

Welcome and Announcements

Greetings, friends! We have come to worship the Lord of all. Let us be joyous as we eagerly "maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace". May God's loving presence fill us with love and kindness toward one another.

1. At 5pm everyday from July 19, next Sunday, through July 22, Wednesday, A carnival of faith will be demonstrated for parents and kids through our Facebook and YouTube. There will be a carnival themed activity each day to represent the faith we have in our Lord every day. Please encourage all kids to participate in this special activity.

Please prepare washable paint, sidewalk chalk, markers, tape and ideas will be given for snacks-optional.

2. Our church will offer drive-in worship service on the 26th of July to encourage more congregation members to participate in the worship service. It is simple and very safe!

Drive into the church parking lot on the south side of the church building before 9:45 A.M., pull up a respectable distance away from the next car, and turn into the FM radio to hear the pastor and worship leaders' speak from your car radio. After the worship service, just leave the parking lot.

No risk of coronavirus and no need of wearing masks. Please join all people to the worship service on the fourth Sunday of July and let us stay connected to each other in the name of the Lord.

3. Please continue to support us with food items as many people in our town are experiencing difficult times.

Prayer List...

Lori Conyers's Parents
Dolly Grams
Angie Taylor, Corey Smidt's mother

This week's birthday people:

Bailie Worrell	Dolly Grams
Hailey Choi	Elta Kern
Anna Sinsel	Bobbie Heitman
Doug Fellers	Lon Mills

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Scriptures...

Psalm 119:105-112

Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path.
I have taken an oath and confirmed it,
that I will follow your righteous laws.
I have suffered much;
preserve my life, LORD, according to your word.
Accept, LORD, the willing praise of my mouth,
and teach me your laws.
Though I constantly take my life in my hands,
I will not forget your law.
The wicked have set a snare for me,
but I have not strayed from your precepts.
Your statutes are my heritage forever;
they are the joy of my heart.
My heart is set on keeping your decrees
to the very end.

Matthew 13:1-9 & 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear."

"Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Order of Worship July 12, 2020 6th Sunday after Pentecost

*Opening Hymn "I Am Thine, O Lord" (UMH 419)

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*Call to worship!

L: God scatters the seeds of reconciliation and love, and waits....

P: So much of it lands on flat pathways or rocky roads and won't take root....

L: God scatters the seeds of healing and hope, and waits....

P: Shallowness and fear claim the seeds and they cannot live.

L: God scatters the seeds of redemption and peace, and waits....

P: These are the places of deep growth where the seed will cast down strong roots.

L: Welcome this day to a seed-scattering station!

P: May our hearts be the rich soil in which God's love takes root.

AMEN.

***Opening Prayer** Lord, you know us so well. We thank you for your presence in our lives, even when we don't recognize it. This day we have gathered, coming from a week of unexpected happenings and events which have surprised us. Make us ready to become stronger witnesses for your love, as we receive your word and find our spirits and lives healed. AMEN.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Children's Time Ginger Frizane

Scriptures Psalm 119: 105-112
Matthew 13: 1-8 & 18-23 Kay Lyn McBride

Message "**Listening and Hearing!**" Pastor Peter Choi

Pastoral Prayer—Lord's Prayer

*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (UMH 94)

***Offering Prayer** For all your good gifts, we give thanks, O god. We return what we can as best we can, in hope that even this amount will contribute to changing the world for the better. Transform this offering into ministry that matters to those who need it most, we pray. Amen.

*Closing Hymn "Make Me a Captive, Lord" (UMH 421)

*Benediction

As you have received the seeds of faith and hope; go now into God's world to scatter the seeds of reconciliation and peace, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. AMEN.