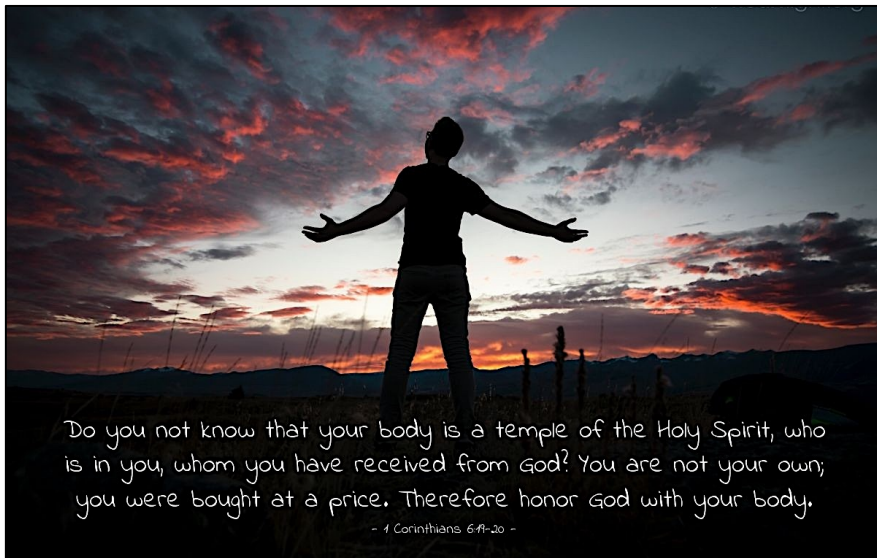


We made our warm bed out of blankets in the meadow way up high.
You took off your dress in the moonlight to sleep beneath the sky.
Your touch was a warm summer ocean.
Your kiss made the whole mountain fly.
And you looked deep within me and smiled at the tears in my eyes.

Now you can say that you always were honest,
That your words were clear from the start,
But its more than just words that got spoken.
There was language of the heart.
- from "Language of the Heart" by David Wilcox



Covenant Presbyterian Church of Reno, Nevada June 6, 2021

Service for Communion Sunday June 6, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.

As a wealthy hub for commerce and seafarers, Greek Corinth was evidently renowned for its vice, especially its sexual corruption, and for its many religious temples and rites. Aristophanes even coined the term "korinthiazesthai" ("to act like a Corinthian," i.e., "to commit fornication") in view of the city's reputation. Plato used the term "Corinthian girl" as a euphemism for a prostitute.
- G. F. Hawthorne et al, Dictionary of Paul and His Letters (p. 172)

We Gather Together as The Church, The Temple of God

Prelude Nancy Tedford, organ

Greetings and Church Family News

Choral Introit "Glory in the Lord" – Choplin Covenant Choir

***Call to Worship** **Genesis 2:21-25** Denell Hull

Leader: So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.

Women: And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

Leader: Then the man said,

Men: "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

All: Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Leader: And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

We Praise Our Lord Jesus Christ Who Is Raised from Death

***Hymn of Praise** *Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting* #188

Family Prayer Kathy Ludwig

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon & Gloria Patri (#734)

Reception of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

Nancy Tedford, piano

“Father, Forgive Us” – Courtney

*Doxology (#731) & Prayer of Thanksgiving

God's Word Tells Us We Are Bought by Christ & Belong to

Him

Scripture:

1 Corinthians 6:12-20 (p.955)

Message:

“Language of the Heart”

Jay Hull

In Communion We Experience Our Union with God

*Hymn of Preparation

#421

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

*Unison Affirmation

The Apostles' Creed (Hymnal p.845)

Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

We Go Forth to Glorify God in Our Bodies

*Closing Hymn

I Belong to Jesus

#129

*Charge & Benediction

*Postlude



Language ^{of} the Heart

*indicates to stand if you are able



LANGUAGE OF THE HEART

CHURCH MATTERS – YOU MATTER #9

1 CORINTHIANS 6:12-20

AS WE FLEE FORNICATION WE ARE NOT ONLY SAYING “NO” TO SEXUAL IMMORALITY BUT “YES” TO OUR GOD & “YES” TO OURSELVES. THUS, WE ARE LEARNING & SHARING THE LANGUAGE OF THE HEART GIVEN US BY GOD & SO PRECIOUS THOUGH PRECARIOUS IN THE EARS OF A CULTURE ONLY FLUENT IN THE SELF-CENTERED LANGUAGE OF SEX.

The Language of Self-Centered Sex—6 Bad Lies About Sexual Immorality (& Responses from the Heart of God) found in 1 Corinthians 6...

Fornication (Sexual Intimacy Outside of Marriage) is Fine because...

1. “Immoral” is a concept now stripped of meaning. (6:12)

Response: ¹²“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything.

2. “Sex” is only natural & quite ordinary. (6:13)

Response: ¹³“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

3. My body belongs to me. (6:19-20)

Response: ...You are not your own, ²⁰for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

4. My body & I are temporary realities. (6:14)

Response: ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.

5. Sexual activity has no significance beyond the moment. (6:15-17)

Response: ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” ¹⁷But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.

6. There is nothing particularly special about me & my body. (6:18-19)

Response: ¹⁸Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.