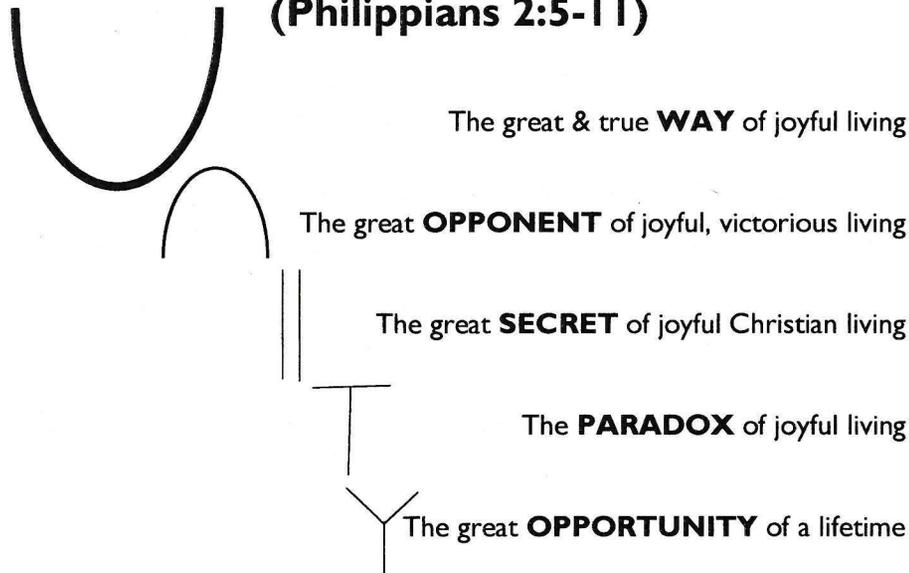


“U” to Unity, “U” in Jesus, “U” for Us

Reasons for Joy / Philippians #5
(Philippians 2:5-11)



1. The great Opportunity of a lifetime in this world is that we can choose whom we are going to be like.
 - A. The great *tragedy* of a lifetime is that people are aiming too low.
 - B. The great, joyful *victory* of a lifetime is to become more like Jesus.
2. The great Paradox of joyful living is that we succeed best when we realize that by ourselves we are unable to succeed.
3. The great Secret of joyful Christian living is that the Risen Christ lives in us, walks with us and enables us to be like Him.
4. The great Opponent of joyful living is foolish human pride which seeks futile self-exaltation.
5. The great & true Way of joyful Christian living is the way of humility, the way of the Cross, the way of the letter “U” for “Us” toward “Unity” — the Way of Jesus.

Jesus Christ is the example we must follow, for His “U”-shaped career shows us the way both to live a life of joyful fulfillment and to realize God-honoring unity in His Church.

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves,
which is yours in Christ Jesus, [The New Adam]

1. DESCENT
⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, [Pre-Incarnate Christ]
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, REVEALER
⁷ but emptied himself, His Good Choice

by taking the form of a servant, [Earthly Christ]
being born in the likeness of men. REDEEMER
⁸ And being found in human form, His Faithful
he humbled himself by becoming obedient Obedience
to the point of death, even death on a cross. †

2. ASCENT
⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him [Exalted Christ]
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, RULER
¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus His Rightful
every knee should bow, Exaltation
¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Covenant Presbyterian Church

of

Reno, Nevada

June 1, 2025

Service for The Lord's Day

June 1, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." – Jesus (Luke 14:11)

We Gather Seeking the Mind of Christ

Prelude Nancy Tedford, piano

Welcome and Church Family News Pastor Jay Hull

Call to Worship Steve Patton

Isaiah 45:21-23; 52:13; 53:11-12

Leader: We worship the One who declared, "There is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides me. Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.

People: By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return: "To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance..."

Leader: Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied...

People: Because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors;

Leader: Yet he bore the sin of many,

People: And makes intercession for the transgressors.

We Worship Jesus Christ Who Emptied Himself for Us

***Songs of Praise** Samuel Dueñas & the CPC Praise Band

"God Is For Us"

"Build My Life"

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***Time of Greeting**

Children's Prayer Time

Katie Guerrero

**Prayer of Confession, Word of Assurance
& Gloria Patri (#734)**

Time of Offering

Offertory Anthem

Covenant Choir

"By Christ Redeemed" - Shafferman

***Doxology (#731) & Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We Hear the Grand Story of Jesus Who Humbled Himself

Scripture Reading:

Philippians 2:5-11 (p.980)

Message:

"U" in Jesus

Pastor Jay

(Reasons for Joy / Philippians #5)

In Celebrating Communion We Confess that Jesus Christ Is Lord

Choral Response "At the Name of Jesus" - Berry CPC Choir

***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 Bring Glory to God the Father

***Closing Hymn**

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All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (vv.1, 5 & 6)

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

*indicates to stand if you are able