

**Argument #3: As If Me  
(Equality in Christ)  
(Philemon Unlocked #5)  
Philemon 15-20**

By the power of personal relationships among people made in God's image & graciously welcomed into His family through the redemptive sacrifice of Christ, we are all enabled to be effective agents of our Lord's reconciling & transforming work for others.

**Equality, Obligation & Responsibility**

**A. The Powerful Obligations of Radical Equality: "As If Me/Receive Him"**

**B. The Unflinching Responsibilities of Radical Equality: "As If Me/Charge My Account"**

**C. The Redemptive Results of Radical Equality:  
Counter-Cultural Transformation &  
Counter-Intuitive Reconciliation**

**D. Opportunity: Real Relationships, Radical Equality,  
Righteous Reconciliation & Us**

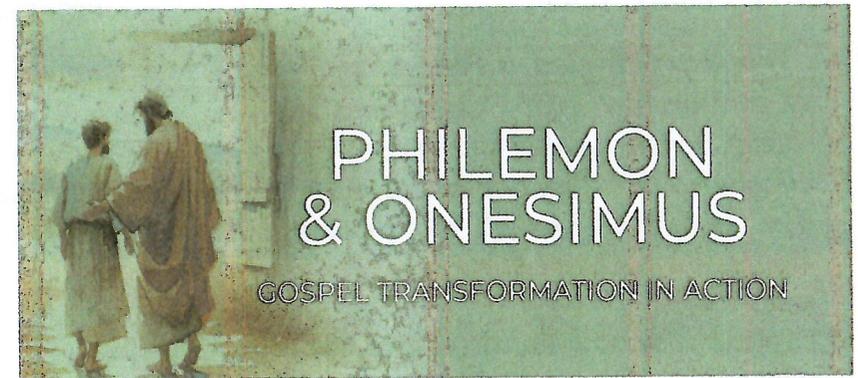
*Additional Notes:*

Paul identifies himself so closely with Onesimus that he wants Philemon to receive him save as he would the apostle—as you would welcome me.

Partnership in the Lord has broken down all barriers.

Paul epitomizes in his life what he has verbalized in his letter.

- Arthur G. Patzia, Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon, p.114



**Covenant Presbyterian Church  
of  
Reno, Nevada**

**February 15, 2026**

# Service for The Lord's Day

## February 15, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.

*So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. – Philemon 17-18*

### We Gather as Forever Friends in Christ

Prelude

Nancy Tedford, piano

Church Family News

Pastor Jay

### We Worship Our God as Partners with Him & with Each Other

\*Call to Worship 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:14-21 Ethan Chonez

*Leader: For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.*

**People: From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer.**

*Leader: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

**People: All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.**

*Leader: Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.*

**People: For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.**

Songs of Praise

Samuel Duenas & CPC Praise Band  
"Every Step" & "His Mercy Is More"

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**Time of Greeting / Welcoming One Another**

**Children's Prayer Time**

Katie Guerrero

**Prayer of Confession, Word of Assurance & Gloria Patri**

**Time of Offering**

**Anthem** *Awake My Soul, Give Thanks & Sing* – Courtney

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

### God's Word Calls Us to Join in the Ministry of Reconciliation

**\*Hymn of Preparation:** "Wonderful Words of Life" #306

**Scripture Reading**

**Philemon 15-20 (p.1000)**

**Message:**

*As If Me*

Pastor Jay

*(Philemon Unlocked #5)*

### We Go Forth to Welcome Others into God's Family

**Prayers of the People & 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.*

**\*Closing Hymn** "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" #521

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**\*Congregational Response** "Praise the King" (Chorus)

**\*Postlude**

Nancy Tedford, organ

\*indicates to stand if you are able