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In church, we hear the word as if Jesus himself speaks to us, teaching, challenging and comforting us. Jesus comes alive. And in Jesus, we see all that we are, and all that we can become. The word and God's promises form us into God's people, a body whose people speak diverse languages, understand the world and universe from countless perspectives, and come from many nations, and yet we have found our identity in God's story. Our differences are evident, and yet Jesus has proclaimed us one (John 17:20-23).

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Hymn suggestion:

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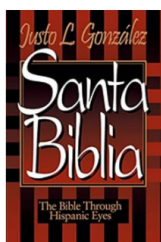
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