

**BERN REFORMED UCC - OCTOBER 6 ,2024**

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RELATIONSHIPS**



**PRELUDE: "Breath From Heaven"**

**- *Martin***

**BULLETINS are sponsored "In Memory of David Burkey by Anne"**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 2:18-24**

The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle and to the birds of the air and to every animal of the field, but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." **Therefore, a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 8**

LEADER: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

**PEOPLE: Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.**

LEADER: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

**PEOPLE: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

## **GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16**

Some testing him, asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, **'God made them male and female. 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.'** So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore, **what God has joined together, let no one separate.** "Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery. "People were bringing children to him in order that he might touch them, and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

## **HYMN # 280 "BLESSED BE THE TIE THAT BINDS"**

- 1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**
- 2. Before our Father's throne, we pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears our hopes our aims are one; our comforts & our cares.**
- 3. We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear;  
And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.**
- 4. When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;  
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.**

**Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12** Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days **he has spoken to us by a Son**, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human that you are mindful of them or mortals that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason **Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters**, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

**SERMON: "CREATED FOR RELATIONSHIPS"**

**CHOIR ANTHEM: "When We Meet At Your Table, Lord" - *Govenor***  
**THE ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION**

**PRAYER & OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD: "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY" - "*Hillsong*"**

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE FRUIT OF THE VINE:**

**" FOR WHAT EARTHLY REASON" - "*Collingsworth Family*"**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**HYMN #272 "LOVE DIVINE ALL LOVES EXCELLING"**

**1 Love divine all loves excelling, joy of heav'n to earth come down,  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling; all Thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.**

**2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest.  
Take away our love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**

**3 Come, Almighty to deliver; let us all Thy life receive;  
Suddenly return and never, nevermore Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above;  
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.**

**4 Finish then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee.  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, & praise.**

**COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE: "Our Heart Shall Rejoice" - *Simone***

***Attendance Last week 74***