

## Worship Announcements:

February 11, 2024

1) Thank you to Pastor Mark Hall for sharing the pulpit this morning and bringing the message.

2) If you have brought your Prayer Request Card, please give to Pastor Joe after worship.

3) Pastor's Contact Number: Pastor Joe's phone number and email address are as follows: 858-735-4461 and [joerock3712@gmail.com](mailto:joerock3712@gmail.com). If you have any questions about your faith or need spiritual counseling, please do not hesitate to contact him. Also, if you wish to receive prayer from the pastor, feel free to reach out at any time.

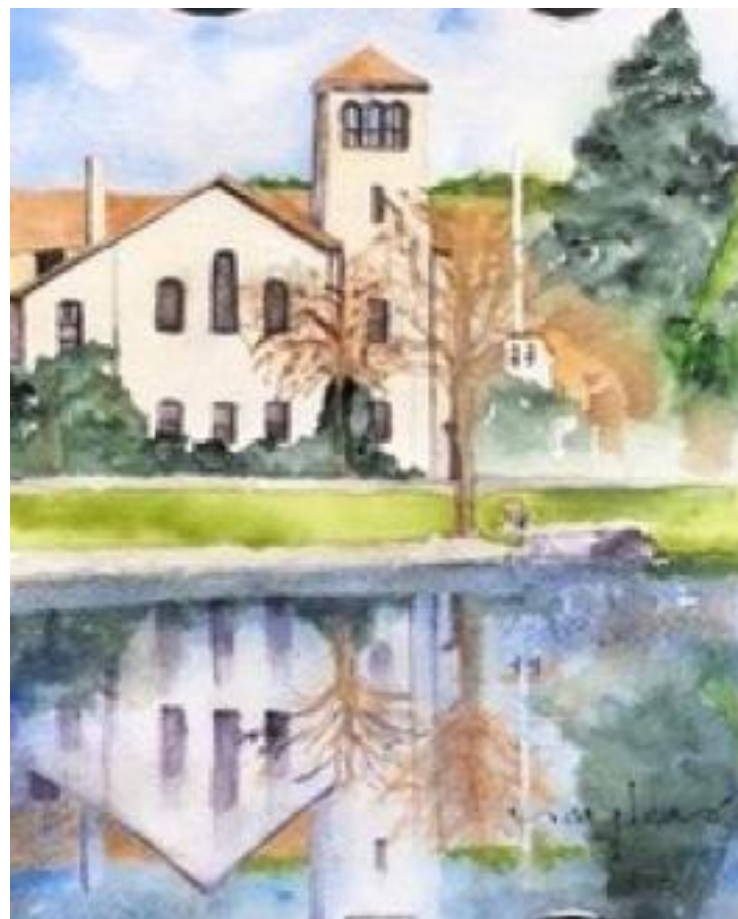
4) Thursday Bible study at 7 pm

Pastor Joe Column 2 (*continued*)

This morning, while praying, I thought, "What good can come from not having power?" One thing came to mind: our lives have become truly simpler over the last four days. Without electricity, there's not much to do at night, so Faith, June and I would sing praises and worship under the lantern for 20 minutes at 9:40 pm, then go to bed by 10 pm. (Speaking of lanterns, I'd like to thank Elder Robert Suzuki. He called on Monday to ask if we had a lantern. I told him we had bought a flashlight and were using candles, and he offered to give us one of his camping lanterns and to get another one from his sister for us. I offered to pick them up, but he suggested leaving it at the church to save on gas, which was a kind and thoughtful gesture. My sincere thanks to Robert!)

The good thing about not having power is that our lives have become much simpler. I can hardly remember the last time I went to bed at 10 pm before this, and waking up early has made me feel healthier. Secondly, it's made us appreciate the things we usually take for granted. Thirdly, it has deepened my empathy and prayer for those around the world who live without the amenities we're missing, like the people shivering in the cold in Ukraine and North Korea, and the missionaries working in harsh conditions.

Life without trials is unimaginable. Yet, our Lord tells us to "give thanks in all circumstances." (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Instead of choosing to grumble or blame when faced with unforeseen challenges, I hope we can all ask, "What good can come from this?" and find gratitude. I love you all in the Lord!



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## Sunday Worship Order

*'Pastor Joe Is Such A Person!' Column No.2*

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**      *Richard Marquez*

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Opening Hymns:**                      "Praise Him, Praise Him "

**Pastoral Prayer**                              *Pastor Joe Park*

**Scripture Reading:**                      *Pastor Mark Hall*

I John 2:28-3:3

**Message:**

“What Great Love”

*Pastor Mark Hall*

**Apostles Creed**                              *Congregation*

**\*Hymn:**                              “The Love of God is Greater Far ”

**\*Benediction:**                              *Pastor Joe Park*

**Fellowship Time**                              *Richard Marquez*

\*Congregation Standing

### "What good can come from this?"

As we live our lives, we often encounter unexpected situations that surprise or confuse us, and sometimes we may even ask, "Why is this happening to me?" while blaming God. It's ironic that even those who loudly claim not to believe in God's existence often find themselves blaming Him (you know whom I'm referring to) when they face bewildering moments in life.

Due to an unprecedented storm in California's history, we have been living without electricity for the past few days. While many homes have had their power restored, it's Thursday morning, and my family is still living without it. We've been without electricity since Sunday evening, making it five days now.

On Monday, we went to Walmart to buy flashlights only to find that the good ones were all sold out, so we ended up buying a medium-sized flashlight and two candles. Without electricity and internet, my daughter Faith couldn't do her homework, so she had to spend Monday and Tuesday at Starbucks to study and complete her assignments. When she went to school on Wednesday, she found out that everyone else in her class had their power back, and she complained about why our house was still without power. I told her, "Faith, it's not just us without power. There are many families in California still living without it. It might come back tomorrow or in a few days, so let's not complain and try to adapt. Aren't we fortunate to still have running hot water?" Though I said this, I also felt a bit of complaint rising within me because I thought the power would return in a couple of days, and now it's been four days, which is quite inconvenient.

Yesterday, when I went to the church, I forgot to charge my phone, so when I returned home, my phone had only 30% battery left, and by bedtime, it was down to 10%. My wife, June's phone, was already dead. I worried, "What if my phone dies overnight and the alarm doesn't go off?" but I set the alarm for 5:55 am and went to sleep. Fortunately, the alarm did go off, and my phone had 2% battery left. Although only 2% remained, I was relieved that I could now get from home to church without GPS.