Joys and Concerns

Prayer List: Gary Smidt, Linda Amstuz, Libby Williams. Happy Birthday to Nancy Lambert, Mary Kay Blanchard, Sheila Anderson, Blakeleigh Harsin and Shawn Heath. Happy Anniversary to Clark & Jennifer Bauer—29 years & John & Phyllis Finkner—73 years.

Pastoral Prayer—Lord's Prayer

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

Offertory Prayer

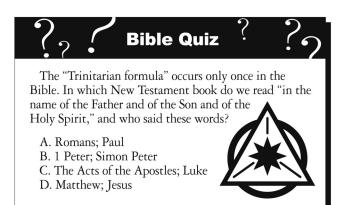
Loving God, we are so grateful for the many blessings you give to us. May these gifts we bring support your ministry in this church and in the world. Use them for your service, that lives and hearts will be touched by them. May they provide a path for others to know your love and become a part of your holy family.

Closing Hymn "Blessed Assurance" UMH#369

Benediction

God of infinite patience, loving presence, and dazzling surprises, be with us as we leave this place today. Guide and guard our lives and bless our witness to your love. We go in peace-seeking ministries of justice and hope. AMEN.

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Welcome and Announcements

1. Please put your names on either YouTube or Facebook. If you have celebrations and concerns, please share with us on either one.

2. Following worship refreshments will be offered. If you are interested in being a refreshment host, please contact the church office.

3. Please share prayer requests, blessings, joys, concerns, worries, gratitude, and more on the prayer wall at the east entrance of the church. Please use a sticky note of your choice. You can put your name or remain anonymous. I will share through the time of joys and concerns.

4. Vacation Bible School (Wilderness Escape) will be held for five days from July 18 until July 22. Volunteers are needed. If you are interested, please contact the church office. There will be an Education Team meeting June 2nd at 7:30pm.

5. Youth meeting and meal for 7th-12th grade students at Pastor Peter's home June 2nd at 4:30pm.

6. Last week we received offerings of \$2,315. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

Call to Worship

One: God is a creating God.

All: Making all things new through the Father's love and grace. One: God is a redeeming God.

All: Healing our relationship through Jesus, the Son. One: God is a sustaining God.

All: Empowering us for God's work through the Holy Spirit. One: Holy One, Three in One, we open ourselves to you.

All: Holy One, Three in One, create us, redeem us, and sustain us. Now and forever, Amen.

Opening Prayer

Spirit of God, lead us for we are your children. Come; adopt us that we might not fall back into the slavery of fear. Bear witness with our spirit that through you we are indeed children of God and heirs of God, that in our pain and suffering, we may know your glory. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Opening Hymn	"Great is Thy Faithfulness"	UMH#140
Children's Time	Pastor Peter Choi	
Scriptures		Joyce Will

Scriptures

Romans 8:12-17 (NIV)

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs-heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

John 3:1-17 (NIV)

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

"How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"

Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

"How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

"You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven-the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message	"Everlasting Life!"	Pastor Peter Choi
Hymn	"Give Thanks"	TFWS#2036