

July 4, 2021  
10:30 AM

# The **ONE** Image Bearer

Genesis 1:26-27



Today we look at the special relationship between God and humanity, the only image-bearers in all creation. This unique status is key to understanding the overarching story of redemption. It starts with God and then we go to the relationship He established. This is the basis of everything that happens going forward!

## Call to Worship

*Psalm 95:1-3*

## Songs of Praise

*No One But You  
Make Room*

## Announcements and Offering

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*Please prayerfully consider an online offering*

## Confession of Faith

## Westminster Shorter Catechism

### Q. 96. What is the Lord's Supper?

The Lord's Supper is a sacrament in which, by giving and receiving bread and wine according to Christ's appointment, his death is proclaimed, and those who receive rightly are by faith made partakers of his body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

[Matthew 26:26-27](#). [1 Corinthians 11:26](#). [1 Corinthians 10:16](#). [Ephesians 3:17](#)

### Q. 97. What is required to receive rightly the Lord's Supper?

It is required of those who would receive rightly the Lord's Supper, that they examine themselves as to their knowledge of the meaning and object of this sacrament, their faith to feed upon Christ, and their repentance, love and new obedience; for coming in an unworthy manner would bring judgement on themselves.

[1 Corinthians 11:28-29](#). [John 6:53-56](#). [Zechariah 12:10](#). [1 John 4:19](#). [Galatians 5:6](#). [Romans 6:4](#).  
[Romans 6:17-22](#). [1 Corinthians 11:27](#).

## Song of Declaration

*Sinking Deep*

## Sermon - *The ONE Image Bearer*

### Sermon Scripture - [Genesis 1:26-27](#)

### Unique Creation

- What makes humanity unique within the created order?
  - [Genesis 2:7](#)
- What is meant by the use of "image bearer?"
  - IMAGE - the same in essential nature
  - LIKENESS - signifies the original or after which a thing is patterned.
  - *"All that is in God-his spiritual essence, his virtues and perfections, his immanent self distinctions, his self communication and self revelation in creation- finds its admittedly finite and limited analogy and likeness in humanity." - Herman Bavinck*
- What do we learn about the creation of man in [Genesis 2:7](#)?

### Unique Calling

- What is the first aspect of our calling? How do we see this in [Psalm 8](#)?
  - [Psalm 8:4-6](#)

- What is the second mandate?
- What does [Deuteronomy 6:5-7](#) teach us about our calling?

## Unique Relationship

- What is the relationship set up between God and man in the very beginning?
- What can humans do that no other created being can do in regards to God?
  - [Genesis 2:15-17](#)
- What does [1 John 3:1](#) teach us?

## Communion

### Song of Response

*Here's My Heart*

## Benediction

1. What comes to mind when you read humans were created in the image of God?
2. What does it say about humanity that only humans are created in the image of God?
3. Read [Psalm 8:4-6](#). Have you ever had a similar thought or response to creation as David did in this passage?
4. How do you view your relationship with God? Has it changed over the years? If so, how?
5. How are humans different than the rest of the created world?
6. What are some ways you have connected with God this week?