

Joys and Concerns

Happy Birthday to Cozette Sinsel, Chloe Choi,
Colton Greving, Lori Loseke, Lori Conyers,
Michael Swartz, Bill Hunter, and Aleda Younkin.

Prayer List: Family and Friends of Larry Newcomb,
Marjorie Hultquist, Larry Anderson,
Merlin Beahm, and Kent Verbeck.

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Music

“Doxology “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Offertory Prayer

Dear God, we offer you now these gifts. Take our money and use it to bring comfort to those in need. Take our service and use it to bring justice to those who are oppressed. Take our witness and use it to bring good news to those who hunger for hope. Take our lives and use them for our very salvation. We pray through Jesus Christ, the one whom we follow even to the cross. Amen.

Holy Communion

Special Music “Remembrance”

Closing Song “We Are” #50

Benediction

Receive this good news: You are beloved children of God, called and equipped to be agents of divine love in the world. And remember, you do not go alone. God goes before you, with you, and behind you wherever you go. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sending Forth



Welcome and Announcements

1. We are seeking Wednesday school teachers and volunteers. The first meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 6th. If you would like to support us, please join this meeting.
2. We will be holding a Bible study session titled "Threading the Bible" this Thursday at 10:00 a.m.
3. Youth Group will resume at 6:30 p.m. on September 13th.
4. The September Newsletter is ready to pick up in the back if you want a printed one.
5. If you'd like to volunteer as a scripture reader, usher, greeter, or refreshment host, please write your name on the clipboard in the back.
6. We invite you to join us in room 300 for a time of socializing and refreshments, including coffee and cookies, following the worship service.

Call to Worship

L: Have you heard God's call in your life?

P: We're not sure. Sometimes we think we know what God wants us to do; but at other times things are not very clear.

L: Place your trust in the Lord. God is with you always.

P: Lord, it is a scary thing to do--to just place our trust in you.

L: God is with you. You will be safe.

P: Thanks be to God who watches over us and guides us. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Lord of summer sunshine and autumn harvest, be with us this day as we gather to encounter your word and your way for us. Remind us that we can place our trust in your eternal love. Enable us to be more effective in our witness to that love by word and deed. Guide our steps and pick us up when we falter. Dust us off and place us on the pathways of grace and service. These things we pray in Jesus' name. AMEN.

Silent Prayer of Confession

**Opening Songs "One Thing Remains" #1
"How Can I Keep from Singing" #19**

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

The Apostles' Creed

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Scriptures

Exodus 3:2-10 (NIV)

There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

And Moses said, "Here I am."

"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

Matthew 16:21-25(NIV)

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"

Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "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 will find it.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

"Who Am I"

Pastor Peter Choi