



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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Here we are in December! The end of the year 2020. Or should I write, the END OF THE YEAR 2020!! I am sure we are all thinking that it will be good to get rid of this year and begin a new one -- and to hope that the New Year will bring different outcomes and different circumstances into our lives than what 2020 has done. I get that; I want that too.

I want to be able to travel to Canada to see my family. I want to stay at my parents' home and enjoy Mom's cooking and my dad's corny wisdom. I want to hug my brothers and catch up with my nieces and nephews. I want to spend time with a couple of good friends without having a screen between us. I hope the New Year will bring that.

There are other things I want to do. I want to hop on a plane and jet off to my favorite spot for a dose of wave therapy that the ocean has offered me in the past. I want to sit on the beach, in the sun, with a good book in one hand and "The Good Book" in the other. I want to relax and not have to worry about the breathing of the person next to me.

I want to get together with groups of people, with large groups of people. I want to enjoy hearing the noise of conversations and laughter. I want to hear the voices of a congregation raised in the praise and worship of singing to God. I want to see more chairs in the sanctuary and people filling them. I want to see people who I haven't seen for a long time. I want people who aren't comfortable coming to church just yet being comfortable to come once again.

These, and more, are the things that I hope will happen in the year 2021. But the reality is, I don't know. I don't know if any, or all, of these things will or can happen in the year to come. But I can hope... as long as I am hoping in the right thing.

My hope isn't in a New Year, as if it is something living and powerful, able to bring about the fulfillment of my hopes. Just because I put up a new calendar does not mean I will have a new life or that life will be somehow changed or better. The changing of a year does not change the world; it just changes the number that I write down on my checks. No, I won't hope in a New Year.

Instead, I will look to the future of another year with my hope firmly placed in the one who is all powerful and can change my life and my situation. I will look to the one who the apostle Paul refers to as "the hope of glory" in Col 1:27b. Of course, I am talking about Jesus, the one who is our hope and who gives us hope. He is the sovereign one who extends our hope into eternity, rather for just another year. My focus is on eternity.

It could be that by His sovereignty the year 2021 will be a year of prosperity and peace, health, and safety. Or It could not. It is not up to the year itself; it is up to God. So, no matter what happens as we change our calendars, let's remember to put Jesus as the object of our hope. That's why He came after all -- to give us hope: hope for the forgiveness of sins, for eternal life, and for the perseverance to get there, no matter what happens here on earth.

So, may you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year as you continue to put your hope in Jesus, our hope of glory.

Pastor Michael Wedman

Reminder:

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

**IF RETURNING
FROM OUT OF
TOWN PLEASE
QUARANTINE FOR
14 DAYS BEFORE
COMING TO
CHURCH**

**Join us 8:30 am Sunday
at
<https://www.facebook.com/NCCUnion/>**

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.**





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
Accepting Food Bank donations until 12/20		1 Transformative prayer 11:00 am contact Ron Wood 253-732-6703 Addiction Ministry 6:00 pm	2 Hands For Christ 10:00 am-1:00 pm Prayer with Lola CANCELLED THIS WEEK	3 Fireside Fellowship 10:00 Facebook Live	4 Prayer Group 9:15 am	5 The Journey On Haidas
6 Worship 8:30 ONLINE Facebook Live In-person service 10:30 am Communion	7 Haircut Fundraiser call Kay Shin 360-801-2662 Monday Messages with Del 10:00 am Facebook Live	8 Transformative prayer 11:00 am contact Ron Wood 253-732-6703 Addiction Ministry 6:00 pm	9 Prayer with Lola 10:00 am Facebook Live	10 Fireside Fellowship 10:00 Facebook Live	11 Prayer Group 9:15 am	12 Women's Fellowship 10:00 am to 1:00 pm giving tree wrapping. Sunday
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