

Pastoral Prayer—Lord's Prayer

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

Offertory Prayer

God of light and beauty, every gift is from you.
Even our ability to give is a blessing of your love.
We offer you what we have and what we are.
Use our gifts to give birth to a world of righteousness
where none are in need and where all draw close to your grace.
Amen.

Closing Song “Forever”

Benediction & Sending Forth

As Christ has fed and redeemed your life, now go into the world in peace and love offering ministries of hope and justice. Go in peace and may the peace of God always be with you. 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
August 29, 2021
14th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

1. Continue to bring garden products. You can exchange different items or take what you want without exchange. Please bring as much as you want. If there are leftovers, we will also donate them to our community food pantry.
2. We will start youth group. Larry Evans is in charge of the group. The first meeting will be on September 1, Wednesday, 6:00-7:00 pm.
3. Sunday School teacher's meeting will be at 6:30 pm this Wednesday, September 1. Please join us as we plan a Kids Night Out.
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 \$1,411. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

Call to Worship

L: Summer wanes and the autumn draws close.

P: Lord, help us to be ready for opportunities of service.

L: We have felt the refreshment of time-away.

P: Lord, give us spirits of joy for the times ahead.

L: Come, let us celebrate God's eternal presence and love.

P: Let us open our spirits to receive God's direction for our lives. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Lord of mercy and abundant love, we have gathered here this day to hear your healing words of compassion and to be transformed by your love. Help us to become more faithful servants in our thoughts, words, and deeds. It is in Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

Silent Prayer

**Opening Songs "You're Worthy of My Praise"
"Open the Eyes of My Heart"**

Children's Time

Scriptures

James 1:17-27 (NIV)

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

Mark 7:1-8 (NIV)

The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)

So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?"

He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

"These people honor me with their lips,

but their hearts are far from me.

They worship me in vain;

their teachings are merely human rules.'

You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

Pastor Peter Choi

Joys and Concerns

Prayer List: Family and Friends of Linda Amstuz, Merlin Beahm, Fred Will, Gary Smidt, and everyone in Haiti & Afghanistan.

Happy Birthday to Gary Smidt, Shoni Delaney, Jordan Grander, Radford Hansen, Lonna Rowse, Cozette Sinsel, and Emily Cohen.

Happy Anniversary to Tim & Susan Tunnell—21 years.