

In the Book of Philippians, Chapter 2, verse 3, Paul wrote one of the most eloquent and directive sentences concerning how we are to treat each other.

"Now if your experience of Christ's encouragement and love means anything to you, if you have known something of the fellowship of his Spirit, and all that it means in kindness and deep sympathy, do make my best hope for you come true! Live together in harmony, live together in love, as though you had only one mind and one spirit between you. Never act from motives of rivalry or personal vanity, but in humility think more of each other than you do of yourselves. None of you should think only of his own affairs, but should learn to see things from other people's point of view."

We are called, not only to see others better than ourselves, but to humble ourselves and serve each other.

The eldership of Church of the Holy SpiritSong stands against the systemic racism and social injustices of black and brown people, and are horrified at the recent murders of Ahmad Arbery, George Floyd, and others. Black and brown lives do matter.

While some may respond "all lives matter," we agree. But right now, all lives are not being threatened because of the color of their skin. It's been said that when a house is on fire, the fire department doesn't come into the neighborhood and spray water on every house on the block...they turn their hoses to the house or houses that are on fire.

Folks, the black and brown community needs love, needs attention, needs justice, needs equal and fair treatment. We invite you to join us as we stand against these racial injustices being exacted on the black community, and we are open to discussion on how we might be able to do just that.

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