

Joys and Concerns

Prayer List: Larry Preston-Jeanette Wilkinson's brother, Merlin Beahm, Fred Will, Gary Smidt, Jill Shipley, Kent Berbeck, Jan Hofferber, Julie Ratka's Aunt, and family and friends of Gary Remmenga.

Happy Birthday to Janice Garrett, Spencer Mills, Dylan Janda, Kaleigh Melroy, Drew Rome, Ed Sheen and Knox Smidt.

Happy Anniversary to Todd & Kelli Suchsland—25 years.

Pastoral Prayer

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

Offertory Prayer

We give thanks for all that comes to us, acknowledging that our own work stems from your blessings. Continue to bless these gifts that we bring from our labors and make them be for others a foundation for new life. Amen.

Holy Communion

Special Music “One Bread, One Body”

Closing Song

“Grace Flows Down”

Benediction & Sending Forth

You have come to a table where all are welcome and no one is turned away. You have been filled with the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation. Now, let us depart from this place as individuals who are prepared to share this life-giving and sustaining bread with others.

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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

October 3, 2021

19th Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

1. Today is World Communion Sunday. We are collecting a special offering for national and international ethnic young adults to make a global impact on Christ. Remember your donation changes the world one life at a time. Please write a special offering on your check.
2. We had a wonderful time at Jaycee park in beautiful weather. We appreciate all helpers on behalf of the church. And we are sorry for the inconvenience of FM radio and live-streaming. We greatly appreciate Harold and Rachel Colby from the Franklin Meat Locker for donating the meat for the picnic in the park.
3. Choir has started practice on our cantata for Christmas. Everyone is welcome to join the choir at 6:30 pm every Thursday. We sing in unison, and you will be blessed with this ministry.
4. Please write your name and favorite time if you are interested in Bible study, “Threading the Bible: Old Testament.”
5. We have youth group this Wednesday, October 6 at 6:00 pm. Meal and drinks will be provided.
5. Last week we received offerings of \$735. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

Call to Worship

L: In the midst of struggle and strife, God is with us.

P: Praise be to God for God's steadfast presence.

L: Even though many things in life hurt and disappoint us, God is with us.

P: We seek God's mercy and grace to heal our wounded souls.

L: Come, bring your needs and wants to God, for God will hear your cries and restore your souls.

P: Praise be to God for mercy, peace, and hope. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Lord, we come to you today with so many things on our hearts. You call us to be in relationship of trust and love with you and you offer healing to us for those portions of our lives that are broken and injured. Help us to be open to your mercy and healing love. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Silent Prayer

Opening Songs

**"Now That You're Near"
"A Mighty Fortress"**

Children's Time

Scriptures

Job 1:1 (NIV)

In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil.

Job 2:1-10 (NIV)

On another day the angels came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came with them to present himself before him. And the Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From roaming throughout the earth, going back and forth on it."

Then the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil. And he still maintains his integrity, though you incited me against him to ruin him without any reason."

"Skin for skin!" Satan replied. "A man will give all he has for his own life. But now stretch out your hand and strike his flesh and bones, and he will surely curse you to your face."

The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, then, he is in your hands; but you must spare his life."

So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord and afflicted Job with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the crown of his head. Then Job took a piece of broken pottery and scraped himself with it as he sat among the ashes.

His wife said to him, "Are you still maintaining your integrity? Curse God and die!"

He replied, "You are talking like a foolish woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?"

In all this, Job did not sin in what he said.

Hebrews 2:5-13 (NIV)

It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking. But there is a place where someone has testified: "What is mankind that you are mindful of them, a son of man that you care for him?"

You made them a little lower than the angels; you crowned them with glory and honor and put everything under their feet."

In putting everything under them, God left nothing that is not subject to them. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to them. But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters; in the assembly I will sing your praises."

And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again he says, "Here am I, and the children God has given me."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

"Holding on to Faith amid Suffering"

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