

September 22, 2020

Dear Zion Presbyterian Church family members,

Through the Word that God gave us through the preaching on the last Lord's Day, the suffering that we experience tells us very important fact. That is, God is the Lord all over the world. The reason why this fact is important and meaningful is that the suffering, which we experience, is the natural result of conducts from human beings who departed from God as well as we as we continue to make people around us suffer within our life context, and we are very used to relying on ourselves or others rather than relying on God.

Before "death," the apex of the suffering for loss, that Job met, human beings can see that they cannot do anything they want and will finally be frustrated. Therefore, the extreme suffering will guide us to confess "God is the Lord of my life not we" by following Job's confession, which was, the standard response to the suffering for loss, given by God even in the situation that the confession, "I myself is the lord of my life," looks natural.

At the same time, God, who strongly declares His Lordship or His sovereignty over lives, in order to prove that, sent Jesus Christ and let Him die on the cross along with our suffering, which was confined within the suffering for everlasting death, and through that made us come out of "everlasting death" and reside in "eternal life." Nowadays, COVID-19, part of our regular life, produces suffering in us. In that situation, we pray that we all would listen to what suffering tells, God is the Lord of our life or God is sovereign, and rely on Jesus Christ as well as submit all the suffering matters to Him, although that seems weak and old style.

❖ **News Shared**

1. **Discussion of The extended Session and Cell Group Leaders**

On this Lord's Day(9/27), the extended session and cell group leaders will gather together, as announced on the last Lord's Day, in order to pray together and discuss our next steps. That is the time for those who were chosen by God for serving Church to pray for individuals, families, and the steps forward of our church. Please take you time and passion for the prayer together.

2. **Special Prayer Meeting**

Those who were chosen by God to serve the church as team leaders will gather together on the next Lord's Day (10/4) after worship service for praying for our church in the Youth worship room. Please pray for this meeting, too.

3. **Please continue to pray for Zion Korean School(Online) & Temperate Fellowship After Worship.**

❖ **The Hybrid Lord's Day Worship Service**

1. In order to provide our better members the most comfortable environment, all of our members continually keep "wearing the face mask throughout the worship service" and "social distance." **Thank you so much for your cooperation!**
2. When entering the sanctuary, after checking body-temperature, if the fever (100.4 °F) is detected, please follow guidance of worship team leader. Please check your health condition, if you feel fever or chill, have cough, have underlying medical condition, and feeling uncomfortable to come to church building, then please worship at home via YouTube.

In Jesus Christ,

Zion Presbyterian Church Session