

Joys and Concerns

Prayer List: Paul Frizane, Merlin Beahm and Fred Will.

Happy Birthday to Chase Shelton, Betty Cross,

Elaine Curren, Mary Nuss, and Debra Smidt.

Happy Anniversary to Brooke & Joe Lundeen—10 years.

Pastoral Prayer

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

Offertory Prayer

God, we hear and we respond

to your words of wisdom,

your words of call and life.

May these gifts, not only of our money,

but of our very selves—

our words, our thoughts, our actions—

be acceptable to you, and help spread your words

of life and love. Amen.

Closing Hymn “Go, Make of All Disciples” UMH#571

Benediction & Sending Forth

Go forth with the words of wisdom crying in your ears.

Go forth with songs of hope singing in your heart.

Know that you are called to be faithful followers

of the One who will always be near you,

will always guide and encourage you

to walk the path of life. 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

September 12, 2021

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Glen Haselbarth

Welcome and Announcements

1. Please continue to bring rummage sale items to room 103 on the south side of the church. The rummage sale will be held from September 22 through 24.

2. We plan to have worship at Jaycee Park on September 26 at 9:45 am. Following the worship, we will have a potluck and games. Please bring a dish to share and a chair to sit on. Drinks will be provided. For those who cannot sit at the park, we will also prepare an FM transmitter. You can participate in worship in your car.

3. Choir will meet this coming Thursday, September 16 at 7pm for practice on our cantata for Christmas. Everyone is welcome to join the choir. We sing in unison and you will be blessed with this ministry.

4. If you have extra home garden products, please bring them to church.

5. Kids Night Out Will be held this Wednesday, September 15 from 3:00 pm until 5:00 pm. Supper will be provided.

6. Youth gathering will be held this Wednesday, September 15 at 6:00 pm.

7. Last week we received offerings of \$2,020. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

Call to Worship

L: We are called to follow Jesus.

P: But following Jesus isn't easy.

L: No. It will demand our dedication and our energy.

P: It will change our whole lives.

L: Come, all of you. Come and learn of the Lord Jesus.

P: Lord, we come, seeking your wisdom and your guidance.

AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Loving and caring God, we come this morning seeking wisdom and guidance for our lives. Open us to your words of life and love and truth. May we proclaim with our tongues what we know in our hearts. In this time of worship, help us more fully understand what it means to truly be a disciple, a follower of the way of Jesus, a follower of the path of wisdom. May the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, our rock, and our redeemer. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Opening Hymn

“How Great Thou Art”

UMH#77

Children's Time

Scriptures

Psalm 19:7-10 (NIV)

The law of the Lord is perfect,
refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right,
giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the Lord are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever.

The decrees of the Lord are firm,
and all of them are righteous.

They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;

they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the honeycomb.

Mark 8:27-38 (NIV)

Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, “Who do people say I am?”

They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.”

“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

Peter answered, “You are the Messiah.”

Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

“The Way of the Cross!”

Pastor Peter Choi

Hymn

“Are Ye Able”

UMH#530

