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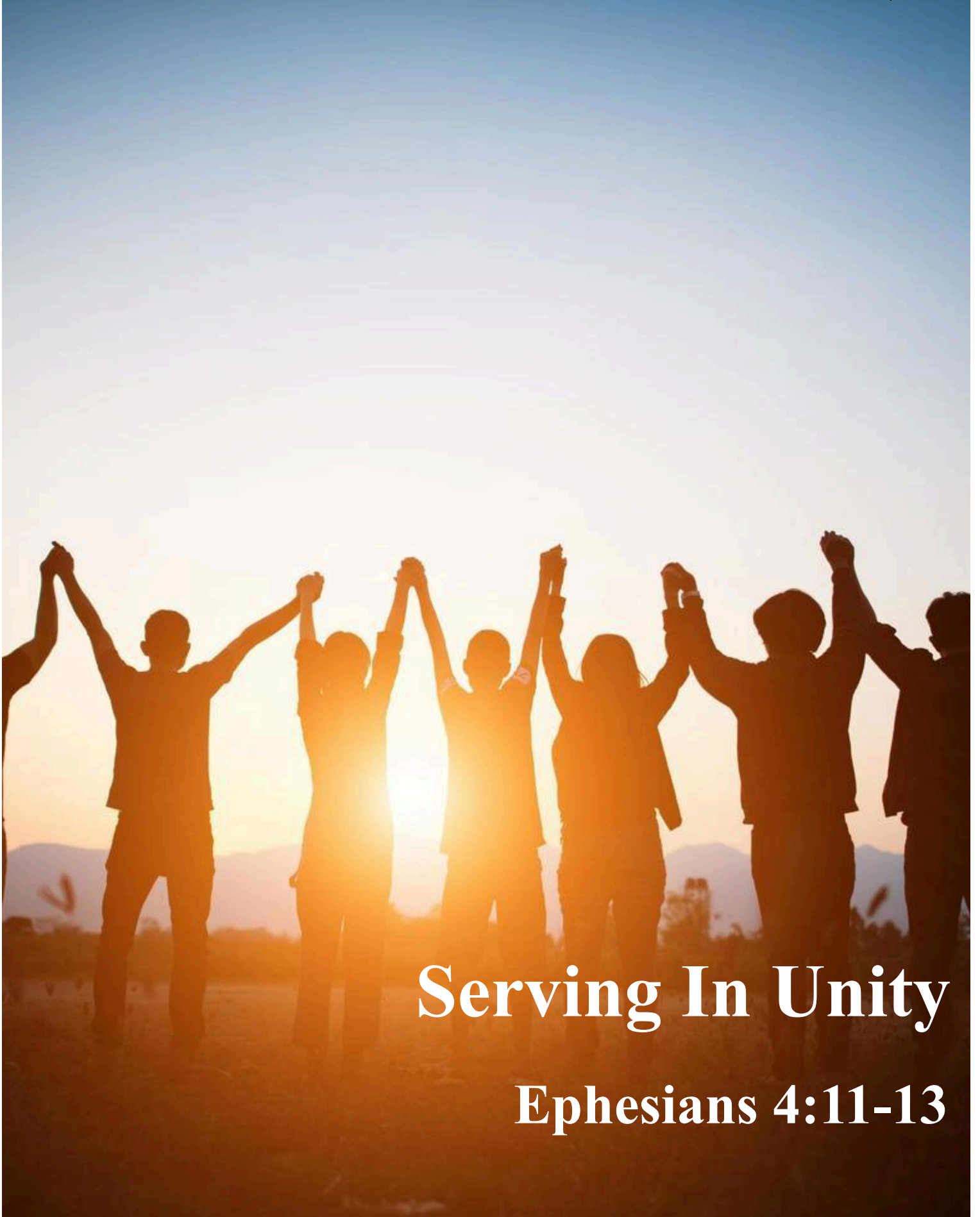
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Serving In Unity

Ephesians 4:11-13

Welcome to CBC

We are excited for you to join us in worship today. Our prayer is that through the singing of gospel truths, hearing the scriptures proclaimed, and being around the saints, you will leave edified and equipped to live on mission with God for His glory.

Preparation	Psalm 98:1 (NIV)
Welcome	Gary Sham
Adoration	Awesome Is The Lord Most High Mighty To Save Sing To The Lord
Prayer	Candy Chin
Scripture Reading	Ephesians 4:11-13 (ESV) Sherman Yeang
Proclamation	Serving In Unity Tim Eng
Response Music	Oh For A Thousand Tongues To Sing
Offertory Prayer	Sherman Yeang
Announcements	Kristina Liu
Benediction	Pastor Donald Gardner



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Ephesians 4:11-13 (ESV)

11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, **12** to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, **13** until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Notes:

Monthly Preaching Schedule

Date	English (9:45 am)	Mandarin (9:45 am)	Cantonese (11:15 am)
3/23/2025	Tim Eng	Pastor Jian Yang	Pastor Oleg Xu
3/30/2025	Tim Eng (Family Worship Service)	Pastor Jian Yang	Pastor Jian Yang
4/6/2025	Rev Andrew Chao	Pastor Jian Yang	Rev Andrew Chao
4/13/2025	Pastor Oleg Xu	Lester Deng	Lester Deng

Donald Gardner Senior Pastor pastordon@cbchouston.org	Jian Yang (John) Mandarin Pastor pastorjohn@cbchouston.org
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Pastor's Word by Pastor Donald Gardner

"Cups: 1/2 Full or 1/2 Empty?"

I have always referred to myself as an **"optimistic realist."** When I meet persons who are choosing to be negatively critical and disappointed with events that life has brought their way, I am saddened that I can't "wake them up" to the Joy of what Christ has done for them! Sometimes, I meet so-called Christians who are distracted with life issues to the point that they have allowed themselves to be swallowed up in worldly matters for which they are not responsible.

Jonah was pretty good at pouting when things didn't go his way. Running from his Godly responsibilities when his personal thinking was threatened, didn't serve him well. He ran from serving God because he thought he knew better of what God should be doing with his life. Even when he finally took up his responsibility to go to Nineveh and successfully do God's service, his attitude remained a problem. He changed the lives and direction of a whole city of 120,000 people but was still pouting, for he didn't really value God's Will above his own wishes.

Is your cup 1/2 on the good side of serving the Lord or not? Full or Empty? The Scripture challenges us to "Rejoice in the Lord in all things." There are no problems or issues in life that should steal the Joy of God from us! Our desires or understanding of life's matters should never be allowed to overcome the condition of our "cup." Sure, we are all human. We all have our wishes and values, but we must remember that God works in His own ways even as He patiently teaches us that His desire is to see us lean on Him. Jonah may not have ever learned to have a Joyful Spirit as he rebelled toward God even in days when he served so efficiently! Yet, we must daily determine if we welcome a 1/2 full cup or not??? Let us all grasp that our behavior is a reflection of Christ living in us!

Announcements.

- **As we prepare for our annual Easter Egg Hunt program for the kids,** we are reaching out for your support. We are in need of plastic egg containers and hard candies (**please no chocolate**) to fill them. If you're able to donate, please bring your contributions to the CBC Office front desk area in the designated bin until Saturday, April 12, 2025.
- **A Senior Rainbow Field Trip is scheduled to Schulenberg, TX to see the "Painted Churches" on Wednesday, April 9, 2025. The cost is \$30/ person** (for ticket, tour fees & tips). Space is limited, so please RSVP to Dorothy at 281-222-9180 or Josephine at 713-774-4321. The bus will depart from the CBC parking lot at 8 am.
- **B&B (Bereans and Boomers) Fellowship presents "Passing on the legacy of Life and Vibrancy" with speakers Luke and Amy Wong held on Saturday, April 12, 2025 from 10:30 am to 1 pm in the FLC.** Lunch cost will be \$5/ person. Please RSVP to Gene Woo at geneywool@gmail.com or Ashley Lo at ashleyl@cbchouston.org or call CBC Office at 713-461-0963.
- **Senior Rainbow Easter Fellowship will be held on Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 10 am to noon in the FLC.** The speaker will be Mr. Tim Eng, lunch costs \$7/ person. Please RSVP to Dorothy at 281-222-9180 or Josephine at 713-774-4321.
- **Good Friday Services will be on Friday, April 18, 2025 from 7 pm to 8 pm.** The English Service will be held in the Sanctuary while the Mandarin and Cantonese will be a combined Service in the Chapel.
- **The Combined Resurrection Worship Service will be on Sunday, April 20, 2025 at 10 am in the Sanctuary. The Children's Egg Hunt with a Bible story outreach and combined Easter luncheon will follow afterward.**
- **Cambodia Mission Trip Support:** CBC is sending a team to Cambodia this summer June 29-July 6, 2025 to work with an anti-trafficking ministry that provides healing and restoration to rescued girls. If you feel led to support this mission, please fill out a regular offering envelope and write "Cambodia Mission Trip" on the memo line or donate online at <https://tinyurl.com/GiveToCBC> indicating the fund in the drop-down menu. For more information, please contact Catherine Yen at catherinecyen@yahoo.com.
- **Spiritual Gift Form and Ministry Form are now available.** These forms are an important part of helping us understand how God has uniquely gifted each of you and where you can serve in our CBC church community.



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