



**HANOVER**

*United Methodist Church*

**Message in Brief**

**Sunday, May 24th, 2020**

**John 17:1-11 New International Version (NIV)**

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After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

“Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. 2 For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. 3 Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. 4 I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. 5 And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

6 “I have revealed you[a] to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. 7 Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. 8 For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. 9 I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. 10 All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. 11 I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of[b] your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

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Jesus has some parting words to his beloved disciples. They’ve been together in ministry sharing life in some amazing and trying times. Now it’s time for Jesus to give parting instructions.

Jesus explains how this eternal life thing works. How there’s a direct connection-Father to Son, Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) to family of believers. He tells them that life is connected. We are connected to God and each other, that is what life is about. That is the point. Life together forever. So live like that’s the point.

Jesus dying request: live like we are one. One family. One God, One Lord, One Family.

Jesus died to save us. Save us from ourselves and our selfish ways that tear us apart, individually, apart from our Lord, apart from each other.

The very opposite of how we want to celebrate this Memorial weekend-

Together celebrating family, celebrating those who we remember giving of themselves (whether in service to their country, in service to the Lord).

Let us remember Jesus favorite number. One. May we be one. Live with the purpose to bring a smile to the Father’s face by living as one.

Joyfully making memories together, as one,

Pastor Harley