

:Announcements:

Celebrations and Thanksgiving

- Rebekah's Birthday is on 9/3

Communal Activities and Missions

- First Bible Study with Pastor Travis begins – 9/5 (Fri)
- Leaders Meetings for the month of September – 9/13 (Sat)

General Announcements

- Please remember to clean up and vacate the sanctuary as there is a service that follows ours.
- If any of you have the heart to serve either in Sunday school or Youth, please talk to Tim.
- As new changes are upon Aletheia, let us continue to encourage each other in prayer and love.

Spiritual Gatherings:

- * Small Groups (varies)
- * Friday Night Meeting for September 6th: Bible study Q & A

Offering for July: \$1,950.50

Sunday Worship at 2 PM in the main sanctuary.

260 Walnut Avenue Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Aletheia Ministries



WELCOME!

▲ (Please rise if you are able)

Gather

▲ Praise

Praise Team

Word

Scripture Reading

Tabitha

Reader: The passage for today is Matthew 17:14-20

17:14 When they came to the crowd, a man approached Jesus and knelt before him.

17:15 "Lord, have mercy on my son," he said. "He has seizures and is suffering greatly. He often falls into the fire or into the water.

17:16 I brought him to your disciples, but they could not heal him."

17:17 "O unbelieving and perverse generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy here to me."

17:18 Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed from that moment.

17:19 Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, "Why couldn't we drive it out?"

17:20 He replied, "Because you have so little faith. I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

▲ Closing Praise

Praise Team

Sending

▲ Benediction

Pastor Travis

Ministry Leaders

Andy K. (Small Groups and Mission)

Andrew, Micky, Hee Jun, David (Praise)

Jenny, Jong Duk, Andy Y. (Worship)

Jennifer (Finance)

Chris, Stephanie (Activities)

Tim, Young (Communications)

Aaron Ting (Community Life)

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Prayers of the People

Everyone

Pastor: Gracious God, who is light in the darkness, who is sight to the blind, who is strength to the besieged, who is the salvation to the lost, who is comfort to the fearful, we pray for those among us who are in need of God's touch. We pray for the many in society who may be in need of our assistance and prayers that they may receive comfort.

Pastor: Let us pray together in silence our communal prayers:

- * For our family members who support our life
(East Asian Thanksgiving day: Next Weekend)
- * For the people who are suffering in their difficult situations: the conflict between Russia and East Ukraine; Ebola virus disease killed 1,550 people (3,000 people are now infected) in the West Africa; and the conflict in the Middle East
- * For Aletheia Ministries, to build a more faithful community

Everyone: We pray for all who suffer the pain of sickness, loneliness, fear, or loss, that those whose names are in our hearts, in the hearts of others, or known to you alone, may receive strength and courage. We pray for those in need. God of compassion, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy now and forever. Amen.

Confession

▲ The Apostle's Creed

Everyone

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

▲ Confession of Sins

Everyone

Everyone: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

Sharing

▲ Sharing of Peace

Pastor Travis

Pastor: The Peace of Christ be always with you

People: And also with you

Announcements

Young

(Please refer to page eight)

▲ Offering Praise

Praise Team

▲ Offering Prayer

Jenny

▲ Eucharist (*Every first Sunday*)

Everyone

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: We praise you and we bless you... lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

Presider and People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest.

Presider: Glory and honor and praise to you... as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Presider and People: The Lord's Prayer

Presider: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

:Post-communion Prayer:

Presider and People: God of abundance, we give you thanks for uniting us and restoring us in your image. You have graciously nourished us with spiritual food, and now, send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

Message

Pastor Travis

:Sermon Notes for Small Group Discussions:

* Have you pleaded something with God? What is your most memorable experience? How did God respond to it?

* In what ways do 'so little faith' and 'faith as small as a mustard seed' differ in Matthew 17:20?

* How does our faith can move mountains from here to there? How to apply this in your life?