

Worship Announcements:

February 18, 2024

1) Welcome: Welcome to all newcomers and visitors! Please meet Pastor Joe after the service. We're glad you're here.

2) Congregational Meeting: Join us next Sunday post-service to elect our 2024 Officers and Nominating Committee.

3) Lunch Fellowship: Enjoy our monthly lunch fellowship next Sunday, following the Congregational Meeting.

4) Prayer Requests: Share your prayer requests with Pastor Joe using the Prayer Request Card.

5) Bible Study: Join our Zoom Bible Study, Thursdays at 7 pm. All are welcome!



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Sunday Worship Order

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements *Richard Marquez*

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymns** "How Great Thou Art"

***Apostles Creed** *Congregation*

Pastoral Prayer *Pastor Joe Park*

Scripture Reading *Pastor Joe Park*

Ephesians 4:25-32, Matthew 16:16-17, Acts 2:44-47

Message

"Clear Up the Misunderstandings About the Church"

Pastor Joe Park

***Praise** "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God "

***Benediction** *Pastor Joe Park*

Fellowship Time *Richard Marquez*

*Congregation Standing

"Clear Up the Misunderstandings About the Church" (Ephesians 4:25-32, Matthew 16:16-17, Acts 2:44-47)

In a world that often misinterprets the essence of the church, today, we embark on a journey to rediscover the church's true purpose and essence, inspired by the Church of Ephesus.

1. The Ideal vs. The Real Church: The Church of Ephesus, founded by Apostle Paul, is often idealized for its foundational strengths and spiritual fervor. Yet, scripture reveals it was also a place where real human flaws existed – dishonesty, anger, theft, and reckless speech among its members.

2. The Church as a Hospital, Not Heaven: Misunderstandings arise when we expect the church to be a utopia. The biblical depiction of the church is more accurately a hospital for the soul, where the wounded, weary, and wayward come for healing.

3. Healing Through Community and Forgiveness: Apostle Paul's teachings remind us that healing in the church occurs in an atmosphere of kindness, tender-heartedness, and forgiveness.

Conclusion:

As we clear up misunderstandings about the church, let us embrace its true role as a hospital for sinners, including us, where healing, love, and forgiveness are abundantly found. Let's be a community that mirrors the love of Jesus, welcoming all who seek refuge and hope.