"Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them. They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message "The Heart of God" Pastor Peter Choi

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer List...

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

This week's birthdays: Spencer Mills, Janice Garrett,

Dylan Janda, Kaleigh Melroy, Knox Smidt, and Ed Sheen.

This week's anniversary celebrations:

Todd & Kelli Suchsland—24years

*Doxology

Offertory Prayer

Lord of grace and forgiveness,

you who gave everything and spared nothing to make us your own, we offer back to you what you have so freely given to us. Let all that we say and do, all that we think and plan and consider, be pleasing to you, blessed Creator, Provider, and Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Holy Communion

Special Music "Jesus Messiah"

Closing Song "My Savior My God"

Benediction

You have come to a table where all are welcome and no one is turned away. You have been filled with the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation. Now, let us depart from this place as individuals who are prepared to share this life-giving and sustaining bread with others. Amen.



Order of Worship October 4, 2020 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Kim Snavely

Grace to you and peace from God and our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome, friends! May the good tidings of great joy resonate in our hearts as we share our hearts with God and our friendship with one another.

- 1. Today is World Communion Sunday. The Methodist Church celebrates World Communion Sunday with congregations all over the globe. Followers of Jesus Christ.
- 2. Please post on YouTube or Facebook in the comments any joys and prayers you have. Pastor Peter will read these before prayer time and pray for those requests.
- 3. Our ZOOM gathering is only at 7:00pm on Thursdays. Please see the information in our October newsletter or contact Tony Ratka.
- 4. Kids Night Out, 'Fall in Love with Jesus!' will be held at 5:30 PM, October 21 here 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.
- 5. Starting October 28, the Sunday school classes are going to be moved to Wednesday afternoons from 3:30-5:00 p.m. We will post detailed information later.
- 6. The Christian Education committee is looking for teachers to teach and help with children's classes. We need teachers and helpers for children of all ages: pre-k to 2nd grade, 3-6 graders, junior and senior high. If you can and are willing to teach or help, please speak to Pastor Peter or Dan Frizane.
- 7. Drive-in Holy Communion will be served by the west entrance for 30 minutes following worship service today.
- 8. Pastor Peter has been visiting our church friends. Here are some people that he visited last week.
- 9. Last week we received offerings of \$1,597.00. Thank you for the offerings, prayers, and food-pantry items.

*Opening Song "Glory to God Forever"

*Call to Worship

L: Welcome to God's house, a place of faith.

P: From our homes, we come seeking God's word.

L: Here you will find nourishment and hope.

P: May we learn lessons of courage and peace.

L: Here you will find rest from your struggles

P: Lord, prepare our hearts to receive your words that we may leave this holy house of faith and return to our homes, encouraged and challenged to be your people. AMEN.

*Opening Prayer

Almighty God,

your word bursts forth into our lives like a glorious sunrise. You speak, and our hearts rejoice. You command, and our eyes are opened. The sound of your voice brings revival to our souls. Your words are purer than the finest gold. True and righteous one, living Word, light our way. As we listen to your Spirit, may the words of our mouths and the thoughts of our hearts be accepted in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Children's Time

Ginger Frizane

Scriptures

Kay Lyn McBride

Exodus 20: 1-4

And God spoke all these words:

"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

"You shall have no other gods before me.

"You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.

Exodus 20:7-9

"You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

Exodus 20:12-20

"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

"You shall not murder.

"You shall not commit adultery.

"You shall not steal.

"You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance and said to Moses, "Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die."

Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning."

Matthew 21:33-46

"Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

"The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said.

"But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.' So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

"Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"

"He will bring those wretches to a wretched end," they replied, "and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

"'The stone the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

the Lord has done this,

and it is marvelous in our eyes'?