




# Pathway Covenant

Where we are “Bound Together”



# Our mission

- Becoming disciples of Jesus, living our Gospel S.T.O.R.I.E.  
S in Covenant Community.
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# A covenant community

Pathway is a community of **imperfect people** completely tainted by sin and living in a world that is not the way it is supposed to be. Among the litter of failed, counterfeit plotlines we are finding shalom, life as it was designed to be in the Gospel, the Good News, that Jesus Christ is King. This hope binds us together to live in the particular way of Jesus becoming more complete human beings whose fears, failures, and brokenness are healed by Christ. We covenant with God and one another to intentionally enter our world to be God's agents of restoration working towards our future hope when God will restore all of creation. We are **bound together**, willingly committing and obligating ourselves to each other. Empowered by the Holy Spirit:

- We worship.
- We grow as disciples.
- We participate as agents in God's mission.



# We are bound together



...In Christ


...In relationship

...In Place



# We are bound together in Christ

*“God’s various gifts are handed out everywhere; but they all originate in God’s Spirit. God’s various ministries are carried out everywhere; but they all originate in God’s Spirit. God’s various expressions of power are in action everywhere; but God himself is behind it all. Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: Everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits. All kinds of things are handed out by the Spirit, and to all kinds of people! The variety is wonderful:..”* **1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12: 4-11 (The Message)**





# Bound Together in Christ

“Christianity means community through Jesus Christ and in Jesus Christ. No Christian community is more or less than this. Whether it be a brief, single encounter or the daily fellowship of years, Christian community is only this. We belong to another only through and in Jesus Christ.”


(Bonhoeffer, 21)

1. We are justified by Christ; our salvation is bound in Him.
2. We find Peace, in Christ (Ephesians 2:14); our wholeness is bound to him. Christ heals the discord between God and Man as well as man and man.
3. We find our giftedness in Christ; our part in community is bound in Him.



# We are bound together in relationship

*“The way God designed our bodies is a model for understanding our lives together as a church: every part dependent on every other part, the parts we mention and the parts we don’t, the parts we see and the parts we don’t. If one part hurts, every other part is involved in the hurt, and in the healing. If one part flourishes, every other part enters into the exuberance.” 1st Corinthians 12: 25-26 (The Message)*



## From Henri Nouwen

*“When we honestly ask ourselves which persons in our lives means the most to us, we often find that it is those who, instead of giving advice, solutions, or cures, have chosen rather to share our pain and touch our wounds with a warm and tender hand.”*







# Bound in relationship we...

Avoid thinking too much of ourselves

*“But I also want you to think about how this keeps your significance from getting blown up into self-importance. For no matter how significant you are, it is only because of what you are a part of.” (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:19, The Message)*


Avoid thinking too little of ourselves

*“I want you to think about how all this makes you more significant, not less. A body isn't just a single part blown up into something huge. It's all the different-but-similar parts arranged and functioning together.” (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:14, The Message)*



# Bound together in place

*“As it is, we see that God has carefully placed each part of the body right where he wanted it.”*  
1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12: 18 (The Message)





# As part of the grand Mission of God...

## He has placed you in a local church

“When followers of Jesus share life together in a particular place they become much greater than the sum of their parts—they actually become something altogether new. The parish forms the context, and the relationships of faith form the connectivity for wonderful new possibilities” (Parrish Collective, 22)

## He has placed you in a local community

“The gospel becomes so much more tangible and compelling when the local church is actually a part of the community, connected to the struggles of the people and even the land itself.” (Parrish Collective, 23)



# At Pathway we are bound together

In Christ knowing that our common need for salvation is only found in the grace of God, through the life, death and resurrection of Christ

In relationship knowing that we experience true humanity, as it was intended, in community

In place knowing that God has gifted and called us at a particular time and location to use the gifts he has granted us to be used in his mission of redeeming all things.

