



# LIGHTHOUSE

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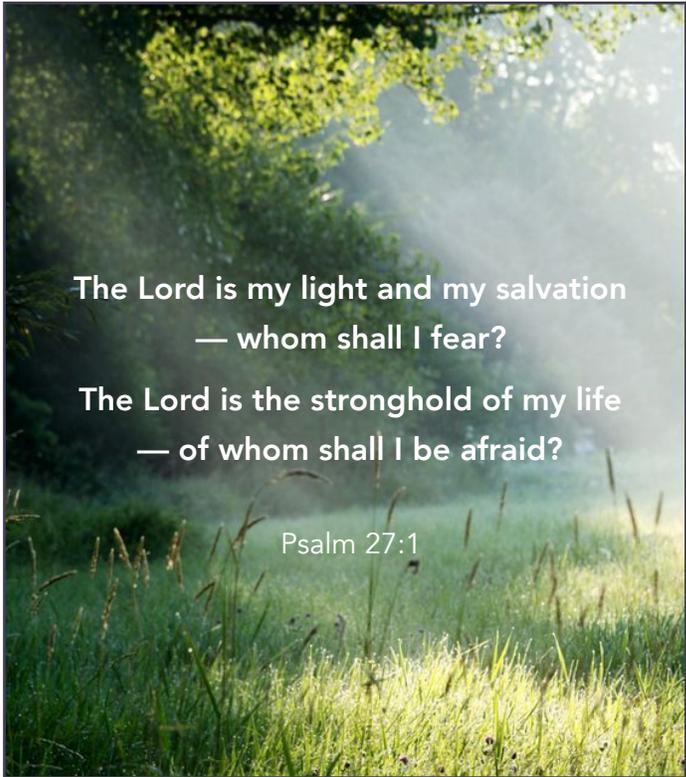
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## 1 JOHN 1: 1-7

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched – this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

NIV



The Lord is my light and my salvation  
— whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life  
— of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalm 27:1

## SERVICES & EVENTS

**Sunday, May 23rd**

**All Congregations Pentecost In-Person Service at GGUMC**

**All other Worship Services and events in May will be conducted online. Please find more information on Page 5.**



Dear Horeb Family,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

The month of May is one that brings into our focus two important events for the life of the Church: The Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Day of Pentecost.

As we commemorate the Ascension of the risen Lord, we remember how on the fortieth day after Easter, the disciples witnessed the Lord Jesus being taken up into heaven where He sat down at the right hand of God the Father (Mark 16:9). It especially reminds us that He's still reigning in glory, still living for us today and in control of our lives and beyond according to God's will and great purpose. Church is the community that lives through the power of the resurrection and the vision of our Lord and Savior in the midst of challenges and tribulation. We're called to *"run with perseverance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God"* (Hebrews 12:11). He is there at the right-hand of God in victory – victorious over the powers of darkness, sickness, evil, and sin. He stands as our Lighthouse, leading us through the dark, stormy waters that frustrate our journey to the peaceful shores. And let's also remember what was spoken to the disciples as they looked intently into the sky as He ascended, *"Men of Galilee...why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into heaven"* (Acts 1:11).

The Day of Pentecost, which comes ten days later, is celebrated as the birthday of the Church. We remember and rejoice in the gift of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit which would empower and guide the disciples and all the faithful in the light and witness of the Gospel, the love and grace of God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Let's praise God for the Holy Spirit who has been given as the Comforter and Guide, assuring us the presence of the risen Lord in our lives, equipping us bear fruit for glory of God, and leading us into all truth. And it is this Holy Spirit who unites us in Christ as the children of God.

As the crisis that is the pandemic continues in our lives and we find ourselves troubled by the recent COVID-19 surge in India, may we all the more look with eyes of faith at Christ who has given us victory and be strengthened to be able to proclaim as the Psalmist, *"I have set the LORD always before me; because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken"* (Psalm 16:8). May Christ be found exalted in our lives – as individuals, families, parish – just as He's exalted at the right-hand of the God the Father. May the Holy Spirit which transformed and empowered the Apostles transform our fear and worries into courageous hope and enlightened faith. May we all the live in the light of His grace and work for His glory in the expectant hope for His coming again.

As we complete one more year of ministry, thanking God for the loving care and prayerful support received from the Horeb family. May the grace and mercies of the Triune God be with us all.

Yours in Christ,

**Rev. Arun Samuel Varghese**



## Letting God Do the Work

By Alex Abraham

As we look into our daily lives, we oftentimes are reminded of the stresses that we experience along with it. When we're going through the rough storms, the clouds cover our eyes and prevent us from seeing God calming the seas and the wind. When we are weak and worn out, relying on our own strength to get us over that mountain makes it seem impossible. As the stresses of life consume our minds and leave us unsettled, God asks us to rely on him.

We know our strength can't always get us through the hardships of life. So why do we continue to ask what are we going to do? We are reminded in Joshua 1:9 that God is with us. We are commanded to be strong and courageous, not to be frightened or dismayed. God is with us wherever we go. If we know that God is in control, why do we ask what we're going to do? We should pray the same prayer Elisha prayed for his servant. Open our eyes, Lord, so that we may see.

## Easter Sunday Service

On Easter Sunday, Horeb joined the congregations of Garden Grove United Methodist Church for an outdoor service. The service was also live streamed for those attending virtually from home. Arun Achen delivered the Easter message.





## MAY CALENDAR

*All links to the virtual worship services and teleconference info will be provided via email.*

SUN MAY 2	8:45am - 10:15am 10:15am - 10:30am 10:30am - 12:30pm	Sunday School - Zoom Praise and Worship - Zoom Online Worship Service (English) - Zoom
TUE MAY 4	7:00pm - 8:30pm	Parish Prayer Fellowship/Bible Study - Zoom
WED MAY 5	8:00pm - 9:00pm	Western Regional MTVEA Tele-Prayer
THU MAY 6	8:00pm - 9:00pm	Western Regional Sevika Sangham Prayer Meeting - Zoom
FRI MAY 7	7:00pm - 9:00pm	South Area Prayer - Zoom
SAT MAY 8	6:00pm - 8:00pm	West Area Prayer - Zoom
SUN MAY 9	8:45am - 10:15am 10:15am - 10:30am 10:30am - 12:30pm	Last Day of Sunday School - Zoom Praise and Worship - Zoom Online Worship Service (English) - Zoom; <i>Mother's Day</i>
TUE MAY 11	7:00pm - 8:30pm	Parish Prayer Fellowship/Bible Study - Zoom
WED MAY 12	8:00pm - 9:00pm	Western Regional MTVEA Tele-Prayer
SAT MAY 15	10:00am - 11:30pm	Sevika Sangham Meeting - Zoom
SAT MAY 15	6:00pm - 8:00pm	East Area Prayer - Zoom
SUN MAY 16	9:15am - 9:30am 9:30am - 11:30pm 12:00pm	Praise and Worship - Zoom Online Worship Service (English) - Zoom Diocesan Exam - <i>Details via email</i>
TUE MAY 18	7:00pm - 8:30pm	Parish Prayer Fellowship/Bible Study - Zoom
WED MAY 19	8:00pm - 9:00pm	Western Regional MTVEA Tele-Prayer
SUN MAY 23	9:30am - 11:30am	All Congregations Pentecost In-Person Service - GGUMC
SUN MAY 23	3:00pm - 4:00pm	Sevika Sangham Mary's Kitchen Prep - <i>Julie &amp; Manoj Mathew's Residence</i>
TUE MAY 25	7:00pm - 8:30pm	Parish Prayer Fellowship/Bible Study - Zoom
WED MAY 26	8:00pm - 9:00pm	Western Regional MTVEA Tele-Prayer
FRI MAY 28	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Parish Wide Prayer - Zoom
SUN MAY 30	10:15am - 10:30am 10:30am - 12:30pm	Praise and Worship - Zoom Online Worship Service (English) - Zoom

IN LOVING MEMORY OF...  
**Mr. Varghese Mathew**

*Mr. Varghese Mathew (Baby), Sheeba George's uncle, passed away in Pattazhy, Kerala at 82 years old. Let us uphold their family in our prayers and ask God to comfort them during this time.*



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