

Ephesians 1:1-13

- 1** I, Paul, am under God's plan as an apostle, a special agent of Christ Jesus, writing to you faithful Christians in Ephesus.
- 2** I greet you with the grace and peace poured into our lives by God our Father and our Master, Jesus Christ. The God of Glory
- 3** How blessed is God! And what a blessing he is! He's the Father of our Master, Jesus Christ, and takes us to the high places of blessing in him.
- 4** Long before he laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love.
- 5** Long, long ago he decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ. (What pleasure he took in planning this!)
- 6** He wanted us to enter into the celebration of his lavish gift-giving by the hand of his beloved Son.
- 7** Because of the sacrifice of the Messiah, his blood poured out on the altar of the Cross, we're a free people - free of penalties and punishments chalked up by all our misdeeds. And not just barely free, either. Abundantly free!
- 8** He thought of everything, provided for everything we could possibly need,
- 9** letting us in on the plans he took such delight in making. He set it all out before us in Christ,
- 10** a long-range plan in which everything would be brought together and summed up in him, everything in deepest heaven, everything on planet earth.
- 11** It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living,
- 12** part of the overall purpose he is working out in every thing and everyone.
- 13** It's in Christ that you, once you heard the truth and believed it (this Message of your salvation), found yourselves home free - signed, sealed, and delivered by the Holy Spirit.



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Holy Week

Holy Wednesday Service

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Rev. Dr. Carl Manuel, Jr.

*Hymn "Fairest Lord Jesus" page 189 UMH

*Call to Worship

We gather to share in our love of God.

**Lord, open our hearts and let us share
your good news.**

We gather to share our witness to God's
goodness.

**Lord, let our lives bear witness through
service to your people.**

We gather to praise God whose love is
eternal.

**Lord, open our hearts today to sing your
praises. Amen.**

*Hymn page 297 UMH
"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Unison Prayer

Lord, as we gather here this evening during Holy Week, remind us that you have shared with us your most precious gift, our Lord Jesus Christ. Help us to model our lives after His messages of compassion and service to

you and to all your world. Remind us again that our lives are meant to be gifts to others, for healing, hope, comfort, peace and love. Forgive us when we get so caught up in the details of living that we neglect to help others. Give us hearts for joyful caring and sharing. We offer this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture Reading Ephesians 1:1-13
"The Message"

The Word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God!

Message "God's Love Language" Mary Barnes

Prayer Mary Barnes

*Hymn bulletin insert
"No One Ever Cared for Me like Jesus"

*Benediction

Thank you for coming to tonight's service!
Please join us tomorrow at 7 pm for Worship
and Communion and again Friday at 7 pm
for Good Friday Worship Service.
Sunday's Sunrise Service starts at 8:30 am
followed by a delicious breakfast at 9 am.
Sunday School will begin at 9:45 am.
Our Easter Worship Service will be at 11 am.
Invite your friends and neighbors to join you!