SERMON NOTES

Inside Out
“Walking Together As One”
Ephesians 4:1-6 ESV

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Four reasons to listen carefully today:

*Word for word: I **urge therefore** you, **I the prisoner** in the **Lord**….*

To reflect our high calling,
we live out our shared identity
by treating each other well.

What is the command?

…walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called….

How should we obey the command?

2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

With
- Humility

- Gentleness

- Patience

- Forbearance (bearing with one another)

- Love

- Eagerness to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Why it makes sense to obey the command

4 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—

There is…5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism….

There is…6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Sermon In Action:
Why do you think Paul's first appeal to apply the great truths, which he has laid out in his first three chapters, is a call to maintain the unity that the Spirit empowers? Which of the six character qualities, which maintain oneness, do you think might be most developed in you? Which are the least developed? How is our shared identity as Christ followers the root out of which our actions grow to maintain unity? Which of the "one" statements is most meaningful to you?

For Next Sunday:
To prepare for Pastor Craig's message next Sunday, thoughtfully read and re-read Ephesians 4:7-16.