

Sermon 11/16/25:

As Christians we are called to emulate Christ. Our favorite Apostle turned therapist wrote in a letter to the Galatians: “It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives through me”. In so doing we must habitually find ourselves returning to the radical claim made on the first pages of our Bible: Every person is made in the image of God.

When we notice the overlooked, bear witness to the suffering of others, love those who we’d rather not, forgive what seems unforgiveable; the same way that Jesus did, the same way Jesus does for all of us, we begin to understand and put into action what it truly means for humanity to bear the image of God.

This Church, this is the body of Christ, this is the every day presence of God in action.

A Church community consists of people who outside this Church would never be seen together, never eat together, never learn about each others’ cultures and stories. It is by our faithfulness and discipleship to Jesus that we gather here and call each other brother and sister, loving God by loving one another, serving Him in whatever we do for the least of these. The bond between a faithful community of servant leaders is an incarnate display of both the wisdom and steadfast love of God.

If you’ve ever felt like God was far away, if you’ve ever wondered what God’s voice sounds like, what God looks like: look at the people sitting next to you today, look at the people you pass on the street during your walk home, and look at the people that you go home to.

Humanity bears the image of God. That is both an incredible honor and a heavy responsibility. Really take some time to sit with the gravity of that. Let it start to completely reshape your sense of self, purpose, and relationship to others. So that whether you find that you’re a hand, an eye, an ear, or a foot, each of us with all our talents, stories, wounds, and insecurities is a crucial part of the body; a Body that is called to carry each

other's burdens and in so doing, fulfill the law of Christ.

Thanks be to God, amen.