

Worship Announcements

February 25, 2024

1. Welcome: We warmly welcome all newcomers and visitors! Please take a moment to meet Pastor Joe after the service.

2. Congregational Meeting: There will be a Congregational Meeting after the service to elect our 2024 Officers and Nominating Committee.

3. Lunch Fellowship: Please stay for our monthly lunch fellowship today, following the Congregational Meeting.

4. Communion: Communion (Lord's Supper) will be held during next Sunday's Worship service. Starting in March, we will observe Communion every Sunday. For a Communion filled with God's presence, please refer to Pastor Joe's column today.

5. Passion Week: Passion Week will be observed from March 25 (Monday) through March 30 (Saturday). During Passion Week, there will be special morning devotions conducted via Zoom for 6 days, led by Pastor Joe at 7 AM.

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This examination isn't about ensuring sinlessness before participation but acknowledging our sinfulness and need for grace. It's the recognition that we need this sacrament because we are sinners.

From next month, our church will celebrate the Lord's Supper weekly. I pray that all congregants deeply understand its meaning and experience God's grace each Sunday.

Just as athletes stretch and practice before a game, prayer before participating in worship and the communion prepares us. Without prior prayer, these practices risk becoming mere religious rituals. However, if we pray and prepare our hearts, we will experience the presence of living God, through these sacred acts. I pray to God that all of you will pray for the communion and experience His healing touch every Sunday.



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Sunday Worship Order

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements *Richard Marquez*

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn** “ Let Us Sing Of His Love Once Again ”

***Apostles Creed** *Congregation*

Pastoral Prayer *Pastor Joe Park*

Scripture Reading *Pastor Joe Park*

Matt. 4:1-4; Deut. 8:3; Psalms 119:105

Message "What would be the evidence that you cherish the Word of God?"

Pastor Joe Park

***Praise** “Seek Ye First”

***Benediction** *Pastor Joe Park*

Fellowship Time *Richard Marquez*

*Congregation Standing

Participating in the Communion with Knowledge!

The difference between knowing the meaning of something and not knowing is vast. To someone who understands the value of a diamond, their gaze upon it differs significantly. For those unaware, a diamond appears no more than a mere pebble. Similarly, the difference between participating in the Lord's Supper with understanding and without is substantial. The Lord's Supper is a precious ceremony that cannot be treated casually.

What meaning does the Lord's Supper hold?

Firstly, it's a commemoration of the Lord.

In the Lord's Supper, we break bread and share it, symbolizing Jesus' body given for us on the cross. We drink from the cup, representing His blood shed for the forgiveness of our sins, ushering us into the new covenant established by His blood. By the blood that Jesus shed on the cross, God established a new covenant with us. Believing in Christ's blood on the cross makes us God's children, grants us eternal new life, and makes us citizens of the kingdom of heaven.

Secondly, it's a reaffirmation of our mission.

Eating the bread and drinking from the cup is not just about remembering the past; it's a commitment to our mission of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We who believe in Jesus Christ, our mission is to proclaim Jesus, who was broken and bled for us.

The church's primary task is to share the message of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. The Gospel is invaluable, and proclaiming it is our mission. A church's grandeur means nothing without the message of the cross, just as our faith means nothing if we do not share this message. Conversely, even the smallest church that proclaims the Gospel is true, and a believer who clings to and shares this message has genuine faith.

Thirdly, it's time for self-examination.

“Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat the bread and drink from the cup.”(1 Corinthians 11: 28)

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