מַה טוֹב
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וּמַה נְעִים
שֵׁבֶת אַחִים גַּם יַחַד
הִנֵּה מַה טוֹב
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uMah-Nayim
shevet achim gam yachad
Hinei ma tov
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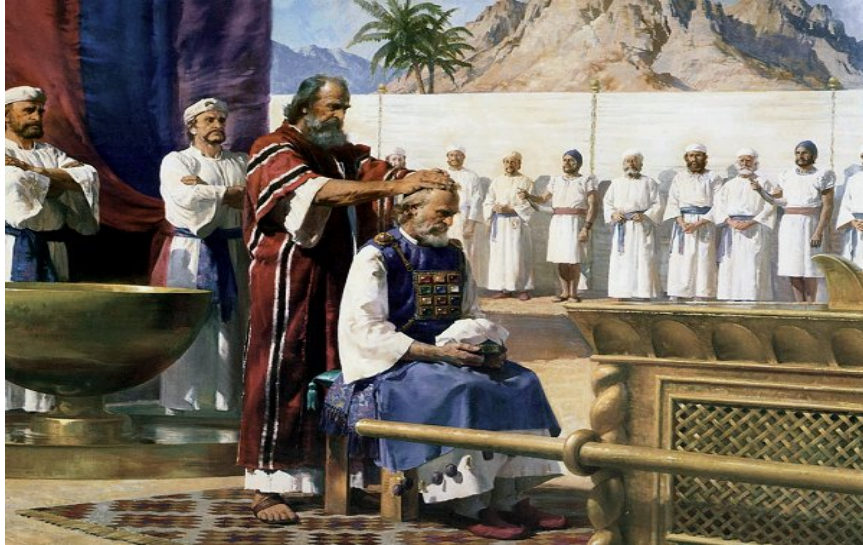
Behold how good
And how pleasant it is
For brethren to dwell together
Behold how good
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Unity is a generous gift from God.



Unity is for small and great alike.





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*"The remnant of Jacob will be
in the midst of many peoples
like dew from the Lord, like
showers on the grass,
which do not wait for anyone
or depend on man."*

—Micah 5:7

The blessing of unity flows from
one person to another.



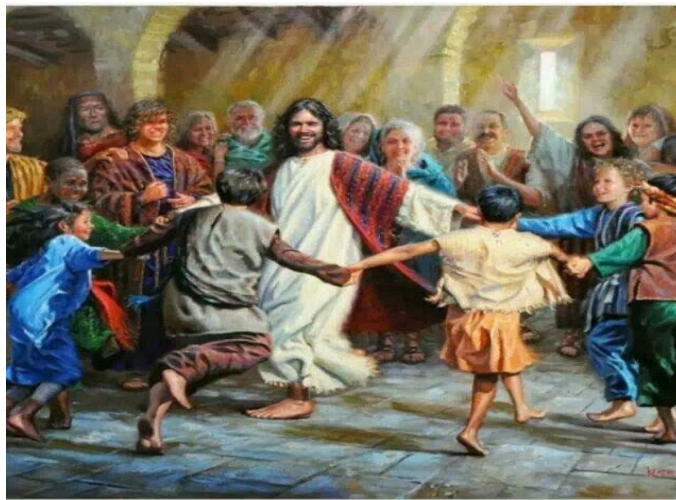


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The oil was wonderfully fragrant.



Unity is a foretaste of heaven.





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Secrets to Effective Church Hospitality

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- The barriers to entry to
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Welcome to
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I'M NEW...
We're glad you're here!

About our Service

- You will need a bulletin (worship folder) for this week's service. You can get one at the Information Center or from an usher.
- We are a "liturgy friendly" church. Participate as much as you can. We won't be offended if you spend your first visit "following along." You'll catch on quickly.
- We sing traditional hymns, but occasionally also use a contemporary tune or two. We always supply the music as well as the words because we believe this encourages more people to participate. Again, "follow along" if you wish. But, we hope you will soon feel confident enough to join in the singing.
- We stand for all Scripture readings because we believe that this divinely inspired text deserves our full attention and respect.
- During the celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we welcome all those who have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ to participate. Please follow the service directions in the bulletin and from the pastor. Please note that we serve grape juice rather than wine and that our bread is gluten free.
- You are our guest today. When the offering is taken, please do not feel obligated to put money in the collection plate.

For Parents

- At Redeemer Presbyterian Church, we love children. As stated in the bulletin, we welcome all children in our service.
- We do have a nursery/cry space for infants and toddlers. We have caring adults who have obtained clearances through the State of Pennsylvania.

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E-mail: _____

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- Please take the time after the service to meet our pastor and to enjoy fellowship with our members. We would love to get to know you.
- If you have a prayer need, either speak to our pastor or Ruling Elders, or fill out a Prayer Request Card and place it in the offering plate. It is our privilege to pray for you.

Getting Around

- Parking is readily available in the parking lots that surround the Hilltop Garden Inn.
- Restrooms are located just down the hall.
- Christian Education classes (Sunday School) are held in the main meeting room at 9:30 each Sunday morning.
- Nursery attendants will meet those children at the back of the main meeting room whose parents wish to place them in the Nursery during the worship service.

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What can we do
to make Redeemer
Presbyterian Church
more welcoming to
strangers?



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Welcome to Church.

This is a place of love and hope
and safety and forgiveness.

We will be food for the hungry.
Living water for the thirsty...

We are so glad you are here.
You are invited. You are
loved.

Come on in—we've been
waiting on you...



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Welcome here.
We are the church.

—Heather Burke Cody