



Sunday Worship Times:
8:30 am online on
Facebook Live & 10:30
am In-person service

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Pastor's Message

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I have been thinking about racism a lot lately—probably because it has been in the news so much these days. And I have to admit, I don't understand it. It's not that I don't understand the word or the concept; I don't understand how it even exists, how it is even a thing that people legitimately believe and practice.

Webster's dictionary defines racism as "The belief that some races are inherently superior to others", and the practice of "discrimination based on race". Where in the world did the belief and practice of thinking that one group, race, or culture of people is more superior than another? I can tell you that it is certainly not from God!

I can remember coming across this belief when I was in 6th grade. We had a new student coming into our class. Whenever we had new students, a current student was asked to help the new student find their way around and "fit in." Well, I was asked to help this particular new student, Korch, who was from Hong Kong. I met Korch, we sat together in class, and he hung out with me during the day. It was then I discovered racism. I was absolutely shocked that some of my classmates would call him ugly names based on his cultural features. And then I was shocked that they would call me ugly names because I accepted Korch as an equal. I went through the same thing with my friend, Jarnail, in Junior High. He was my neighbor. We walked to school together, played soccer together, and hung out together. Though I wasn't shocked this time, I was disappointed to find out that not everyone believed that people with a different skin color and cultural features were acceptable as equal human beings. And, apparently, by the names called out at me, neither was I acceptable to them as an equally valued human being.

Racism is ugly stuff and does ugly things to people. And once it starts, it is so difficult to stop. It causes hatred, violence, hurt, pain, and revenge to just name a few. It is insidious and destructive and divides people and nations. I think that is why satan introduced it. That's his M.O. after all – to divide, destroy, and deceive humanity.

It is time it stopped. And it begins with disciples of Christ. It begins with us. It begins with the knowledge that God created all people. Every single human being owes his/her existence to God. And though we are created with different colors and characteristics, we are all created by the same God as human beings. Never does God indicate that some are created better or more superior than others— never.

In fact, we learn from the Bible that when the nation Israel came to believe that they were a superior nation to all the rest of the nations in the world, God rebuked them as proud and arrogant and no longer understanding who God was and who they were before God. Jesus made it clear that there is no superiority between races, classes, cultures, and characteristics of people. Jesus died for all people, of all nations, of all cultures, of all races. Revelation 7:9 tells us that, in heaven, there will be people from all races and nations. "After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb." Heaven is not just for one special or superior race. The Apostle Paul, writing about the racism that existed in the Jewish people toward the Gentiles in Ephesians 2:14, says, referring to Jesus, "For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility... his purpose was to create in Himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility."

There is no racism in heaven. There is no racism with Jesus. There is no difference of superiority between people of any color, race, or culture. It is time to stop the hostility, and it can only be done by Jesus— Jesus in us. Yes, we as disciples of Christ need to bring the peace of Christ to bear upon this ugliness called racism.

Jesus loves the little children,
All the children of the world.
Red, yellow, black, and white,
All are precious in His sight.
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Let us do the same.

Pastor Michael Wedman

Reminder:
Masks are now Mandatory
Statewide. Show you care
about others...wear one.

Join us 8:30 am Sunday
at
<https://www.facebook.com/NCCUUnion/>
for services online.
Also join Prayer with Lola
Wednesdays at 10:00 am.
Thursdays watch Fire-
side
Fellowship at 10:00 am.
See interviews on The
Journey
Saturdays at 10:00 am on
Facebook Live.

Visit our website
<https://thenccu.org/>
for daily devotionals and
to tithe with PayPal or a
credit card.



Boxes are due November
16. Get a box in the foyer,
or get it online at the link
on our web page.



*Our Purpose:
Anchored in God's Love, we exist to promote and proclaim
the gospel of Jesus Christ for the salvation and
sanctification of all people.*

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>1 Worship 8:30 ONLINE Facebook Live</p> <p>In-person service 10:30 am Communion</p>	<p>2 Haircut Fundraiser call Kay Shin 360-801-2662</p> <p>Monday Messages with Del 10:00 am Facebook Live</p>	<p>3 Women's Bible Study 10:00 am Sunday School Building</p> <p>Addiction Ministry 6:00 pm</p>	<p>4 Hands For Christ 10:00 am-1:00 pm</p> <p>Prayer with Lola 10:00 am Facebook Live</p> <p>Transformative prayer 6:30 pm contact Ron Wood 253-732-6703</p>	<p>5 Fireside Fellowship 10:00 Facebook Live</p>	<p>6 Prayer Group 9:15 am Sunday School Building</p>	<p>7 The Journey 10:00 am Facebook Live</p> <p>Women's Fellowship Zoom Meeting 1:00 pm</p>
<p>8 Worship 8:30 ONLINE Facebook Live</p> <p>In-person service 10:30 am</p>	<p>9 Monday Messages with Del 10:00 am Facebook Live</p> <p>Loss of a Loved One Grief Support 3:00pm-4:30 pm Sunday School Building</p>	<p>10 Women's Bible Study 10:00 am Sunday School Building</p> <p>Addiction Ministry 6:00 pm</p>	<p>11 Prayer with Lola 10:00 am Facebook Live</p> <p>Transformative prayer 6:30 pm</p>	<p>12 Fireside Fellowship 10:00 Facebook Live</p>	<p>13 Prayer Group 9:15 am Sunday School Building</p>	<p>14 The Journey 10:00 am Facebook Live</p>
<p>15 Worship 8:30 ONLINE Facebook Live</p> <p>In-person service 10:30 am</p>	<p>16 Monday Messages with Del 10:00 am Facebook Live</p> <p>Shoe Boxes Due today</p>	<p>17 Women's Bible Study 10:00 am Sunday School Building</p> <p>Addiction Ministry 6:00 pm</p>	<p>18 Hands For Christ 10:00 am-1:00 pm</p> <p>Prayer with Lola 10:00 am Facebook Live</p> <p>Transformative prayer 6:30 pm contact Ron Wood 253-732-6703</p>	<p>19 Fireside Fellowship 10:00 Facebook Live</p>	<p>20 Prayer Group 9:15 am Sunday School Building</p>	<p>21 The Journey 10:00 am Facebook Live</p>
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