

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER 10:45 to 11:00

THE LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP (read responsively) *

We lift up our eyes, looking for our help.

Our help is in the Name of God.

The Lord will keep us from all evil.

Blessed be the Name of God!

(Psalm 121)

SONGS OF PRAYER AND PRAISE



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all who come together to worship the Lord, our God, especially those who are visiting us for the first time. Please stay after the service to let us get to know you.

MORNING PRAYER

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *

UMH #882 Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version

GLORIA PATRI *

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Act of Praise

UMH #844 Psalm 121 (Response 1)

Gospel*

Luke 8:40-48

HYMN OF PREPARATION*

UMH #266 Heal Us, Emmanuel, Hear Our Prayer

SERMON

When A Nobody Becomes A Somebody

Deaconess Betty Purkey

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY *

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Amen.

OUR COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN *

UMH #664 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

BENEDICTION

PRAYER CONCERNS

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

2007 TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Total Actual Income \$ 176,304.93

Total Budgeted Income \$ 157,544.00

2008 TITHES AND OFFERINGS UPDATE

Total Actual Income as of 1/27/08 \$ 6,504.00

Total Budgeted Income as of 1/27/08 \$ 13,647.62

Epistle Reading

Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17

1Well then, what can we say about our ancestor Abraham? 2If he became acceptable to God because of what he did, then he would have something to brag about. But he would never be able to brag about it to God. 3The Scriptures say, "God accepted Abraham because Abraham had faith in him."

4Money paid to workers isn't a gift. It is something they earn by working. 5But you cannot make God accept you because of something you do. God accepts sinners only because they have faith in him.

13God promised Abraham and his descendants that he would give them the world. This promise wasn't made because Abraham had obeyed a law, but because his faith in God made him acceptable. 14If Abraham and his descendants were given this promise because they had obeyed a law, then faith would mean nothing, and the promise would be worthless.

15God becomes angry when his Law is broken. But where there isn't a law, it cannot be broken. 16Everything depends on having faith in God, so that God's promise is assured by his great kindness. This promise isn't only for Abraham's descendants who have the Law. It is for all who are Abraham's descendants because they have faith, just as he did. Abraham is the ancestor of us all. 17The Scriptures say that Abraham would become the ancestor of many nations. This promise was made to Abraham because he had faith in God, who raises the dead to life and creates new things.

Gospel Reading

Luke 8: 40-48

40Everyone had been waiting for Jesus, and when he came back, a crowd was there to welcome him. 41Just then the man in charge of the Jewish meeting place came and knelt down in front of Jesus. His name was Jairus, and he begged Jesus to come to his home 42because his twelve-year-old child was dying. She was his only daughter.

While Jesus was on his way, people were crowding all around him. 43In the crowd was a woman who had been bleeding for twelve years. She had spent everything she had on doctors, but none of them could make her well. 44As soon as she came up behind Jesus and barely touched his clothes, her bleeding stopped.

45"Who touched me?" Jesus asked.

While everyone was denying it, Peter said, "Master, people are crowding all around and pushing you from every side." 46But Jesus answered, "Someone touched me, because I felt power going out from me." 47The woman knew that she could not hide, so she came trembling and knelt down in front of Jesus. She told everyone why she had touched him and that she had been healed right away.

48Jesus said to the woman, "You are now well because of your faith. May God give you peace!"

Programs

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Cartoon



(See Genesis 29:14-30) 02-11-2008
FLOWERS?!? ... I MARRIED ONE OF YOU AGAINST MY WILL AND WORKED FOURTEEN HARD YEARS FOR THE OTHER ... I THINK THAT'S ENOUGH OF A VALENTINE'S GIFT THIS YEAR

Worship Team

President: Robert Wong
Scripture Reader: Rong Wu
Ushers: Jane Wong / Rong Wu
Prayer & Praise: The Praise Team
Pianist: Fiona Chow

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11:00 am English Language Worship
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February 17, 2008
Second Sunday in Lent



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Vision Statement

"Enter to worship; go forth to serve."

To be a church equipped for service, focusing on the needs of our immigrant and youth community, and in mission so that we can mature in faith and bring to all knowledge of Jesus Christ.