

Sunday Worship on May 10, 2026

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We Gather

- Welcome and Announcements
- Responsive Call to Worship
- Praise song BOP 637 Take my life, and let it be consecrated (Vs. 1-4)
- Prayer for Worship and Lord's Prayer
- Words of Assurance
- Hymn BOP 377 Come, children, join to sing (Vs. 1-3)

We listen

- Sung prayer for illumination (BOP 445 Open our eyes, Lord)
- Scripture reading: Colossians 3:12-17
- Sermon: **The Kind of People We Are Becoming**
- Hymn BOP 642 O Master, let me walk with thee (Vs. 1-4)

We Respond

- Offering, Doxology (BOP 830) & Dedication
- Song for the Journey BOP 376 Lord, the light of your love is shining (Vs. 1-3)

We Serve

- Benediction
- A Sung Blessing

Responsive Call to Worship

God has called us, chosen us, and loves us.

We come as God's people, shaped by his grace.

Christ has made us new, not by our effort, but by his work.

We come to become who he is forming us to be.

The Spirit gathers us into one body, to live in love and peace.

We come to worship, to grow, and to belong together.

Let us worship God.

Praise song – BOP 637 Take my life, and let it be consecrated (Vs. 1-4)

Prayer of Adoration

Gracious and loving God, we come before you today, not as perfect people, but as people you have already called, loved, and made new.

We thank you that our lives are not built on what we do for you, but on what you have already done for us in Jesus Christ.

As we gather in your presence, quiet our hearts, open our minds, and draw us closer to you.

Shape us through your Word, form us through your Spirit, and lead us to become the people you are calling us to be.

We offer this time to you with gratitude and trust. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of confession (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we often forget who we are in you. You have called us your people, yet we live as if everything depends on us. You have clothed us with compassion and kindness, yet we choose impatience, distance, and self-protection. We desire to be a community of love and belonging, but we do not always make space for one another. Forgive us, Lord. Renew us by your grace, and continue your work within us, so that we may become the people you are forming us to be. In Jesus' precious name we pray. Amen.

Heavenly Father, hear us, as we offer the Prayer that Jesus taught us: (The Lord's Prayer:)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Hear the good news: God does not wait for us to become better before he loves us. In Jesus Christ, we are already chosen, forgiven, and made new. As Scripture says in Colossians 3:12, "we are God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved." Therefore, be at peace. In Christ, we are forgiven. In Christ, we are being made new. Thanks be to God.

May the Peace of Christ be with you + Happy Mother's Day

Praise song – BOP 377 Come, children, join to sing

Prayer for Children

Sung prayer for illumination (BOP 445 Open our eyes, Lord)

Scripture reading: Colossians 3:12-17

"This is the word of the Lord / Thanks be to God."

SERMON: The Kind of People We Are Becoming

There are moments in life when we are not entirely sure what the right thing to do is.

Should we step in? Or should we step back?

Should we protect? Or should we welcome?

Sometimes life is not as simple as "right" and "wrong."
Sometimes we carry tension inside us because we care deeply.

And in moments like that, we are not only making decisions.
But, we are revealing something deeper: **What kind of people are we becoming?**

Recently, with our session members, we started a book study.
From the book, one point stood out for me.

A sermon is not good advice. It is a proclamation of what has already happened.

That changes the way I look at the gospel and how I approach the gospel.

Because many people think Christianity is mainly about advice:

Be better

Try harder

Be more loving

Be more faithful

But the gospel begins somewhere else.

The gospel begins with what God has already done.

God has already acted in Jesus Christ.

Through Christ, we are forgiven. Through Christ, we are loved.

Through Christ, we are made new.

And that is where today's passage begins.

Paul writes, v12, **"As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved.."**

Notice the order carefully.

Paul does not say: "Become better people so God will accept you."

No. He says, **"You are already chosen. You are already loved."**

And because this is true... Paul says, **"Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience."**

I find that this image is very interesting. We put on clothes. We clothe ourselves.

Every morning, we choose what we wear.

Sometimes we dress for comfort. Sometimes for work.

Sometimes for an important occasion.

In the same way, Paul says:

"Put on compassion." "Put on kindness." "Put on humility." "Put on gentleness." "Put on patience."

Not because we naturally feel those things every moment, but because this is the life Christ is shaping in us. And honestly, we all know, this is not always easy.

Compassion is easy when people are easy.

Patience is easy when life is calm.

Kindness is easy when we feel appreciated.

But real formation happens in uncomfortable moments.

It happens when we are tired. It happens when we disagree. It happens when we feel uncertain.

And it happens when situations are not clear.

That is why Paul continues in v13, **“Bear with one another... forgive each other.”**
Church is not a gathering of perfect people.

It is a community of people learning how to stay, learning how to forgive, and learning how to grow together under the grace of Christ.

As a church, we have said, this is our purpose: (in our bulletin.)
**Our Reason Why As a community of believers in Jesus Christ we wish:
to be in relationship,
to belong and feel cared for,
and to participate in something bigger than ourselves.**

Those are beautiful words.
But today, I think we are invited to ask an honest question:
“Are we actually becoming this kind of people?”

Not perfectly. Not all at once.
But steadily.

Are we becoming people of relationship?
Not simply attending the same worship service, but truly knowing one another?

Are we becoming people of belonging?
Are we creating a space where others feel seen, welcomed, and cared for?
And are we becoming people of purpose?

Do we understand that church is not only about receiving, but also about participating in the work God is doing around us?

Because the church is not built only by programs, or activities, or even sermons.

The church is formed slowly, over time, by the kind of people we are becoming together.
And this matters especially in a small church.
In a small church, people feel things quickly.

When someone walks in, they can sense whether there is warmth.
Whether there is peace. Whether there is genuine care.

Not because we are perfect. But because something of Christ is becoming visible among us.
What have we put on?

That is what Paul means when he says, in v15, **“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.”**
Clothe yourself with Christ.
Not fear. Not frustration. Not pressure.
But the peace of Christ.

And then Paul says, in v16, **“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.”**

Not an occasional visit. Not a temporary stay.
But, **Dwell. Remain. Live among us.**

Because transformation does not happen through pressure.
It happens through presence. The steady presence of Christ among his people.
His people is church and the church is you.

We are the people God is forming.
We are the community where compassion can grow.
We are the place where someone can belong.
We are the people through whom Christ can be seen.
And this can be the simple question we carry together:

“What kind of people are we becoming?”

Not in dramatic ways. But in ordinary moments.

How do we speak to one another?
How do we respond to difficulty?
How do we make space for people?
How do we carry one another with grace?

Because these ordinary moments slowly shape the culture of a church.
So let us ask this question together.
What kind of people are we becoming?

The church is not built by what we do occasionally.
The church is built, slowly and deeply, by who we are becoming every day.

Ephesians 2:21-22, “In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.”

Let us remember that God is still building his church.

And God is building it through ordinary people like us, slowly shaping us together into a dwelling place for his presence.

So let us continue becoming the kind of people who reflect Christ to one another and to the world.

This is the message of the Lord for us today.

Let us pray.

Lord, you have already called us, loved us, and made us your people.
Continue your work within us, that we may become more like Christ in all we do.
Form us together, as a community shaped by your grace.
In Jesus’ precious name, we pray. Amen.

Praise song – BOP 642 O Master, let me walk with thee (Vs. 1-4)

Prayer for people

Gracious and loving God, we come before you as your people—
each carrying different stories, concerns, and hopes.

For those who feel tired and overwhelmed, grant them rest in your presence.
For those who feel uncertain or anxious, speak your peace into their hearts.
For those who are quietly struggling, remind them that they are not alone,
and that you are near.

Lord, shape us as a community.
Teach us to live in real relationship with one another.
Help us to create a place where people truly belong.
And lead us to live for something greater than ourselves.

Give us hearts of compassion, patience in difficulty, and grace in our relationships.

As we continue in this season together, guide us by your Holy Spirit.
Even when we are unsure, help us to trust that you are forming us, step by step, into the
people you are calling us to be.
In Jesus' precious name, we pray. Amen.

Invitation to the offering:

As we have heard today, the gospel is not good advice, but the proclamation of what God has
already done. We give not to earn God's love, but we give because we are already his people.
As we give our offerings, let us glorify him. (*BOP #830, Praise God from whom all blessings
flow.*)

Offering prayer:

Gracious God, we thank you for all that you have given us.
Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and as an offering of our lives.
Use them for your purposes, that your love may be made known in this community and beyond.
And continue to shape us, Lord, not only through what we give, but through who we are
becoming. We offer all this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Song for the Journey – BOP 376 Lord, the light of your love is shining (Vs. 1-3)

Now, it is the time for us to be sent to the world where God called us to be. As we go from this
place, we carry with us not just a message, but a question: “What kind of people are we
becoming?” In the coming days, may we remember that we are already God's people—chosen,
loved, and being formed by his grace.

Benediction: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, And the Love of God, our Father, And the
intimate fellowship of the Holy Spirit, Be with us all, now and always. Amen.