

Joys and Concerns

Prayer List: Denny Lange, Maxine Grams, Carolyn Olsen, Marjorie Hultquist, and Lori Conyers's Parents (all healing).

Happy Birthday to Phyllis Finkner, Denise Jensen, Jeremy Johnson, Tim Burke, Gracelyn Bradley, Mark Loseke, and Dale Space.

Happy Anniversary to Dick & Kay Lyn McBride—54 years!!

Pastoral Prayer—Lord's Prayer

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

*Offertory Prayer

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for these gifts and ask that they be used to help the needy in our community and throughout the world.

As we offer you these gifts, we offer ourselves as well, that together we might transform the world with your grace and love. Amen.

*Closing Song "I Will Follow"

Benediction

Jesus comes to us, offering healing and hope, speaking and acting with authority. Listen to him. Go into this world, confident in God's love and healing power. Go in peace and may God's love and peace always be with you. AMEN.



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Vision for 2021:

Overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace,
as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.
(Romans 15:13 NIV)

Order of Worship

January 31, 2021

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome and Announcements

1. We are offering live-streaming worship on both Facebook and YouTube. Please put your names on either YouTube or Facebook, and then we will know you are with us.
2. Pastor. Peter will be praying for you and your family throughout the whole year. Please send prayer requests for 2021 to the church office or Pastor Peter's email, peterchoiminden@gmail.com.
3. We are collecting confirmation and baptism pictures. If you have confirmation pictures between 2005 and 2018, and if your pictures of baptism are not displayed in the church, please contact the church office.
4. Pastor Peter has started to reach out to our church friends and visit their homes. If you need a visitation, please contact the church office or call Pastor. Peter.
5. United Methodist Women will have a meeting at 9:30am on Wednesday, February 10th in the fellowship hall.
6. Last week we received offerings of \$1,035. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

*Call to Worship

L: We come here today because God is worthy of our praise and adoration.

P: We worship today because we are grateful for all God has done for us.

L: We come here to sing, pray, confess, listen and give.

P: We come here to share our faith with each other.

L: Let us worship God wholeheartedly expecting nothing in return.

P: Let us rejoice in what God will do in us because God is gracious.

*Opening Prayer

Almighty and most merciful God, we give thanks that you know us and love us. Help us, through the power of your Holy Spirit, grow deeper, wider, and fuller in our knowledge and understanding of your ways. Help us, through the bestowal of your divine Wisdom, bring others closer to you and to your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*Congregational Prayer

*Opening Song "One Thing Remains"

Children's Message

Ginger Frizane

Scriptures Psalm 111: 1-10 (NIV)

Kathi Schutz

Praise the Lord.

I will extol the Lord with all my heart

in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

Great are the works of the Lord;

they are pondered by all who delight in them.

Glorious and majestic are his deeds,

and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wonders to be remembered;

the Lord is gracious and compassionate.

He provides food for those who fear him;

he remembers his covenant forever.

He has shown his people the power of his works,

giving them the lands of other nations.

The works of his hands are faithful and just;

all his precepts are trustworthy.

They are established for ever and ever,

enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.

He provided redemption for his people;

he ordained his covenant forever—

holy and awesome is his name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;

all who follow his precepts have good understanding.

To him belongs eternal praise.

1 Corinthians 8: 1-13 (NIV)

Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that "We all possess knowledge." But knowledge puffs up while love builds up. Those who think they know something do not yet know as they ought to know. But whoever loves God is known by God.

So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: We know that "An idol is nothing at all in the world" and that "There is no God but one." For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"), yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live. But not everyone possesses this knowledge. Some people are still so accustomed to idols that when they eat sacrificial food they think of it as having been sacrificed to a god, and since their conscience is weak, it is defiled. But food does not bring us near to God; we are no worse if we do not eat, and no better if we do.

Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling block to the weak. For if someone with a weak conscience sees you, with all your knowledge, eating in an idol's temple, won't that person be emboldened to eat what is sacrificed to idols? So this weak brother or sister, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge. When you sin against them in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother or sister to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause them to fall.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

"Love over Knowledge!"

Pastor Peter Choi

Hymn

"Spirit of God" vs. 1-3

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