

Community Church of Barrington  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 17, 2020



**We Are Not an "I"**  
*"I" is Necessary but Insufficient*

**Community Church of Barrington  
Order of Worship**

**PRELUDE**

*Blessed Redeemer  
I Surrender All  
Softly and Tenderly*

*Roger C. Wilson  
Ruth Elaine Schram  
Joel Raney*

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL to WORSHIP**

**All Voices:           No one achieves alone. No one survives alone. We are connected in a single body, and that is the body of Christ. No one suffers alone. No one rejoices alone. We are connected in a single body, and this is the body of Christ. We are one. We are in this together. Thank you, God, for being with us. We are one with you. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE:**

**I Corinthians 12 Selected Verses (The Message)**

Your body has many parts—limbs, organs, cells—but no matter how many parts you can name, you’re still one body. It’s exactly the same with Christ. By means of his one Spirit, we all said good-bye to our partial and piecemeal lives. We each used to independently call our own shots, but then we entered into a large and integrated life in which *he* has the final say in everything. (This is what we proclaimed in word and action when we were baptized.)

Each of us is now a part of his resurrection body, refreshed and sustained at one fountain—his Spirit—where we all come to drink. The old labels we once used to identify ourselves—labels like Jew or Greek, slave or free—are no longer useful. We need something larger, more comprehensive.

I want you to think about how all this makes you more significant, not less. A body isn’t just a single part blown up into something huge. It’s all the different-but-similar parts arranged and functioning together. If Foot said, “I’m not elegant like Hand, embellished with rings; I guess I don’t belong to this body,” would that make it so? If Ear said, “I’m not beautiful like Eye, limpid and expressive; I don’t deserve a place on the head,” would you want to remove it from the body? If the body was all eye, how could it hear? If all ear, how could it smell? As it is, we see that God has carefully placed each part of the body right where he wanted it.

But I also want you to think about how this keeps your significance from getting blown up into self-importance. For no matter how significant you are, it is only because of what you are a *part* of. An enormous eye or a gigantic hand wouldn’t be a body, but a monster. What we have is one body with many parts, each its proper size and in its proper place. No part is important on its own. Can you imagine Eye telling Hand, “Get lost; I don’t need you”? Or, Head telling Foot, “You’re fired; your job has been phased out”? As a matter of fact, in practice it works the other way—the “lower” the part, the more basic, and therefore necessary. You can live without an eye, for instance, but not without a stomach. . . .

The way God designed our bodies is a model for understanding our lives together as a church: every part dependent on every other part, the parts we mention and the parts we don’t, the parts we see and the parts we don’t. If one part hurts, every other part is involved in the hurt, and in the healing. If one part flourishes, every other part enters into the exuberance. You are Christ’s body—that’s who you are! You must never forget this. Only as you accept your part of that body does your “part” mean anything.

One Voice:           The word of God, for the people of God.  
Many Voices:       **Thanks be to God.**

**GLORIA PATRI**

*Glory to the Father, glory to the Son, glory to the Holy Spirit, Three in One; as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be, world without end. Amen*

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT and LORD'S PRAYER**

**Dr. Samira El-Yasir**

**Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**GATHERING the JOYS and CONCERNS of the CHURCH**

**CALL to PRAYER**

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

*Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a world of care.  
And bids me at my Father's throne, makes all my wants and wishes known.  
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found release.  
And oft, escaped, the tempter's snare, by thy return, sweet hour of prayer.*

**SILENT PETITIONS and PASTORAL PRAYER**

**ANTHEM**

**They'll Know We Are Christians**

*This well-known hymn has been given a new setting by Lloyd Larson*

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

**Refrain:** And they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. (to **Refrain**)

We will work with each other, we will work side-by-side;  
And we'll guard each other's dignity and save each other's pride. (to **Refrain**)

Praise to the Father from whom all things come,  
And praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son;  
Praise to the Spirit who makes us one.

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored. (to **Refrain**)

**PRAYER for ILLUMINATION**

One Voice: May the words of my mouth,  
All Voices: **And the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer. Amen. (Psalm 19)**

**SERMON**

**We Are Not an "I"**

Rev. Zina Jacque

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

*Arr. Hugh S. Livingston*



### **WEDNESDAY -- WANT MORE?**

What's MORE? It stands for a **M**oment **O**f **R**eflection. Each week, until we are unable to gather again for worship, we will share in a Wednesday noontime moment of reflection. Pastor Zina invites you to call in and share in 30-minutes of sharing and reflecting. Here is how it will work. Each person who wishes to join us will:

1. Call a free conference call line, (978) 990 5040 and key in the following access code, 6542344, followed by the #.
2. You will be promoted to announce your name. You need **not** do so. Instead, when you hear that prompt, just press # and you will then enter the call.
3. We will ask everyone to mute themselves until so there will be no feedback during the call. You mute yourself by keying in #6.
4. When it comes time to share, you will be asked to unmute, which you can do by keying in #6 again.

That's it. Talk to you Wednesday.