


LOOKING UP

March-April 2024



*"...look up, and lift
up your heads."
Lk. 21:24*

Let Us Pray

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It seems almost unfathomable that we can talk to the Creator of the universe. In Psalm 8, King David ponders this great mystery: "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man

that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?" (Ps. 8:1-4)

When we look at the vastness of creation, and consider the incredible number of people on Earth, each one of us seems to fade into absolute insignificance. When secular thinkers have considered this, their conclusion has been exactly that...that each of us is truly insignificant in the grand scheme of things. They tell us that the only things that matter are the things that matter to us. That nothing that we say or do will ultimately have any significance in the universe.

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Regular Schedule

Sunday

9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship service

Holy Communion

2nd & 4th Sunday of the month

Meal

2nd Sunday of the month

Board Meeting

7:00 PM 1st Tuesday
of the month

Ladies Bible Study

10:00 AM Wednesdays

Youth Group

TBA

Friday Night Bible Study

7:00 PM Location TBA

Yet the Bible tells that that each of us actually is significant. That we are created in God's image, that He loves us, and that He created us to be in a relationship with Him. And this relationship is an intimate one. Truth be told, we need to be trained to overcome our innate belief that God neither hears us, nor will answer when we pray. Because this is true, one old Christian prayer begins like this: "Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve..."

The reason that we can have confidence that God both hears and answers our prayers is because He has reconciled Himself to us in Christ Jesus (2 Cor. 5:18-19). Where our sin separated us from Him, God has provided the remedy through Jesus' work of redemption on the cross so that, "to all who did receive [Jesus], who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God..." (John 1:12)

Your gracious Heavenly Father wants you to pray to Him in all circumstances. Approach Him with your worries, fears, doubts, complaints, thanksgiving, and praise. The Apostle Paul puts it so wonderfully in 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18: "pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." So regardless of whether things are going well or poorly for us, let us pray.

Looking Ahead

March 20th

Easter Egg Hunt

March 28th

Maundy Thursday Service

March 29th

Good Friday Service

March 31st

Easter Brunch

Easter Worship Service

April 20th

Spring Cleaning

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Mt. 28:19-20

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