

July 10, 2021

Dear Beloved Sisters and Brothers in Christ,



I saw a stump in the backyard of the parsonage. The stump looked rotten, dirty, useless, and lifeless. I was going to cover the ugly stump with leaves and branches in order to hide it. But I found out that there was a new life coming out of a tiny crack on the stump. "How could this have happened?" This was the first question that came to my mind, and I continued to ask, "Why did God show me this beautiful and small life now?" When Jesus died on the cross, his disciples must have felt that their faith was cut off like this stump. However, it wasn't the end. The early church was, like a small and new life, shooting out of their frustration. We are believers, who believe in the resurrection. Let us not lose our belief and hold onto our faith.

Peace,
Pastor ChangYong Shin

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

* Please join our **online worship service** tomorrow. The links below will bring you to our church's Facebook page and YouTube channel for the Livestream of the service starting at 10 am. Please try both media before the worship begins and let me know if you have any technical issues.

Facebook Livestream

<https://www.facebook.com/firstmontclair/>

YouTube Livestream

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUR1bJEbBotXuG5T8QvwUKA>

* Thank you for supporting our ministry financially. For your contributions to the church and our ministry, you may offer your **gifts via mail or online**. For online giving, please follow this link: <https://www.firstmontclair.org/give.html>

* **Children's Ministry**

Each week the video for the children's worship goes live following the children's message at approximately 10:15 on Sundays on our YouTube channel, linked below. If you subscribe to our YouTube channel, you will get a notification when the children's worship goes live!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUR1bJEBBotXuG5T8QvwUKA>.

Please contact Dr. Leslie Lester at dr.Leslie.lester@gmail.com if you are interested in helping.

* Remember these people **in your prayers**:

-All the health care workers-giving everything to care for COVID-19 patients

-Everyone who is diagnosed with COVID-19

-All victims of gun violence

-All victims of hate crimes

* Upcoming **Small Group Meeting via ZOOM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5607739145>

Dial-in 929 205 6099 Meeting ID: 560 773 9145

- UMW Gathering: Saturday, July 10, 2021, 10:30 am

- Now Prayer Meeting, July 17, 2021, 9:00 am

* **Pastor Shin's office hours** are 9am - 12pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. However, you are always welcome to communicate with him via text, phone call, Email, FaceTime, Zoom, KakaoTalk, WhatsApp, and in-person meeting. In order to talk with you, he will try to open all doors as many as possible. So, feel free to knock on all doors and he'll be gladly there for you.

* July Birthdays

4	Michael Lindo
10	Ariana Padilla
12	Ellen Conover
14	Arlene Stewart
26	Bobbette Kelly
27	Sarah Kezengwa
28	Annie Myers