

Joys and Concerns

Prayer List: The family of Jeff & Loree Johnson for the passing of his father, Gary Smidt and Linda Amstuz.

Happy Birthday to Susan Tunnell & Alaina Suchsland

Happy Anniversary to Ed & Lonna Rowse—27 years.

Pastoral Prayer—Lord's Prayer

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

Offertory Prayer

For all your good gifts, we give thanks, O God. We return what we can as best we can, in hopes that even this amount will contribute to changing the world for the better. Transform this offering into ministry that matters to those who need it most, we pray. Amen.

Closing Song “I Will Follow”

Sending Forth

God, by the power at work within us, is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine. Receive God's love and strength, so that your gifts will be multiplied and used in the building of his reign of love. Go in his peace and power to glorify God in all that you do.

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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)

8th Sunday after Pentecost Order of Worship July 18, 2021

Welcome and Announcements

1. Vacation Bible School begins today and goes until Thursday, July 22. Dinner will be provided at 5:30 and the day ends at 8:00pm. We are looking for all kids to participate. Bring your kids and grandkids to this special annual program.
2. On July 25th our church plans to have a BBQ in the fellowship hall following the worship. Everyone is invited.
3. Just a reminder that the Little Food Pantry on the corner of 5th and Nebraska Ave is in need of items. When looking to donate think of items kids can prepare- cereal, mac and cheese, ravioli, spaghettios, crackers, and bread.
4. Refreshment will be provided in room 300, following the worship.
5. Last week we received offerings of \$2,085. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

Call to Worship

L: O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt God's name together.

P: Some of us are tired. Some of us are energized. All of us can exalt God's name together.

L: O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt God's name together.

P: Some of us are filled with peace. Some of us are consumed with worry. All of us can exalt God's name together.

L: O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt God's name together.

P: Some of us have much. Some of us have little. All of us can exalt God's name together.

L: O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt God's name together.

P: Embrace us, Lord. Imbue us with your presence. We are here to exalt your name together.

Opening Prayer

Healing God, we long to experience your tender mercy and grace as we gather today. We want to know that someone cares. We long to experience an assurance that, no matter what, we are loved. We are accepted. We are precious in your eyes. Use these moments of prayer and praise to draw us closer to you. May we experience your healing presence in this time of worship. Thank you, God. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Opening Songs

"Today is The Day"

"How Can I Keep From Singing"

Children's Time

Scriptures

Mark 6:30-34 (NIV)

The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

Mark 6:53-56 (NIV)

When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognized Jesus. They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

Ephesians 2:11-22 (NIV)

Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (which is done in the body by human hands)—remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

"Jesus Himself is our Peace!" Pastor Peter Choi