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Order of Worship 9 October 2022 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## We Gather to Worship God

Welcome Worship in Song Call to Worship Worship in Song

### We Listen to the Word

Prayer Sermon Series: Messy Church Sermon: "Part One - Messy People"

### We Come to the Table

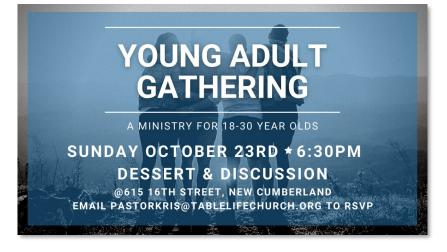
Prayer of Confession and Consecration
The Lord's Prayer
We Eat and Drink Together
We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song
Prayer

# We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life
Gossiping the Good Stuff
Doxology
Blessing and Sending







## Doggy Bag-Some questions to chew on:



- 1. How do you usually respond to other people's messes? Do you go into fix-it mode, listen mode, avoidance mode, or do you judge their failures? How has that tendency affected your relationships? How does that affect your relationship with God?
- 2. How does it impact your perception of Church to know that the Corinthian Church was a mess just 25 years after Jesus' resurrection?
- 3. Why is division such a core element in many personal and relational messes? What similarities do you see between the Corinthian Church and the worldwide Church today?
- 4. Similar to the Corinthians, how could an inaccurate perception of yourself be contributing to some messes in your life?
- 5. What do you think of when you hear the word "unity?" How does Christ and the cross make unity possible?

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



# Messy Church "Part One - Messy People" Pastor Kris Beckert

	Have you	ever	experienced	a mess	?:
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	In	a	relationship	
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- In a friendship
- In your family
- At work/school
- On a team
- With a neighbor
- □ In church or with a religion
- Involving politics

## **Background on 1 Corinthians:**

•	Written by	_ who started Church				
	in Corinth (Acts 18)					
•	Began correspondence with Corinthian     Church after hearing					
•	There were total le	tters, but we only				

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#### I. The Core of the Mess:

1 Corinthians 1:1-3 Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup> To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup> Grace

and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

- Paul -
- Sosthenes -
- Corinth --

1 Corinthians 1:4-6 I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. <sup>5</sup> For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— <sup>6</sup> God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you.

### II. The Underlying Need: \_

1 Corinthians 1:10 I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.

- "divisions" = Greek schisma =
- "unity" = Greek katartizó =

## III. The Solution:

1 Corinthians 1:17 For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

- What unity IS NOT—
- What unity IS –

1 Corinthians 1:18-24 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate." <sup>20</sup> Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24 but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

1 Corinthians 1:27 But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.

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