



# Monthly Theme: Inclusion

July 15th — Meeting Day: **Joy**

### Colossians 1:15-28 Overview:

Paul reminds the church in Colossae that Jesus is God-made-visible, and that everything that is, was birthed through Jesus—made visible and real. And by Jesus, God made everything right again—between God and humans, between human beings, between us and all creation. The body of this embodying-God suffered to make it happen. And Paul says that he is full of joy even in his own suffering, knowing that the embodied pain continues Jesus' work by bringing us together to share in the healing and reconciliation.

## Open Discussion Questions

### WHAT IS IT TO YOU?

**Inclusion**

**Joy**



When has joy accompanied pain in your life? What did that look like?

How does the idea that you embody something of God impact your perception of how you experience pain?

How does our community embody healing?

