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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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Gathering Song: At the Name of Jesus

† Call to Worship (Psalm 103:8-12)

Pastor: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

People: He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;

Pastor: he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

People: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;

Unison: as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

†Hymn: Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

Matthew 5:39-48 Responsive

³⁹ But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. ⁴⁰ And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well.

⁴¹ If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. ⁴² Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

⁴³ “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

⁴⁶ If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

1 Corinthians 13 Responsive

¹ If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

⁸ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears.

¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me.

¹² For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

This is the Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

† Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

† Hymn: Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory:

Musician: Yuto Sugano

† Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Second Scripture Readings

Romans 6:1-18 Responsive

¹ What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?

³ **Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.**

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—⁷ because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

⁸ **Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

¹² **Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. ¹³ Do not offer any**

part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness.

¹⁴For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means!¹⁶Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?

¹⁷But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. ¹⁸You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

Luke 17:1-10 Responsive

¹Jesus said to his disciples: “Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come. ²It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble. ³So watch yourselves.

“If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. ⁴Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying ‘I repent,’ you must forgive them.”

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”

⁶He replied, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you.

⁷“Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, ‘Come along now and sit down to eat’? ⁸Won't he rather say, ‘Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink’? ⁹Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do?

¹⁰So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Increase Our Faith

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn: Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed

Responsive Litany (from Ephesians 2)

Pastor: As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world.

People: **We were by nature deserving of wrath.**

Pastor: But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

People: **God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.**

Unison: **For it is by grace you have been saved through faith—and this is not of yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.**

Thanks be to God.

† Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

To our Visitors

We welcome you and hope our worship enables you to draw near to God through Christ Jesus, and that you feel welcome among us. Please sign our guest book in the narthex.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks,
For this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

In Need of Prayer

Brenda's brother, Bernard, kidney
Brenda for encouragement, health
Bunny Rector, transition new residence
Jennifer, encouragement, health
Janet Young, assisted living
Ed Steele, for mobility, back pain
Pat Grad's, sister, Priscilla, health
Jane Kirkpatrick, encouragement
April Barrett, ankle surgery
Darlene Little, heart and dialysis

For those who grieve:

Donna Whiting, sister
Bunny Rector, husband
Ellen Dorman, husband
Kelly Rende, wife
Sam Hutson, wife
Linda Szczepanek, multiple losses
Engebretsons, daughter, sister
Hartigs, son
Electrica Woods, sister
Linda Davis, 4 family members in 2 yrs.
Reginia Higgs, mother

In Need of Prayer

Ray Boone, completed chemotherapy, pray for effectiveness
Benita Puzzuoli, health, beginning treatment this week
Linda & Ray Johnson's son Ryan, for health
Travel mercies, Clay family from Africa on January 16th
Joanna, niece of Lucy McGuire, young mom, serious cancer
Felicia, breast cancer, relative of Sean Murphy
Sean's family in death of Martin
Jack Engebretson, painful jaw, but improving
Domingo, needs transplants; LaShell cancer
Emily, friend of Isles family, salvation and employment
Don Rende's brother, Bob, failing health
Sue Isles, sister-in-law of Ron/Karen, on chemo
Sean's aunt & uncle, Sonja/Ronnie, heavy caregiving
Rob, friend of Jen Freese, in nursing home, for salvation
Rachel Hopson, deliverance from worldly ways (Sean)
Sue Work, sinus infection
Debbie, Pam Paglino's friend, ovarian cancer returned
Krystal's cousin, heart valve surgery
Donna Whiting's sister's family in grief
Vershave family in Florida, many family stressors
Cindi Taaffee's godson, Michael, for employment
Sheila, Isles family, burns, family care
Isles family for wisdom in care of aunt, hip, and confusion
Celeste Chernenkoff, preparing for hip surgery on 1/23

General Fund giving last week: \$3,625
Total giving in January: \$5,650

If you have not picked up your 2023 offering envelopes, please ask Bev.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Regenia Higgs and family on the death of her mother, Alberta Weaver on January 6. Alberta was a long-time member of our church. Pray for Reginia, who is exhausted following Alberta's injury and homegoing.

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 92. God spoke all these words. The Fourth Commandment.

Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shall you labor, and do all your work; but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your manservant, or your maidservant, or your cattle or the sojourner who is within your gates; for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it.