Pastoral Prayer—Lord's Prayer

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

Offertory Prayer

God of blessing, in your Spirit, we are rich beyond words. Thank you, God, for providing for us. Thank you for your sustaining Spirit that guides us and nurtures us. We give today as an offering of thanksgiving. Receive our gratitude; may it provide for others as there is need. In praise and awe, we pray. Amen.

Closing Song "Forever Reign"

Sending Forth

Go forth into the world, trusting with your hearts the wisdom God bestows upon all who seek to follow God's will. When called to lead, do so with humility and confidence in God. Be in this world a sign of Jesus' presence. Share compassion with all whom you encounter. Live wisely in God's name, and glorify God in all 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)



Order of Worship August 15, 2021

Welcome and Announcements

- 1. Exchanging day of home garden products: If you have extra products from your home garden, please bring them to the church's main door on August 22. You can exchange different items or take what you want without exchange. If there are left-overs, we will donate them to our community food pantry.
- 2. Prayer Walk: Cover our children and our schools in prayer. Meet at the front door of CLJones or Elementary School at 5 pm, Sunday, August 22.
- 3. Please continue to remember our prayer wall on the east side of the church! Pastor and our church family will read and pray.
- 4. We are collecting Rummage Sale items! Please bring them to room 103 on the south side of the church. If you have any questions, please get in touch with the church office.
- 5. Last week we received offerings of \$3,305. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

Call to Worship

L: Come, give thanks to the Lord with all your heart and soul!

P: We come, rejoicing over God's many blessings poured out on us!

L: God's works are great!

P: We delight in learning about them.

L: Respect for God and all that God offers to us is the beginning of wisdom.

P: With gratefulness, we shall praise and honor God all our lives. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Lord of life and hope, we gather this day seeking nourishment for our souls and healing for our spirits. Give to us your living bread, that having been nourished in soul and Spirit, we may be witnesses to your transforming love. Through the ministry and mission of Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, we offer this prayer. AMEN.

Silent Prayer

Opening Songs "Awakening"

"Blessed Be Your Name"

Children's Time

Scriptures

Ephesians 5:15-20 (NIV)

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 6:51-58 (NIV)

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message "God's Perfect Will!" Pastor Peter Choi

Joys and Concerns

<u>Prayer List:</u> Fred Will, Gary Smidt and Linda Amstuz. <u>Happy Birthday</u> to Jentry Olsen, Kersie Delaney, Ryan Engel, Jaxyn Olsen, Jess Putnam, William Barber, Marah Dornhoff, Steve Maulsby, Carol Wright, Terese Smith, and Brad Janda.

<u>Happy Anniversary</u> to Mike & Lori Conyers—30 years and Jim & Virginia Madsen—15 years.

