

Joys and Concerns

Prayer List: Sandy Johnson, Kathi Schutz, Denny Lange, Carolyn Olsen, Marjorie Hultquist, and Lori Conyers's Parents.

Happy Birthday to Jeff Hanson, James Wilkinson, Larry Tatum, Merlin Beahm, Clark Bauer, Ed Rowse, and Jim Lynn.

Happy Anniversary to Bill & Kathy Hunter—52 years

Pastoral Prayer—Lord's Prayer

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

*Offertory Prayer

We honor you, O gracious God. Accept these gifts, we pray, as a sign of our obedience to you, our love for you, and our desire to take your reign into the world. Transform them into your blessing for others, we pray. Amen.

***Closing Song** "Glory to God Forever"

Benediction

Walk in the paths of steadfast love and faithfulness.
Dwell under the rainbow of God's love.
Proclaim the good news of God, for God's realm is near.

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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)

FIRST SUNDAY
in
LENT

Order of Worship
February 21, 2021

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. For this Lenten season, we have prepared a Lenten practices calendar for families. Please pick up the sheet at the entrance of the church. This practice makes our spirituality deeper in the relationship with God.
3. Last week we received offerings of \$1,570. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

*Call to Worship

L: Come, all you people, come and worship.

P: God has made a covenant with us.

L: Come, all creatures of the earth, come and worship.

P: God has made a covenant with all creatures.

L: Remember the covenant and be thankful.

P: God remembers the covenant, and God will save us.

***Opening Prayer**

God of the covenant, you are ever faithful.
Your love never ends. Teach us your ways.
And guide us in your paths of love and forgiveness,
that we may witness to your grace and salvation. Amen.

***Silent Prayer**

***Opening Song “Hallelujah, Your Love is Amazing”**

Children’s Message

Scriptures

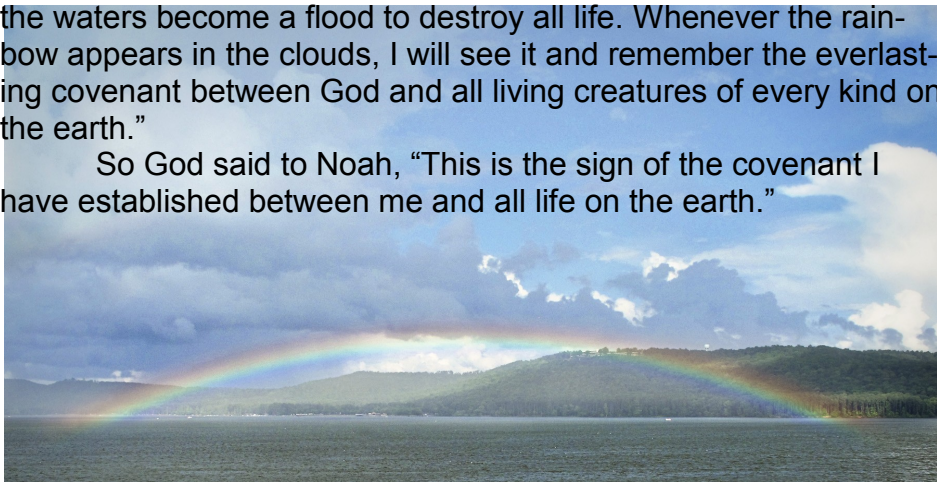
Jodi Boudreau

Genesis 9:8-17(NIV)

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: “I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.”

So God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth.”



Mark 1:9-15(NIV)

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

“Covenant of Grace”

Pastor Peter Choi