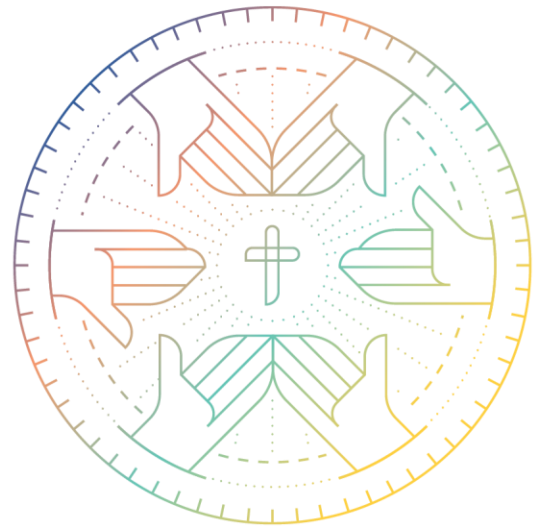


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ICEBREAKER (10 MINUTES)

If you found buried treasure in your backyard, what would be your first course of action?

INTRODUCTION (5-10 MINUTES)

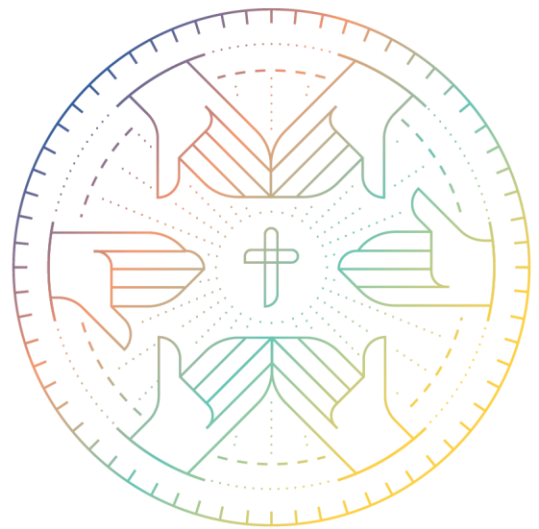
Paul wrote this letter while a prisoner in Rome. He was imprisoned for preaching the Gospel in Jewish synagogues and giving testimony of how he came to Christ. You can see Acts 21:27-36 and Acts 22. Within chapter three we see that he begins with a detour from praying to talk about the mystery of the Gospel.

INTO THE WORD (25 MINUTES)

1. Read Ephesians 3:1-9. What sticks out to you about the Mystery that was made known to Paul?
2. Have you ever considered the fact that like Paul you are a steward of God's grace? Are you being a good or bad steward of the grace that you have received and are commanded to extend to others? Why?
3. Read Ephesians 3:13, and Romans 8:18. Paul is writing this letter while in prison for sharing the mystery of the Gospel. What helps you to serve the Lord when it is inconvenient, awkward, or painful for you?

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APPLICATION (25 MINUTES)

1. According to verse 12, Paul says that believers have “boldness and access with confidence.” How confident do you feel about sharing your faith?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-11 and James 1:2-4. Do you feel like you’re suffering and/or brokenness means God will use you less?
3. Paul lists five key truths about the Mystery of the Gospel in Ephesians 3:
 1. God’s plans of redemption will not be geopolitical forces verses (3:1-3),
 2. Jesus is at the center of this plan verses (3:4-6)
 3. No one is barred from participation through faith verses (3:7-8, 4).
 4. Do not fear evil for God is wiser/in control (3:8-10)
 5. Suffering can accomplish God’s purpose (3:11-13).

Which truth do you need to hear most this week? Why?

PRAYER (10 MINUTES)

Dear heavenly Father, thank you for revealing the mystery of your will. We are humbled to be included in your plan for redemption. This week may we have confidence in who we are in you as we reflect on what you have done for us. Thank you that we can find hope and rest knowing that you are in control. As we enter into Holy week next week may we spend some time this week reflecting on what you have done for us. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.