

Offertory Prayer

You have blessed us, O God, and stood beside us through all of life. Your care has sustained us and will keep us through all eternity. We offer now to you our lives and our gifts. Bless us so that we may be part of your caring presence in this world. Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Blessed Assurance”

UMH 369

Benediction

God’s love is sending us forth into the world in ministries of peace and justice. We have received forgiveness and been showered with God’s gracious love. Go in peace, bringing hope to this hurting and angry world. AMEN.

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Welcome and Announcements

Kim Snavelly

1. Today is the third Sunday of the annual stewardship campaign. Please memorize this week’s Bible verses in your bulletin, James 4:10, “Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you.”
2. A consecration service will be next Sunday. It will be a time to decide to give our time, abilities, and resources before the Lord.
3. Sunday School is every Wednesday from 3:30 PM until 5:00 PM. We need prepacked drinks and snacks.
4. We are collecting donations for Christmas Shoebox. Boxes must be packed and returned to the church by November 15. Individual items must be at the church by November 11 for the children to pack during Wednesday Sunday school.
5. Would anyone be interested in creating a lighted float for the Christmas City Parade on Friday, November 27th? If so let the office know.
6. Pastor Peter has been visiting our church friends.
7. Last week we received offerings of \$5,003.00. Thank you for the offerings, prayers, and food pantry items.

Call to Worship

L: Even when it seems we have suffered for a long time;

P: God breaks through in mercy and love for us.

L: Things may not be easy, but we can count on God to be with us.

P: God walks the pathways of both light and darkness with us.

L: God, come quickly into our lives. Erase our fears, and doubts.

P: God, come quickly into our hearts and teach us to truly be your people. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Lord of light and hope, be with us this day as we have gathered to hear your word. Help us open our hearts to the commandments to love, even when loving is difficult. Give us the courage to be people who will commit their whole lives in your service. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Congregational Prayer

Opening Hymn “’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” **UMH 462**

Children’s Time

Pastor Peter Choi

Scriptures

Kathi Schutz

James 3:16-18

For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

James 4:4-10

You adulterous people, don’t you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us? But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says:

“God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

“Ambition”

Pastor Peter Choi

Joys and Concerns

Prayer List...

Jeff Schutz, Marjorie Madsen, Marjorie Hultquist, Maxine Grams, and Lori Conyers’s Parents.

This week’s birthdays:

Fran Lange	Jason Sinsel
Kelli Suchsland	Todd Suchsland
Lonnie Granger	Stacy Sinsel
Linda Montgomery	Kim Pearson
Zander Sinsel	Michelle Scharff

Pastoral Prayer

Doxology

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“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”