



Order of Worship April 14, 2024 Third Sunday of Easter

### We Gather to Worship God

Welcome Worship in Song Call to Worship Worship in Song

## We Listen to the Word

Prayer

Sermon Series: Belongers Sermon: "Where You Don't Belong"

# 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 Prayer

# We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life/Gossiping the Good Stuff Doxology Blessing and Sending

> \*Words to music, responsive readings and The Lord's Prayer will be on the screen\*



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#### Doggy Bag-

### Some questions to chew on:



- 1. Have you ever found yourself doing things, resorting to behaviors, or spending time in places you no longer belong and are not healthy for you? Why do you think you were drawn back there?
- 2. Do you often find yourself assuming somebody else is the problem rather than yourself? Why is it important to recognize that none of us are immune to sin?
- 3. Have you ever had a "But God" moment? How does knowing the grace, mercy, and love of God change how you see and respond to others? To yourself?
- 4. How might God use your struggles, sin, and scars to help someone else? Why do we need to remember where we came from but choose not to live there?
- 5. Why is it important to recognize that we don't do good works to earn salvation from God but rather we do them in response to his gift of grace we have already received?
- 6. What resonated with you the most from this message and scripture? How is God speaking to you?



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# Belongers "Where You Don't Belong" Pastor Kris Beckert

If you could go back to visit any place at any time in history, where would you go?

#### Paul's Letter to the Ephesians:

- Written by the Apostle Paul around 60 A.D. Empire
- Ephesus was a \_\_\_\_\_ city, home to a giant temple to the Roman god \_\_\_\_\_
- The people who came to faith in Jesus came from mainly a \_\_\_\_\_ background
- The Ephesian Christians experienced a tension between their old life practices and their new life in Christ
- First 3 chapters of letter remind who we are in Christ, and the last 3 chapters share how to behave because of that

#### A Belonger's Past, Present, and Future:

I. Where You \_\_\_\_\_ Belong

Ephesians 2:1-3 Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. <sup>2</sup> You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. <sup>3</sup> All of us used to live that way,

following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else.

- Remember where you \_\_\_\_\_\_
- You are not \_\_\_\_\_

"It does not matter how small the sins are provided that their cumulative effect is to edge the man away from the Light and out into the Nothing. Murder is no better than cards if cards can do the trick. Indeed the safest road to Hell is the gradual one--the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts." -C.S. Lewis, The Screwtape Letters

#### II. Where You \_\_\_\_\_ Belong

Ephesians 2:4-6 But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, <sup>5</sup> that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) <sup>6</sup> For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus.

- Two key words: \_\_\_\_\_ (v.4)
- You belong living a \_\_\_\_\_ life (v.5)
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- You belong in a \_\_\_\_\_ (v.6)

#### III. Where You \_\_\_\_\_ Belong

Ephesians 2:7-10 So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. <sup>9</sup> Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. <sup>10</sup> For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

- As an \_\_\_\_\_ of God's grace (v.7)
- Doing \_\_\_\_\_ in response to God's grace (v.8-10)
- As God's \_\_\_\_\_ (v.10)

Big Idea: \_\_\_\_\_