

Message "More Than They Asked For" Pastor Peter Choi

Joys and Concerns

Prayer List...

Marjorie Madsen, Marjorie Hultquist, Maxine Grams,
and Lori Conyers's Parents.

This week's birthdays: Louise Carlson, Jennifer Bauer,
George Sinsel, Jack Lammers, and Connie Linder

Pastoral Prayer—The Lord's Prayer

*Doxology

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"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Offertory Prayer

God, source of all that is, lover of justice and source of equity, help us live boldly and truthfully as we seek to follow your ways. Embolden us to share with others the gift of grace that you have so abundantly given us. Receive and bless these gifts that we return to you now. In the name of the One who gives us life, we pray. Amen.

Closing Song

"All Because of Jesus"

Benediction

Blessed and redeemed, go forth into this world, linked together, in the knowledge and love of God; and the peace of God, which passes our understanding, will go with us, everywhere, now and forever. AMEN.

Thank You for Worshipping with us today.

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2020 Vision: Extend Hospitality to Strangers

Welcome and Announcements

Kim Snavely

1. Our ZOOM gathering is only at 7:00 PM, Thursdays. Please see the information in our October newsletter.
2. Kids Night Out, '*Fall in Love with Jesus!*' will be held **at 5:30 PM, October 21** at The United Methodist Church. Kids will enjoy Fall and Halloween games, songs, and treats that are fun and festive for the season. For more information, please read our October Newsletter.
3. We are still needing helpers to help with Sunday School on Wednesday evenings, to help with crafts and supervising the kids. We also will need snacks for the Wednesday night Sunday School which is starting on October 28, 3:30-5:00. We would like pre-packaged drinks and snacks which may be left in the kitchen. Juice boxes, small bottles of Sunny D, Capri Sun, etc. Individually wrapped cheese and crackers, individual bags of chips a variety, cookies, Little Debbie's, etc.
4. We have started collecting donations for Operation Christmas Child. All donations must fit inside a shoebox.
5. Pastor Peter has been visiting our church friends. Here are some people that he visited last week.
6. There will be a short ad council meeting following service today.
7. Last week we received offerings of \$3,000. Thank you for the offerings, prayers, and food-pantry items.

***Call to Worship**

L: We belong to God.

P: God's stamp is on our lives.

L: God's love and compassion are built into us.

P: God's mercy and hope flow through us.

L: Let's celebrate the powerful presence of God.

P: Let's rejoice in all the opportunities God gives us to serve.

AMEN.

***Opening Prayer**

Living God,

move among us and awaken us to your loving presence. When we lose our way and put our confidence in our possessions and our wisdom, call us back to you. Remind us that our very identity is dependent on your abiding mercy. Show us how to walk with steadfast faithfulness, following the path of justice and goodness in our daily lives. May our days be filled with joy and hope as we share the good news of abundant life that comes from following Jesus Christ.

In the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

***Congregational Prayer**

***Opening Song**

"Arise"

Children's Time

Ginger Frizane

Scriptures

Loneta Nolan

Psalms 91

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."

Surely he will save you

from the fowler's snare
and from the deadly pestilence.

He will cover you with his feathers,

and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.

You will not fear the terror of night,

nor the arrow that flies by day,

nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,

nor the plague that destroys at midday.

A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.

You will only observe with your eyes
and see the punishment of the wicked.

If you say, "The Lord is my refuge,"
and you make the Most High your dwelling,
no harm will overtake you,
no disaster will come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways;

they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the cobra;
you will trample the great lion and the serpent.

"Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him;
I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.

He will call on me, and I will answer him;

I will be with him in trouble,
I will deliver him and honor him.

With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation."

Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth.

You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?"

But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?"

"Caesar's," they replied.

Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.