THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER

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On this Sunday after we celebrate our nation's independence, we are pleased that you have come to worship Almighty God who continues to bless our land in ways too numerous to count. Welcome all!

4th Sunday After Pentecost

July 6, 2025

10:00 AM

Silent Preparation for Worship

Even as we've celebrated our nation's history, let us remember that "[God's] kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and [his] dominion endures throughout all generations" (Psalm 145:13)

Welcome

- * Hymn of Praise #74 "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"
- * Call to Worship: (responsively)

O come, let us sing to the Lord.

LET US SING A SONG OF JUSTICE FOR THIS AND EVERY NATION.

O come, let us sing to the Lord.

LET US SING A SONG OF PEACE FOR THIS AND EVERY LAND.

O come, let us sing to the Lord.

LET US SING A SONG OF LOVE FOR THIS AND EVERY PEOPLE. O COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD, THE GOD OF ALL CREATION. AMEN.

- * Prayer of Praise and Adoration
- * Confession of Faith Apostles' Creed (#622 in hymnal), page 5 on this PDF

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

O GOD, WE CONFESS TO YOU THAT YOUR PASSION FOR JUSTICE HAS NOT BEEN OUR OWN. WE TALK ABOUT JUSTICE AND DEMAND IT WHEN WE FEEL THAT WE HAVE BEEN WRONGED, BUT WE FAIL TO SEE THE BRUTALITY EXACTED ON OTHERS. WE FUME OVER THE DRIVER WHO CUTS US OFF IN TRAFFIC, BUT IGNORE THE MENTALLY ILL WHO ROAM OUR STREETS WITHOUT PROPER HEALTH CARE. WE COMPLAIN ABOUT OUR NEIGHBOR'S MUSIC BENG TOO LOUD, WHILE INNOCENT LIVES ARE BEING LOST DAILY IN WARS AROUND THE WORLD. WE THINK WE HAVE BEEN ILL-USED BECAUSE THE PRICE OF GASOLINE FOR OUR VEHICLES IS SO HIGH, WHILE MULTITUDES WALK WHEREVER THEY NEED TO GO. FORGIVE US FOR OUR SELF-CENTERED WAYS. OPEN OUR EYES TO THE SUFFERING AROUND US AND GIVE US THE POWER OF YOUR SPIRIT TO CONFRONT INJUSTICE AND EVIL WHEREVER WE FIND THEM. AMEN

Announcements

* Hymn of Preparation #310 - "Pass Me Not"

Pentecost Theme: "Pentecost Power from On High!"

Scripture: 2 Kings 5:1-14 (vv.1-3,4-6,7-9,10-12,13-14)

Gal. 6:7-16 (vv.7-9,10,12-14)

Sermon "Pentecost Power from On High: Reminds Us to Believe Even When God Doesn't Answer in Ways We Think He Should!"

* Doxology (#39)

 st Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings

* Prayer

Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion Lord's Prayer

* Closing Hymn #321 - "It Is Well with My Soul"

* Choral Benediction: "Shalom to You" (congregation)
Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

* Benediction (Pastor)

Church of the Master Ministries

Sunday 10:00 AM Worship Service (Holy Communion celebrated on the

1st Sunday of each month)

Monday 5:00-9:00 PM Bushiken Karate

Wednesday 7:00 PM Online Bible study: Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining

5:00-9:00PM Bushiken Karate

Thursday 7:30 PM Women's Alcoholic Anonymous

Friday 7:00 PM "Hour of Prayer Power" virtual meeting

The conference call-in number is 605-475-4860, code - 371231#

Saturday 12:00 noon Online Bible study: Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining

9:30AM-1:00PM Bushiken Karate

^{*} Please stand if able

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

"Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer"

The Prayer List

Our prayers reflect a wonderful and whole-hearted commitment to intercessory prayer by this congregation. Each name will remain on the prayer list for 3 weeks.

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Prayers for Those with Special Needs:

Diane * Elena Caldera * Anne Dowling * Jerry Kemps * Jane Maze * Donald Zuvich

Prayers for Those Who Are Ill or have Medical Concerns:

Mary Beasley * Jean * Don's neighbor * Nancy * Damon Hayden * Nicky * Tommy * Cynthia * Janet (friend of Mahon family) * Beverly Morrison * Robert Solimando * John T * Michael Campinello * Patti Zeig & John * Stephanie * Rev. Singletary * Connie * Pat Lynam * Carole Mahon * Loretta Byrd & Wendy * Diante * Allen Ford * Alice & Alex Rivera * Arlene 'Auntie' Mayers * Rosa Stewart

Prayers for Those Dealing with Turmoil or Family Difficulties:

Halloway family* Rosetta Grasso * Jay Escobar & family * Close friends of the Bungerts * Sharon Alexander * Damon & Alex and family * Wintress * Kiera & Avery & Martz family * Tyler, Nicole & Jackson * All caregivers * everyone battling addictions

Prayers For Those Seeking Direction/Needing God's Presence in Their Lives:

Elvis Frias Sr. & Theresa * Devell * Zachariah Bungert * Diante Stinson * Corey Streeter * young adults

Prayers for Those Seeking Employment:

Zachariah Bungert

Prayers for World Concerns:

Concerns for job security for Federal workers * An end to the war between Russia & Ukraine and the Middle East conflict * An end to all the violence * Peace and healing in our community and the nation * All first responders * Our country's safety * The future of our churches * The President and his administration * Pastor Sohail Latif and his congregation in Pakistan * Worldwide conflicts * Sean Buckley & Katie Mahon and all active duty members & their families

Prayers for the families & friends of those who have died:

PRAYERS FOR THE GROWTH OF CHURCH OF THE MASTER:

Lord, please send people through our doors with whom we can share the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH OF THE MASTER MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Christ-centered community church united in prayer and loving Christian fellowship, Bible teaching and preaching Christ crucified, risen and coming again.



The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



2 Kings 5:1-14 (vv. 1-2, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12 and 13-14) Galatians 6: 7-16 (vv. 7-9, 10, and 12-14)

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. ⁵ And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. ⁶ He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? ^[e] Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." ¹¹ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ^[f] ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸ If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹ So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.

¹⁰ So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

¹¹ See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand!

¹² It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴ May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which^[a] the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

¹⁵ For^[b] neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶ As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Meaning of the Sacrament, The Invitation Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you

AND ALSO WITH YOU

Lift up your hearts!

WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

FOR IT IS HOLY AND RIGHT TO DO SO

Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty to give thanks to you at all times and in all places, O Lord our Creator, almighty and everlasting God! You created heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty. You have given us life and being, and preserve us by your providence. But you have shown us the fullness of your love in sending into the world your Son, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word, made flesh for us and for our salvation. For the precious gift of this mighty Savior who has reconciled us to you we praise and bless you, O God. With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore your glorious name.

HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD OF HOSTS! HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY, HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST! BLESSED IS HE THAT COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!

(A short period of silence and the prayer continues)

Sharing the Bread & Sharing the Cup

Thanksgiving after Communion

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

AND ALL THAT IS WITHIN ME, BLESS GOD'S HOLY NAME

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

AND FORGET NOT ALL GOD'S BENEFITS

who forgives all your iniquity,

WHO HEALS ALL YOUR DISEASES

who redeems your life from the Pit,

WHO CROWNS YOU WITH STEADFAST LOVE AND MERCY

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

SLOW TO ANGER AND ABOUNDING IN STEADFAST LOVE

God does not deal with us according to our sins,

NOR REQUITE US ACCORDING TO OUR INIQUITIES

for as the heavens are high above the earth,

SO GREAT IS GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE TOWARD THOSE WHO FEAR HIM

as far as the east is from the west,

SO FAR DOES GOD REMOVE OUR

TRANSGRESSIONS FROM US

as a father pities his children,

SO THE LORD PITIES THOSE WHO FEAR HIM

God did not spare His only son, but gave him up for us all,

and will also give us all things with Him.

THEREFORE SHALL MY MOUTH AND HEART SHOW FORTH THE PRAISE OF THE LORD, FROM THIS TIME FORTH FOREVERMORE. AMEN.

