

Announcements

6. The Bible study, *Threading the Bible: New Testament*, will begin in January 2023. If you want to take the class, please contact the church office.
7. Join us for refreshments following worship.
8. Last week we received offerings of \$2,964. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

Call to Worship

L: All that we are is a gift from God.

P: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

L: All that we have is a gift from God.

P: The world, and those who live in it;

L: There are no words to describe the wonders of God's creation.

P: For God has founded it on the seas,

L: Rejoice as we join together in praise for God's great gifts.

P: God established it on the rivers.

Opening Prayer

Gift-giving God, we are grateful for this day and the privilege of being able to promise a portion of what you have entrusted to us back to you. We pray that you would be present in a powerful way as we worship you. Loosen our tendency to hold tight to what we have. Open our clenched fists until we are eager to share more. We want to worship you with all things, especially our giving. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Opening Hymn

UMH#400

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Scriptures

Larry Evans

Luke 19:1-10 (NIV)

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NIV)

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message "Give All You Can" **Pastor Peter Choi**

Hymn "Freely, Freely" **UMH#389**

Joys and Concerns

Prayer List: Marge Madsen, Larry Anderson,
Lori Conyer's Father, and Merlin Beahm.

Happy Birthday to Michelle Scharff, Zander Sinsel, Paul Heath,
Kay Lyn McBride, Megan Conyers, Kelly Mills, and Jason Smidt.

Pastoral Prayer—Lord's Prayer

Offertory Music

"Doxology "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Offertory Prayer

Gracious and loving God, as a community of faith we share these gifts. We pray that you will bless them, and bless us, as we are the hands of Christ that build your kingdom. We pray that they will bring honor and glory to you as we work together in love. We pray that they will bring comfort and blessing to the needy and oppressed. And we pray that they will be a light to guide all to a closer relationship with you. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Closing Hymn **UMH#428**
"For the Healing of the Nations"

Benediction

Go now into God's world, ready and willing to be loving, trusting, and generous people. Go with the assurance that God's Spirit is within you, making it evident that you are a child of God who cares for all of God's children and desires to bring them to Christ. Amen.

Sending Forth

Postlude **Glen Haselbarth**



Welcome and Announcements

1. Today is a day of commitment. Your pledges and contributions are a critical part of making a difference in our church, community, and world. Before you leave this sanctuary, please drop off your commitment card in the offering plate or you can mail the card to the church or drop off it at the church office.
2. All are invited to a lunch in the fellowship hall following worship. Please join us as we all celebrate our ministry and share Christian fellowship together.
3. Today is our last day to collect and fill the Christmas Shoe Boxes. Please bring filled boxes and items by today.
4. The Advent Season this year begins on November 27. For this season, Pastor Peter will have intensive pastoral care. Please get in touch with the pastor or the church office if you think the pastor needs to visit.
5. During worship on December 18, we are going to have a Christmas program. If you and your family are interested in participating in the program, please get in touch with the church office or Pastor Peter.