



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

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# The Anchor: NCCU News

# July 2020

## Pastor's Message

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I have been thinking a lot about Independence Day, and how July is the month for sun and fun, for boating and BBQ, for bunting and fireworks. This is the Independence Day weekend. The weekend that we celebrate the independence of our United States from all other States. The independence of our nation from all other nations. The independence of our freedoms from all other bondages. These freedoms and independences are truly to be celebrated.

Yet, the celebration is different this year. There are restrictions, there are distances, and there are limits. And for many, there is no celebration at all. It is hard to celebrate when those we love are beyond our reach because of lockdowns. It is hard to celebrate when those we want to hug and hold are fearful of contagion and therefore stay away. It is hard to celebrate with fireworks when so many people are out of work.

It surely doesn't seem very independent this year, does it? We can't go wherever we want to go, we can't do whatever we want to do, and we can't see whomever we want to see. When it comes down to it, we aren't actually all that independent. I know we like to think we are. And we like to think that our country's greatness has come about because of the independence that we celebrate. But, has it? Is our country great because of our independence? Has our core value, that which we celebrate every year, our self-sufficiency, served us well? Can our dependence upon self bring healing to this nation? Are we to rely upon our independence to bring peace to racial tensions and strife? Is it our freedoms that protect us from the curse of pandemics upon our land?

Maybe it is time to add another holiday to our calendar, one that follows very closely to July 4<sup>th</sup>. One that balances, and maybe even challenges our celebration of independence. One that puts Independence Day into perspective. One day that needs to be celebrated just as much: no, even more. What would this day be, you ask? Well, I would call this day Dependence Day. Yes, Dependence Day. July 5<sup>th</sup> – Dependence Day– a day to recognize, acknowledge, and to celebrate our dependence upon God.

More than we need an Independence Day, we need a Dependence Day. More than we need to celebrate our greatness as a nation, we need our nation's greatness to celebrate God's glory and majesty. More than we need a special day of flags and fireworks, we need a special day of prayer and fasting. More than we need bunting and BBQs, we need bowing and bending of our knees.

Yes, this nation is great. But not because of our independence. Rather, because of our dependence. Only dependence upon God will heal and help this nation. Nothing else. And it begins, not with an Independence Day Celebration, but instead with a Dependence Day Celebration. It is time for us, this nation, to take to heart the words that were written in its infancy, "In God We Trust".

Happy Dependence Day.

Pastor Michael Wedman



Plastic shoe boxes. These are very sturdy and the kids can pack food and water in them!

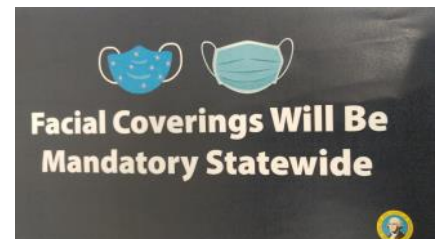
Although we are now back in the church, we will not be handing out Bulletins. Therefore, we are sending out E-Bulletins. We will let you know **what** we will be doing at the NCCU, but we will also still do the online services. It will come to all who get the Newsletters. If you don't get it, let us know in the office.

**Join us 8:30 am Sunday at**  
<https://www.facebook.com/NCCUUnion/>  
**for services online.**

**Also join Prayer with Lola**  
**Wednesday at 10:00 am. Join**  
**Pastor Wedman with his**  
**interviews on The Journey**  
**Saturdays at 10:00 am on Face-**  
**book Live.**

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

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



**Annual Meeting:**  
**Thursday, July 6, 2020, 6:30 pm**  
**NCCU Worship Center**

**Transformative prayer on ZOOM 6:30 pm**  
**Wednesdays; contact Ron Wood 253-732-6703.**

### Addiction Ministry

We want to bring Jesus into any struggle that you are having with addiction & a place to talk with people who know what you are going through. Tuesdays 6:00 pm at NCCU; Call Niel Challstrom 360-877-9048



*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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