Sermon Summary: June 09, 2019

**Messy:** Joining God in the Mess

**Messy Church**

* Unity in diversity is not easy, it’s messy
* All along, God intended that the church would be a group of diverse people
* In Acts 2 we read about the formation of the first church (Acts 2:41-47)
  + We want this picture of church because it’s tidy
  + However, this was not the church as it was intended to be. This was the church in its initial, immature, undeveloped infancy
  + It consisted entirely of like-minded Jews
  + 5 years later they hadn’t diversified so God scattered them through a persecution
  + The church would have stayed tidy if it could, because that was easy. But God is calling her to messy diversity, which is never easy
* We need to focus on what unifies us, not what makes us different.
  + We major on the majors, and minor on the minors
  + Instead of being in competition, we should be partnering with other organizations and churches
* The true picture of church is heaven, not Acts 2. (Rev 7:9-17)

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