iDENTITY – You Are Significant in Christ Wylie United Methodist Church Pastor Jeff Hatcher – November 15, 2020

Isaiah 43:1

But now, this is what the Lord says — he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine."

In Christ...

1. YOU ARE GOD'S MASTERPIECE

Ephesians 2:10

For we are God's masterpiece, created in Christ Jesus...

Genesis 1:27

So <u>God created man in his own image</u>, in the image of God he created him;

male and female he created them.

In Christ...

2. YOU ARE KNOWN BY GOD BY NAME

Isaiah 43:1

... the Lord says — ... "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; \underline{I} have summoned you by name; you are mine."

<u>John 1:12</u>

... to all who <u>received him</u>, to those who <u>believed in his name</u>, he gave the right to become <u>children of God</u>—

In Christ...

3. YOU CAN <u>APPROACH</u> GOD WITH CONFIDENCE

Ephesians 3:12

<u>In [Christ]</u> and through faith in [Christ] we may <u>approach</u> God with freedom and confidence.

In Christ...

4. YOU ARE CHOSEN TO BE HOLY AND TO BEAR FRUIT

Ephesians 1:4

... <u>he chose us in him</u> before the creation of the world <u>to be</u> holy and blameless in his sight.

John 15:16

"You did not choose me, but <u>I chose you</u> and <u>appointed you to</u> go and bear <u>fruit</u> — fruit that will last..."

Ephesians 2:10

For we are God's masterpiece, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Hebrews 12:1

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.