

A scenic view of a multi-tiered waterfall cascading over moss-covered rocks in a lush green forest. The water flows from the top center, down several levels of flat, mossy rock slabs, and finally into a pool at the bottom right. The surrounding forest is dense with vibrant green foliage, and the overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

Welcome to Worship

Sanford church of Christ

The background of the text is a dark brown wood grain with prominent, swirling patterns and knots, giving it a natural, textured appearance.

Unity

John 17:20-23

“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me

“I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” (Ephesians 4:1-3)





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 - Matthew 7:1 – 5
 - James 5:13 – 16
 - Ephesians 4:32



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 - Philippians 2:1 – 5
 - John 13:1 – 15



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- **We must develop a “spirit of genuine love and respect” rather than a “spirit of self-righteousness.”**
 - Luke 23:34
 - John 13:34 – 35
 - Ephesians 4:15 – 16
 - 1 Corinthians 13:4 – 8



The image features a series of teal-colored paper cutouts of human figures arranged in a circular pattern on a dark wooden surface. Each figure is holding the hands of its neighbors, symbolizing unity and community. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

Are you helping to create
and maintain a culture of
unity in the congregation?