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Order of Worship
5 September 2021
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome Worship in Song Call to Worship from Psalm 146 Worship in Song

We Listen to the Scriptures

Prayer

Sermon Series: Underdog Sermon: "The Generous Underdog "

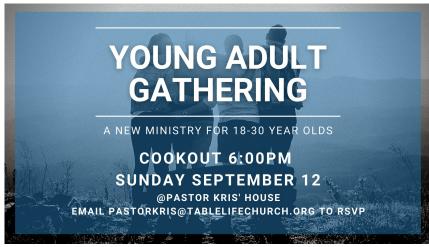
We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration
The Lord's Prayer
We Eat and Drink Together
We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life Gossiping the Good Stuff Doxology







Our mission is to learn the way of Jesus together as we invite others to join us at His Table.

Our Common Practices

We Gather

We gather for worship more often than not. We gather in smaller groups to connect, learn, and grow.

We create hospitable space for one another.

We Grow

We attend the means of grace daily. (i.e. We attend to the presence of God through Scripture reading and meditation, prayer on behalf of others and myself, breath prayer, spiritual reading and study...). We nurture our faith.

We attend to relationships that promote growth. We develop and learn as human beings made in the image of God.

We Give

We are a generous people who give our time and resources to the mission of God and the world. We tithe as the means through which our community enjoys fiscal health so as to minister generously.

We Go

We follow Jesus into the world as His healing presence.

We help the vulnerable among us.

We go into the world offering Jesus' invitation to gather at His Table.

The Generous Underdog Pastor Kris Beckert Philippians 4:10-20

What was your first job? Did you think you were rich?

3 Reasons followers of Christ are generous:

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Philippians 4:10-13 I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

- v.10 "no opportunity to show"-- akaireomai –
- v.12 The secret to contentment --

II. Our giving _____

Philippians 4:14-17 Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. ¹⁵ Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; ¹⁶ for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need.

¹⁷ Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account.

• v.17 "credited to your account" – karpos --

III. Our giving _____

Philippians 4:18-20 I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

- v.18 "fragrant offering" –
- Honors God because:
 - 1. Trust in the _____
 - 2. What we own doesn't _____
 - 3. We're about more than _____

Big Idea: ₋			
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Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

- 1. When I think of the most transformative and powerful moments, opportunities, and chapters in my life, did they involve giving or gaining?
- 2. How does seeing life as a gift change how I see my stuff? Work? Family? Time? Church? Money?
- 3. What does my giving reveal about my heart?
- 4. When have I experienced contentment in life?
- 5. What fruit have I experienced from being generous?
- 6. Where have I been holding back from Christ? What step can I take to "give myself away" to His work in my life and the world?

If you'd like to talk personally and confidentially w/ Pastor Kris about your relationship with Christ, please email pastorkris@tablelifechurch.org or call 717-774-6444 to set up an appointment.

New Here? Need Prayer?



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