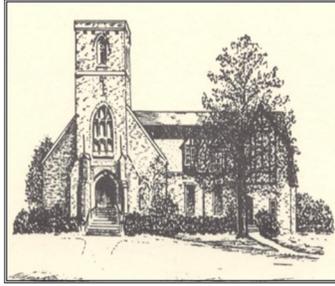


Asbury Home Church Worship Service



⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life.” (Genesis 45: 5)

Opening Hymn Come Now, O Prince of Peace

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WDS5Mh-edxI&t=4s>

Prayer 2020 August 15th Joint South-North (North-South) Prayer for Peace & Reunification on the Korean Peninsula

As this year 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of Korea’s liberation from the Japanese colonial rule, we give you thanks for your marvelous gift of liberation. But the joy of liberation could not be fully celebrated for Christians in the North and South due to the Cold War relic of longstanding division and confrontation.

Lord, have mercy on us!

God of justice!

The joy of liberation ended up being only half fulfilled as the years of division, confrontation, and hatred have torn us apart as if we were two hostile nations from the beginning. The foreign powers, who established two separate Korean nations demarcated by a border at the 38th parallel, the line of latitude that crosses the peninsula, still dominate the fate of our nation. Japan, which has continued to refuse to apologize, is the intruder for peace and reunification on the Korean Peninsula.

Lord, we humbly ask for the justice of your kingdom which is opposite to the injustice of the human empire!

God of hope!

We also give you thanks for making us your messengers of peace and justice. June 15 this year marks the 20th anniversary of the Joint Declaration between the two Koreas and held the first summit of inter-Korean leaders since the Korean War in the early 1950s. The North and South have agreed to resolve the question of reunification independently and through the joint efforts of the Korean people, who are the masters of the country.

Lord, help us not to lose our hope!

God of peace!

Trees of peace, rooted in this land, are still growing. Even in times of external pressure from the foreign powers, we pray that the fruits of peace would be harvested throughout the length and breadth of the land all over the country. Help us to stop the military exercises and producing all weapons in the name of security!

Lord, may the North and South walk in the path of peace and coexistence by declaring an official end to the Korean War and signing a peace treaty!

God of salvation!

We are frustrated and feel so helpless as we have faced the COVID-19 pandemic. Just as Koreans wish a full joy of liberation, may we overcome the COVID-19 and enjoy the gifts of life. May the North and South lead to mutual cooperation as one nation!

Lord, may we boldly proclaim a new covenant of national reconciliation, peace, and prosperity!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen!

15 August 2020

National Council of Churches in Korea

Scripture Reading

Genesis 45:1-15

¹Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ²And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ ¹²And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Sermon “God is weaving a beautiful tapestry of a Peaceable Kingdom of God”

Rev. Yohan Go

Discussion questions

1. How is it with your soul?

Prayer for family and friends: Share your prayer concerns with your family and pray for people who need your prayer.

Closing Hymn UMH #358

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f7nsneM7Lkk>

The Lord's Prayer

**OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN,
HALLOWED BE THY NAME.
THY KINGDOM COME.
THY WILL BE DONE
ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.
GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD,
AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES,
AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US,
AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION,
BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.
FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM,
AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY,
FOR EVER AND EVER
AMEN**

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