THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER

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We extend the hand of friendship to all who have come to worship.
We rejoice in your presence and invite you to spend time after the service
to get acquainted with those who are near you.

6th Sunday After Pentecost

July 20, 2025

10:00 AM

Silent Preparation for Worship

Loving God, thank you for making me your child. Remind me that everyone else is your child, too. Amen.

Welcome

* Hymn of Praise #63 - "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

* Call to Worship: (responsively)

God invites us into the sanctuary of the divine presence.

WE ENTER WITH AWE AND DEVOTION TO MEET TOGETHER WITH GOD.

This is a safe place where we know we are loved.

WE FEEL THE PRESENCE OF GOD'S SPIRIT AND THE SPIRIT OF GOD'S PEOPLE.

Here God invites us to look honestly at our own lives.

WE TRUST GOD'S LOVE AND OPEN OUR HEARTS TODAY.

Know that God loves you as you are but God sees you as you can be, as well.

MAY WE HONESTLY EXAMINE OUR LIVES AND BECOME ALL THAT GOD CREATED US TO BE. PRAISE BE TO GOD. 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)

WE CONFESS TO YOU, O GOD, AND BEFORE OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE CHURCH, THAT WE HAVE FAILED TO LIVE AS YOUR IMAGE IN THIS WORLD. WHAT YOU INTENDED WHEN WE WERE CREATED HAS NOT COME TO FULFILL-MENT AND THAT IS MOSTLY THROUGH OUR OWN STUBBORNNESS AND SELFCENTEREDNESS. WE HAVE RESISTED THE GENTLE PROMPTING OF YOUR HOLY SPIRIT AS YOU HAVE URGED US TO CHOOSE LIFE. WE HAVE INSISTED ON OUR OWN WAY AND WE LIE BROKEN ON THE FLOOR OF THE POTTER'S SHED. TAKE US INTO YOUR LOVNG HANDS AND REMOLD US. REMAKE US INTO THE IMAGE YOU CARRY OF US. SO FILL US WITH YOUR SPIRIT THAT WE MAY ALWAYS SEEK TO SAY "YES" TO YOUR LEADING. AMEN

Announcements

* Hymn of Preparation #446 - "I'd Rather Have Jesus" Pentecost Theme: "Pentecost Power from On High!"

Scripture: Psalm 52:1-9 (vv.1-3,4-6,7-9)

Luke 10:38-42 (vv.41-42)

Sermon "Pentecost Power from On High: Empowers Us to Discern Good From Evil and Choose the Better Part!"

Lord's Prayer

- * Doxology (#39)
- * Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings
- * Prayer
- * Closing Hymn #382 "I Need Thee Every Hour"
- * 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 11:00 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

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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:

Jean * Terry Mahon * Gene Peterson * 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:

Nancy & Gene Peterson * Barbara * 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.



Psalm 52: 1-9 (vv. 1-3, 4-6, 7-9) Luke 10: 38-42 (vv. 41-42)

Why do you boast, O mighty one, of mischief done against the godly? All day long ² you are plotting destruction. Your tongue is like a sharp razor, you worker of treachery. ³ You love evil more than good, and lying more than speaking the truth. Selah

⁷ "See the one who would not take refuge in God,

but trusted in abundant riches, and sought refuge in wealth!"[c]

8 But I am like a green olive tree

in the house of God.

I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.

⁹I will thank you forever, because of what you have done.

In the presence of the faithful I will proclaim your name, for it is good.

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me."

⁴ You love all words that devour, O deceitful tongue

⁵But God will break you down forever; he will snatch and tear you from your tent; he will uproot you from the land of the living. Selah

⁶ The righteous will see, and fear, and will laugh at the evildoer, saying,

⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴² there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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