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The Temple

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Ephesians 2:19-22 • Rev. Jim Lankheet

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Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Verse 22

- *And in him...*
 - the Living Christ, the one who has all authority, the cornerstone
- *...you too...*
 - all believers - Jews and gentiles, formerly hostile groups now united in Christ (see last week's notes)
- *...are being built together...*
 - being built together like a house; a stone building starts with a cornerstone, other stones build upon it and are mortared in
 - *in him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord* - we are cemented to Christ and to other believers
- *...to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.*
 - God wants to inhabit the Christian community, to be in the lives of the joined believers; Jesus and all who are joined to him are the new Holy Place

Application

- **Alive in Worship** - if all of God (his life, love, power, glory, everything that he is) is dwelling in our community, worship can't be boring! The church is like a work glove. Alone, it may look old and ragged, but it is transformed by the hand, the life that enters it. Likewise, we are transformed by the life of Christ who dwells within.
- **Advancing in Mission** - the church is God's agent in the world. He fills us up to send us out.
- **Prevailing Presence** - *And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it (Matthew 16:18).*

Our Response

If all of God inhabits all of us, the church will be alive in worship, advancing in mission, a prevailing presence of Christ in the world.