

Series: Worship Together

Sermon: We Worship Together for Spiritual Formation

Scripture: Ephesians 4:11-16, 5:19 and Colossians 3:16 (ESV)

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1. Christ works through His Word (vs.11-14)

“The church is the common mother of all the godly, which bears, nourishes, and brings up children to God, kings and peasants alike; and this is done by the ministry. Those who neglect or despise this order choose to be wiser than Christ. Woe to the pride of such men!” (John Calvin, Complete Commentaries, Ephesians 4:12)

2. Christ works through His Body (vs.15-16)

“[B]elievers have no greater help than public worship for by it God raises his own folk upward step by step...[It is the means of grace by which God] bears us up as if in chariots to his heavenly glory, a glory that fills all things with its immeasurableness and even surpasses the heavens in height!” (John Calvin, Institutes of Christian Religion, 4.1.5)

Ephesians 4:11-16 (ESV)

*¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,
¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,
¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,
¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.
¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,
¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.*

Ephesians 5:19 (ESV)

¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart

Colossians 3:16 (ESV)

¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.