

Joys and Concerns

Prayer List: Fred Will, Gary Smidt and Linda Amstuz.

Happy Birthday to Kevin Smith, Keven Schutz, Braylee Kring, Lena Choi, and Corey Smidt.

Happy Anniversary to Dave & Jane Craig—43 years, Tony & Julie Ratka—26 years, and John & Pat Mullin—55 years.

Pastoral Prayer—Lord's Prayer

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

Offertory Prayer

O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
We bow before you and thank you for the privilege
to participate in your acts of kindness and love
here on earth.
May these gifts truly become instruments
of your purposes here in our church, our community,
and around the world. Amen.

Closing Hymn

UMH#581

“**Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service**”

Sending Forth

Go forth and live as Christ in the world.
Speak and live with integrity
as you journey through this new week,
knowing that God will satisfy your every need
and lead you to a victorious life.

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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)

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

August 8, 2021

Welcome and Announcements

1. There is a blessing of the backpack and the school year during today's worship. We welcome all students to our worship today!
2. Christmas Child Boxes: We are receiving donations for the Christmas Child Boxes since school supplies are on sale now. We always put a spiral notebook, pencils, colors or colored pencils, and a pencil sharpener into each box. If you want, they can be stored in Sunday School Room 107.
3. We have a great time with youth friends last Tuesday. We ate, sang, played games and nine squares, and shared their dreams and prayed together. Thank you for your prayers and the preparation of food.
4. Please bring Rummage Sale items 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 \$3,625. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

Call to Worship

L: We are hungering and thirsting for hope and peace.

P: Come, Lord Jesus, come.

L: Our hearts long for the nourishing presence of God.

P: Come, Lord Jesus, come.

L: Give to us the living bread of your peace that we may hunger no more.

P: Open our hearts to joyfully receive your life-sustaining love. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Lord, we come to you this day with so many things going on in our lives. Some of these things are wonderful and cause us to rejoice. However, there are far too many things that cause us fear and anxiety. Humbly we wait for your presence with us. We need your healing touch. Feed us with the bread of life, that we may hunger no more. Strengthen us to do your will, for it is in Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

Silent Prayer

Opening Hymn

“Living for Jesus”

TFWS #2149

Children's Time

Blessing of the Backpacks

PRAY
for our
Students



**DO NOT LET THE SUN
GO DOWN ON
YOUR ANGER.**

EPHESIANS 4:26, NRSV

Scriptures

Ephesians 4:25-5:2 (NIV)

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. “In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

“Imitators of God!”

Pastor Peter Choi

Hymn

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

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