

Joys and Concerns

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

Happy Birthday to Brent Harsin, Mick Jameson, John Mullin, Kara Suchsland, and Tyler Anderson.

Pastoral 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.



Holy Communion
Special Music "When I Survey"

***Closing Song** "Grace Flows Down"

Benediction

We are being sent into a world in need of healing. We have been given all that we need to be God's messengers of peace. Go now into the world, rejoicing in God's presence with you. Bring the news of peace and hope to all you meet. 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

February 7, 2021

5th Sunday after the 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 reaches out to our church friends and visits their homes. If you need a visitation, please contact the church office or call Pastor. Peter.
3. United Methodist Women will have a meeting at 9:30 am on Wednesday. February 10th in the fellowship hall.
4. Ash Wednesday Service will be offered at 7:00 pm, Wednesday, February 17, in the sanctuary or Facebook and YouTube. If you want to attend the service online, please pick up a small ash packet after Feb 14.
5. There will be no Lenten Lunches this year.
6. Last week we received offerings of \$2,420. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

*Call to Worship

L: Hope is poured upon us this day!

P: God is with us, always offering God's healing love.

L: Now is the time for us to be people of action, not just those who silently sit and hear the good news.

P: Now is the time to seek the good; to heal those who are broken; to offer peace and hope.

L: Thanks be to God who has blessed us with God's abundant gifts.

P: We are called to use these gifts in service to God's broken world. Let us rejoice in the mission to which God has directed us. AMEN.

*Opening Prayer

God of mercy and love, be with us this morning as we hear the stories of Jesus and his compassion. Remind us again that we also need to be people of hope and compassion in this world, which seems so dark. You, O God, open the doors of blessings. You reveal to us the many ways in which Jesus reached out to others at their time of need. Inspire our hearts and lift our spirits this day, for we offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

*Congregational Prayer

*Opening Song "Now That You're Near"

Children's Message

Pastor Peter Choi

Scriptures

Psalm 147:1-7 (NIV)

Praise the Lord.

How good it is to sing praises to our God,
how pleasant and fitting to praise him!

The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.

He determines the number of the stars
and calls them each by name.

Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
his understanding has no limit.

The Lord sustains the humble
but casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the Lord with grateful praise;
make music to our God on the harp.

1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (NIV)

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written:

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."

Julie Ratka

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Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him. It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. Therefore, as it is written: "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.



Message

"The Message of the Cross"

Pastor Peter Choi

Hymn

"Spirit of God" vs. 1-3

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