



**Sunday, May 16, 2021**

SOUTH  PARK  
CHURCH

**Walk with God • Connect as Family • Love People in Jesus' Name**

## WELCOME GUESTS!

Thank you for joining us today. We'd love to get to know you and help you get connected to our community. If this is your first time with us either in person or virtually, if you are looking to take your next step of connection, or you are simply wanting to find out how to participate please [click here to fill out our Connect Card](#) and a staff member will be in touch!

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ***Indoor Worship Services in the Bridge Phase***

You no longer need to pre-register for Sunday service... Just show up! Safety measures remain in place. We can't wait to welcome more people into worship service each Sunday!

Families with kids ages birth-8th grade are invited to join us Sundays at 10 a.m. in the MPR for the **NEW Family Service!** Due to volunteer needs, pre-registration for family ministries will continue. [Click here to register!](#) Children must be accompanied by an adult. Check-in is located down the ramp after entering from the Main Entrance.

## ***Thank you Sarah!***

Let's show our appreciation for the amazing work Sarah has done here at South Park Church. The month of May there will be baskets out each Sunday where we'll be collecting cards. At the end of the month we'll deliver your notes of well wishes to her!

## ***Coffee and Lemonade - Sundays, after service***

On Sundays, enjoy fellowship outdoors at the front entrance over a cup of lemonade or iced coffee after service! We look forward to seeing you!

## ***Make a Nomination***

In addition to the current open positions, the Nominating Committee is now seeking nominations for a 9th Elder. The Committee is looking for a female to best represent and serve the church body in this role. Please continue to also make nominations for Trustee Chair, Trustee Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Nominator (2 open positions). You do not need to be a member to make a nomination, and you can also nominate yourself. To make a nomination, [click here](#) to fill out the online nomination form.

## ***Journey Adult Sunday School - Sundays, 11:15 a.m., Zoom & Fellowship Hall***

Journey Adult Sunday School is meeting in person and online via Zoom at 11:15 a.m. on Sundays. On May 16, Jesse and Viki Hallock will be teaching about Biblical principles of mentoring via Zoom. This will be followed on May 23 by real-life mentoring stories at South Park Church. Karen Anderson & Krissy Arias, Pat Moy & Janna Proctor, John Schimka & Noah Ryken, and Roberta Dickey will be speaking. We hope you join us! Check out past Journey classes on our [website](#) or [YouTube](#). Pre-registration is no longer needed to attend in person!

Click to join the Zoom meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/94431939491?pwd=Vy9SS1kzOWdVbXFkM09WVWoxelR4QT09>

## ***Virtual Sunday Morning Prayer - Sundays, 9-9:55 a.m.***

Join us at the Virtual Prayer Room on Sunday mornings from 9-9:55 a.m, just prior to Sunday Worship. If you're interested in joining, click here to join the Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87402266783?pwd=QUI0alZyVkwzNG1PYnptR1VmVWZCQT09>

## ***Join the Tech Team!***

The tech team has expanded their video capabilities and needs people interested in live video production! No experience required, but a desire to learn and serve through operating cameras and/or calling the production shots. Contact Adam to get involved! Send him an email at [adam@southparkchurch.org](mailto:adam@southparkchurch.org)

## ***Join the Family Ministries Team!***

The family ministries team is planning a "Soft Opening" of Wonderland on May 30th, and officially opening the first Sunday in June... and we need you! [Fill out this form to let us know you're interested in helping!](#) Please let us know if you have any questions about our safety procedures. We are very excited to get our kids back in ministry and cherish your support and prayers as we get organized!

## ***Join a Moms in Prayer group!***

If you are a mom wanting to join with other moms in prayer for our schools, children, educators, and one another, join one of our Moms in Prayer Groups that meet to pray on Mondays from 1:30-2:30 p.m. or Tuesdays from 8-9 p.m. To learn more or join please contact Pat Moy at [pat@southparkchurch.org](mailto:pat@southparkchurch.org)

## **CARING FOR EACH OTHER**

If you or someone in our church family are experiencing hardship and have a need for resources, financial help, or prayer, please reach out to Kristin Sorensen, Care Director. Kristin can be reached via email at [kristin@southparkchurch.org](mailto:kristin@southparkchurch.org) or give her a call at 847-825-5507 and press 125 to leave her a message.

## **WEEKLY GIVING REPORT**

***Week ending April 25, 2021***

YTD 2021	\$	343,196
YTD BUDGET	\$	495,692
YTD Surplus(Shortfall)	\$	(152,497)
YTD % change		-30.8%

## PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

*Sanctify them by your truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.”*

John 17:17-19

*Pray that our lives will show clear evidence of Christ’s glory in and through us. And, that we would exhibit confidence in Jesus as we seek to glorify Him.*

*Pray for:*

**Our Outreach Partner, Tamar**, serving in Northern Israel. Tamar has specifically requested prayer as follows: for a cessation of riots and for healing in the cities that are having to deal with riots and rocket attacks, that God would work a miracle and provide a way forward towards peace, for protection in the impacted areas against a rise in Covid cases, that political leaders will seek the common good of the country, and that believers would know how to respond bringing the peace of God with them wherever they go.

*Continue to Pray for:*

**Emmanuel and Dee Rebba and the IREF team in India** during this devastating time as Covid runs rampant and medical care and resources are in low supply. Pray that God would supply the Rebbas with His comfort as they mourn the loss of family members. Please pray for the IREF students who’ve returned to their villages and pray against discouragement for the IREF staff during this traumatic time.

**Greg Schimmel** - Greg continues to take medication that has been successful in keeping the tumor growth at bay at an increased dosage. Please pray that the medication will continue to successfully work in this way and that the next set of scans will confirm that. Also, please pray that Greg's persistent cough will resolve. Pray that Greg, Judy and their family experience the peace and closeness of their Savior.

**Kathy Palansky** - Kathy is stable at home (at The Sheraton) in hospice care. Please pray that the Lord will comfort and surround Kathy with His deep love for her. And, pray that Kathy would experience His presence and peace. To inquire about visiting Kathy, please email [kristin@southparkchurch.org](mailto:kristin@southparkchurch.org).

**Pray for Dawn Phillips** who is home receiving outpatient therapy and making steady progress. Please pray that Dawn will continue to gain strength overall and for Bill as he manages Dawn's care needs. Continue to pray for God's comfort and endurance for Bill, Michael and Gregory. Please email [kristin@southparkchurch.org](mailto:kristin@southparkchurch.org) if you'd like to provide a meal for the Phillips family.



# SERMON NOTES

## *Unity in Christ - John 17:20 - 26*

Introduction: Christians should pursue unity as a key characteristic of transformation.

Three aspects of Christian unity:

One: The Experience of Unity      vs. 20 - 23

cf. Ephesians 4:1 - 3

Two: The Impact of Unity      vs. 21, 23

Three: The Root of Unity      vs. 24 - 26

cf. Ephesians 4:4-6

Conclusion: Christian unity is a manifestation of Christ's glory to the world!

cf. 2 Corinthians 3:18

## DIGGING DEEPER

1. What other elements of John 17 are integrated with Jesus' prayer for our unity?
2. How do you see the sharing of Christ's glory as instrumental in our experience of unity?
3. How is Christian unity a powerful evidence of the truth of the gospel?
4. In what ways does your relationship with Christ affect your relationship with other believers, and vice versa?
5. How might your prayers for unity better reflect the concerns of Jesus in this passage?