

July 31, 2021

Dear Beloved Sisters and Brothers in Christ,



A life has been existing in our church's basement, so called "Dungeon." Even if nobody has recognized it, we still have hope in the deepest darkness. Even when walls are all around and stuffy air surrounds, hope is growing up, if there is a handful of light. A handful of God's grace saves our souls and nurtures our spirits. Let's be thankful for the handful of air we have been given today, and pray for the birth of life even in an invisible place.

Peace,
Pastor ChangYong Shin

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[ANNOUNCEMENTS]

*Online Worship Service

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>

* Offering

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 10:15am 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.

* **Prayer Requests**

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 and hate crimes.
- Janice: Peggy Groh. For her recovery from cancer.
Nick Serpico. For his recovery from a bad accident, who recently fell down in stairs, so his ribs were broken.
- Gaston: Church, life and job stability in Covid-19.
- Langirene: Peace and Unity in the World. People with Mental illness. People who are grieving the passing of loved Ones.

* Upcoming Small Group Meetings via ZOOM or In-Person

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

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

- Youth Gathering: July 31, 2021, afternoon at Brookdale Park

- Now Prayer Meeting, Aug 7, 2021, 9:00 am via zoom
- UMW Gathering: Aug 7, 2021, 10:30 am via zoom
- Trustee Meeting: Aug 12, 2021, 07:30pm via zoom

* Office Hours

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.

* August Birthdays

- 4 Juan Diego Pozo
- 18 Dana Padilla
- 21 Christopher Sterling
- 26 Ken Rapp
- 27 Carmen Campbell
- 29 Frankie Aguilh
- 31 Eden Arseneault
Catherine Lindo
Allie Lester