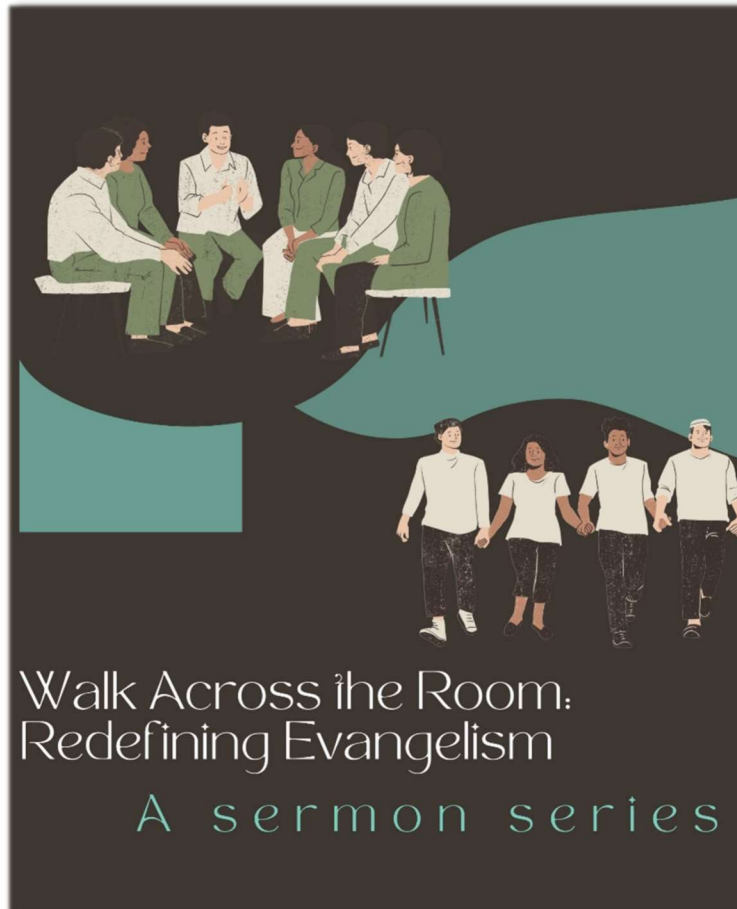




*An Open and Affirming Congregation
of The United Church of Christ*



Order of Worship for June 23, 10:00 am

Welcome to Worship at Center Church!
We are delighted that you are with us today.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

CHIMES

PIANO PRELUDE Chanson N. Faber
Elizabeth Stassen, pianist

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN: NCH 386 The Church's One Foundation AURELIA

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Congregation sings:
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja (3X) Halleluja! Hal-le-lu-ja! Caribbean Melody

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2: 42-47 (NRSV)

(NOT A) SERMON: **Walk Across the Room, Part 4: 1-on-1 Community Building**
(See Insert) *Led by All of You in Attendance!*

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Bind Us Together Bob Gillman

Bind us together, Lord. Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord. Bind us together. Bind us together in love.
There is only one God, there is only one King.
There is only one body, that is why we sing.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY The Gift of Love H. Hobson
Elizabeth Stassen, piano and vocals

*DOXOLOGY:



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN NCH 395 In Christ there is no East or West

ST. PETER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Bind us Together (chorus)

Bob Gillman

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The purpose of a one-on-one conversation, and it is a conversation, is to have a deeper understanding of the person with whom you are speaking. While we sometimes resist the urge to “pry” or “be too personal,” a one-on-one conversation is an invitation to do just that. Lean into the discomfort of being vulnerable and allow yourself to tell your story, your lived experience and open yourself up to allowing others to tell you theirs.

Some prompts that might help start your conversations:

WHY do you come to church? WHY are you part of this community?

WHAT gets you out of bed each morning and WHY?

WHAT are you living for? WHAT is getting in the way of that?

Some things to keep in mind about 1-on-1 conversation

One on One Conversations ARE

- *a conversation, an encounter*
- *mutual*
- *moving to the center of a person*
- *purposeful & intentional*
- *exploratory & relational*
- *public*
- *about gifts, talents, passions, strengths*
- *about developing a relationship*

One on One Conversations ARE NOT

- *an interview or chit chat*
- *unidirectional*
- *superficial or random*
- *accidental*
- *a sales pitch/signup*
- *private*
- *about need*
- *about getting information*
- *interminable or drop-in*

If you enjoyed the conversation that you had today, reach out to your conversation partner and continue the conversation outside of worship. If you are interested in having conversations with other members of our community, walk across the room and invite someone you do not know very well or someone who you think you know well but have not connected with in a while into conversation after worship, or outside of worship this week. If we are to be a thriving community, it is vital to engage in relationship building from within as well as without.

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