

our heritage



authentic
love



radical
generosity



hopeful
partnership



intense
spirituality



faithful
risk



passionate
mission

*There is neither Jew
nor Gentile, neither
slave nor free, nor is
there male and female,
for you are all one in
Christ Jesus.
- Galatians 3:28*

Who we are **FOR** matters more than
where we are **FROM**.

Ephesians 2:14-18

¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near.

¹⁸For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

There is no barrier Jesus cannot **BRIDGE**.

Unity in diversity gives us a glimpse of [HEAVEN](#).

Revelation 7:9-12

⁹After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

¹⁰And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb.”

¹¹All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying:

“Amen!

Praise and glory
and wisdom and thanks and honor
and power and strength
be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen!”

Wounds received in [COMMUNITY](#)
are seldom (if ever) healed in [ISOLATION](#).

Notes:

Prayer of the People

Throughout "Our Heritage," we are inviting the entire Heritage family to participate in what some traditions have called "Prayers of the People." These prayers provide an opportunity to connect with God in one heart and voice even as we disperse through the week.

This week, reflect and pray through this prayer out of Ephesians 3:14-21:

Father, out of your glorious riches, strengthen us with power through your Spirit in our inner beings, so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith. Allow us to be rooted and established in love so we may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses all knowledge—that we may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.



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How to start a relationship with God:

- 1) *Admitting* that you, like everyone, are in need of rescue.
- 2) *Asking* God to forgive your sins.
- 3) *Saying YES to God by trusting Jesus as Savior & Lord.*

You can do that right now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to look to you and follow you all the days of my life. In Your name, Amen.

For Further Reflection:

As we've walked through the "Our Heritage" series, what value in particular has stuck out to you? Why do you think that is?

What is one thing you found particularly encouraging or challenging in this weekend's message? What do you think the Holy Spirit is inviting you to do with that?

Where have you tended to define yourself more by where you're "from" than something else?

Read Ephesians 2:14-18 & 3:14-21

:: How do you see these passages being connected?

:: What stands out to you from these passages?

:: What do these scriptures reveal to us about unity in diversity and how that positions us to experience God's power and love?

Pastor Jeremiah said, "Wounds received in community are seldom, if ever, healed in isolation."

:: How have you seen this play out in your life?

:: What are the implications of this for how our families, neighborhoods, cities, and beyond can find healing?

:: What is one healing step you sense God inviting you to take this week?

Unless otherwise noted, today's Scripture is from the New International Version [NIV].

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