

# 실로암 한인침례교회

Siloam Korean Baptist Church

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오순절 이후 열다섯번째 주일 (Year C)

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Year C)



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## 모임 안내 Gatherings

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주일 예배 Lord's Day Worship Service (한글/English) 10:30 am  
수요 성경 공부 Wednesday Bible Study (Korean) 8:00 pm via Zoom  
Zoom Meeting ID: 401 799 0718

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## WORSHIP ORDER

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### I Gathering

Life of the Church ..... Pastor Sean Chang

Invocation ..... Pastor Sean Chang

Let's Praise! ..... All Together

H150 The Old Rugged Cross

C1027 Draw Me Close to You

C1083 Someone Is Praying for You

Affirmation of Faith ..... All Together

Time to Reflect ..... All Together

Sharing Peace ..... All Together

Intercessory Prayers ..... All Together

The Lord's Prayer ..... All Together

### II The Word

Scripture Reading ..... All Together

Luke 16:1-13

Sermon ..... Pastor Sean Chang

The Parable of the Shrewd Manager

### III Response

Let's Praise! ..... All Together

C1288 A Hymn to Life

Offering Prayer ..... All Together

### IV Sending

Sending Word and Benediction ..... Pastor Sean Chang

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## THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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- Wednesday Bible Study Wednesday 8 pm Zoom Meeting ID: 401 799 0718
- Church Business Meeting September 21, 2025.

### Question of the week:

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## THE PRAYER LIST

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- To be an Act2 church
  - The church that serves the community.
  - The church that helps missionaries.
  - The local church is the hope of the world.
- For the missionaries
  - Daniel Cho in Cambodia
  - Nakwon Lee in Kenya and the children we support: Fabian Kamau Eunice Wanjiku Allysa Wambui Sharlin Akai
- For those in hardship
- For the sick and caretakers
- For our children under the covenant
- For those who are travelling
- For those in government

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## THE FIRST LESSON JEREMIAH 8:18-9:1

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18 You who are my Comforter in sorrow, my heart is faint within me.

19 Listen to the cry of my people from a land far away: "Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King no longer there?" "Why have they aroused my anger with their images, with their worthless foreign idols?"

20 "The harvest is past, the summer has ended, and we are not saved."

21 Since my people are crushed, I am crushed; I mourn, and horror grips me.

22 Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then is there no healing for the wound of my people?

1 Oh, that my head were a spring of water and my eyes a fountain of tears! I would weep day and night for the slain of my people.

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## PSALM 79:1-9

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1 O God, the nations have invaded your inheritance; they have defiled your holy temple, they have reduced Jerusalem to rubble.

2 They have left the dead bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the sky, the flesh of your own people for the animals of the wild.

3 They have poured out blood like water all around Jerusalem, and there is no one to bury the dead.

4 We are objects of contempt to our neighbors, of scorn and derision to those around us.

5 How long, Lord? Will you be angry forever? How long will your jealousy burn like fire?

6 Pour out your wrath on the nations that do not acknowledge you, on the kingdoms that do not call on your name;

7 for they have devoured Jacob and devastated his homeland.

8 Do not hold against us the sins of past generations; may your mercy come quickly to meet us, for we are in desperate need.

9 Help us, God our Savior, for the glory of your name; deliver us and forgive our sins for your name's sake.

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## THE SECOND LESSON 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-7

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### Instructions on Worship

1 I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— 2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

3 This is good, and pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants all people to be saved and to come to a

knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man

Christ Jesus, 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. 7 And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

## Bible Study Focus: *For Everyone*

### Word *of life*

Our readings continue this week from the pastoral letter of 1st Timothy. The author of the letter is giving instructions to Timothy so that he might "... fight the good fight, having faith and a good conscience." (1 Timothy 1:18b-19 NRSV) Timothy is encouraged to live a godly life in community with others.

1. *What does a godly life "look" like?*
2. *Is it possible to lead a godly life and not be in community with others?*

The first admonition mentioned is to pray. "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone ...." (1 Timothy 2:1 NRSV) Living faithfully in community begins with a life of prayer. Paul wrote similar instructions in Philippians 4:6: "... in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." (NRSV) Note the addition of the word "intercessions" in 1st Timothy. The emphasis is clear - intercessory prayer for others is central to living in community. The faithful are called to pray for one another.

3. *Think of your congregation's prayer life. When does the congregation pray for others?*

Timothy is then encouraged to pray specifically for those who govern - "for kings and all who are in high places." (1 Timothy 2:2 NRSV) Echoes of the prophet Jeremiah come to mind urging the people in exile in Babylon to pray for the city in which they are exiled, "... for in its welfare you will find your welfare." (Jeremiah 29:7 NRSV) The intent of prayers for those who govern is to foster a context where peace, dignity, and godliness can be known. We are to pray for leaders and those "in high places" for the sake of all in the community.

4. *Reflect on the prayers of the church offered in worship. Is there usually a petition for those in government? Should there be?*

Prayers for leaders are to be offered for the well-being of everyone. Note the inclusiveness which permeates the readings for this week from 1st Timothy 2. We are to pray "for everyone" (vs.1); God desires "everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (vs.4); Christ Jesus "gave himself a ransom for all." (vs. 6) Clearly, living the faith daily involves living in a community where all are included and cared for.

5. *How does a believer have time to pray "for everyone"?*
6. *When is it difficult to include certain persons (or groups) in prayer?*

The reader of 1st Timothy is urged to be inclusive and to pray for everyone because of God's desire for inclusion of everyone in Christ's saving work. God "... desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." (1 Timothy 2:4 NRSV) The instruction in 1st Timothy 2 becomes a creedal hymn which directs our prayers and which provides the basis of living in community - one God, one mediator in Christ, one ransom and sacrifice for all. (vss.5-6) That same God called the writer to be a herald of the faith to all. We are called to do the same!

7. *Why do you think God expects us to include everyone in our prayers?*

## Word *among us*

The campaigns for political office have been brutal these past few election cycles. Sides have been firmly drawn, and party affiliation seems to triumph over just policy for all. The recent presidential election has been polarizing, with the results lauded by some and lamented by others.

But shortly after the votes had been counted and the results confirmed, a pastor sent out an e-mail to members of the faith community. In the e-mail, the pastor acknowledged the divisive nature of the state and the vicious tone of the political discourse. But rather than taking sides, the pastor urged the reader to pray - to pray for those newly-elected, to pray for those who feel excluded, to pray for the community.

The pastor ended the note with these words from 1st Timothy-"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high places, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity." (1 Timothy 2:1-2 NRSV)

8. *What outcome might you expect as we pray for those who govern and run for political office?*

9. *How difficult is it to pray for those who govern-especially when you disagree with their policies and political party? Or do you pray for them even more? Explain your response.*

The author of 1st Timothy urges us to pray for everyone because God's grace is for everyone. The godly life begins with prayer - not only our individual needs, thanksgivings, and concerns, but also the concerns and needs of the whole community. Our prayers should include those in civil authority as they govern, so that there might be peace in our hearts, in our homes, in our community, state, nation, and world.

10. *How might the life of the pray-er be transformed as he or she prays for everyone?*

11. *How has praying changed your life?*

## faith practice *in daily life*

**Strive for justice and peace throughout the world.**

"No one left behind." "No justice, no peace. Know justice, know peace." "All are invited to the table of the

Lord.” We hear these words of inclusion. We are called to work for justice and peace. We are called to recognize all as brothers and sisters in Christ. But where do we begin? How do we live a godly life? The words from 1st Timothy remind us: it all begins with God. God’s saving grace is for all. And we are called as people of God to be inclusive as God is inclusive.

It all begins with prayer. Intercessory prayer, by its very nature, includes others. We become aware of the needs of others as we pray. We identify and lift up those in positions of authority who have the opportunity to make a difference. We roll up our sleeves while we are on our knees. And we find in intercessory prayer our mission and calling.

*12. Share a situation when members of the church prayed for you or your loved ones?*

*13. What does it feel like to know people are praying for you (or your loved ones)?*

*14. How might your prayers for someone become a gift to that person?*

## **Prayer**

Open our eyes, Lord, to see the needs of others. Open our hands, Lord, to welcome and include everyone. Open our hearts, Lord, to love as you have loved us; in Christ we pray. Amen

## *Last Word*

Pray each day this week for our elected officials.

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## THE GOSPEL LUKE 16:1-13

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### The Parable of the Shrewd Manager

1 Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions.

2 So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’

3 “The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg— 4 I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’

5 “So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’

6 “‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied.

“The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’

7 “Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’

“‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied.

“He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’

8 “The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. 9 I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

10 “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. 11 So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? 12 And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?

13 “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”