



CHRIST  
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# Welcome to Worship

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## Gathering Song: The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power

### † Call to Worship (Psalm 24:1-6 ESV)

Pastor: The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,

**People: for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.**

Pastor: Who shall ascend to the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

People: He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

**Unison: He will receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

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### † Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy

### † Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

## First Scripture Readings

(Reader: Ralph Klein)

### Isaiah 40:21-31 Responsive

<sup>21</sup> Do you not know?

Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood since the earth was founded?

<sup>22</sup> **He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth,  
and its people are like grasshoppers.**

**He stretches out the heavens like a canopy,  
and spreads them out like a tent to live in.**

<sup>23</sup> He brings princes to naught  
and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing.

<sup>24</sup> No sooner are they planted,  
no sooner are they sown,  
no sooner do they take root in the ground,  
than he blows on them and they wither,  
and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff.

<sup>25</sup> **“To whom will you compare me?  
Or who is my equal?” says the Holy One.**

<sup>26</sup> Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens:  
Who created all these?  
He who brings out the starry host one by one  
and calls forth each of them by name.  
Because of his great power and mighty strength,  
not one of them is missing.

<sup>27</sup> **Why do you complain, Jacob?  
Why do you say, Israel,  
“My way is hidden from the LORD;  
my cause is disregarded by my God”?**

<sup>28</sup> Do you not know?  
Have you not heard?  
The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

**He will not grow tired or weary,  
and his understanding no one can fathom.**

<sup>29</sup> He gives strength to the weary  
and increases the power of the weak.

<sup>30</sup> Even youths grow tired and weary,  
and young men stumble and fall;

<sup>31</sup> **but those who hope in the LORD  
will renew their strength.  
They will soar on wings like eagles;  
they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint.**

**Psalm 147:1-11, 20c Responsive**

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD.

How good it is to sing praises to our God,  
how pleasant and fitting to praise him!

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD builds up Jerusalem;  
he gathers the exiles of Israel.**

<sup>3</sup> **He heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up their wounds.**

<sup>4</sup> He determines the number of the stars  
and calls them each by name.

<sup>5</sup> Great is our Lord and mighty in power;  
his understanding has no limit.

<sup>6</sup> **The LORD sustains the humble  
but casts the wicked to the ground.**

<sup>7</sup> Sing to the LORD with grateful praise;  
make music to our God on the harp.

<sup>8</sup> **He covers the sky with clouds;  
he supplies the earth with rain  
and makes grass grow on the hills.**

<sup>9</sup> **He provides food for the cattle  
and for the young ravens when they call.**

<sup>10</sup> His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse,  
nor his delight in the legs of the warrior;

<sup>11</sup> the LORD delights in those who fear him,  
who put their hope in his unfailing love.

**Praise the LORD.**

This is the Word of the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God!**



**<sup>38</sup>And he said to them, “Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.” <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.**

<sup>40</sup>And a leper came to him, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, “If you will, you can make me clean.” <sup>41</sup>Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, “I will; be clean.” <sup>42</sup>And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.

**<sup>43</sup>And Jesus sternly charged him and sent him away at once, <sup>44</sup>and said to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to them.”**

<sup>45</sup>But he went out and began to talk freely about it, and to spread the news, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter a town, but was out in desolate places, and people were coming to him from every quarter.

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**Thanks be to God!**

### **Sermon: The Touch that Heals**

Dr. James N. McGuire

### **Pastoral Prayer**

### **The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

#### **† The Apostles Creed Unison**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### **† Prayer of Confession (Psalm 51:1-7) Unison**

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your unfailing love;  
according to your great compassion  
blot out my transgressions.

<sup>2</sup>Wash away all my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.

<sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions,

and my sin is always before me.

<sup>4</sup>Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are proved right when you speak  
and justified when you judge.

<sup>5</sup>Surely I was sinful at birth,  
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

<sup>6</sup>Surely you desire truth in the inner parts;  
you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

<sup>7</sup>Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;  
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

### **Receiving the Elements of the Lord's Supper**

#### **† Hymn: Onward Christian Soldiers**

#### **† Responsive Litany (Romans 8:31-34)**

Pastor: What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

**People: He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him graciously give us all things?**

Pastor: Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.

**Unison: Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.**

#### **† Benediction**

### **Welcome, Announcements and Prayers**

**Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor**

**Dr. Eric Roth, Director of Music**

**To our visitors: We hope our worship enables you to draw near to God through Christ Jesus, and that you feel welcome here among us. Please sign the guest book in the narthex and allow us to greet you. Our normal fellowship time after the service has been postponed due to the Covid-19 restrictions.**

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**In Need of Prayer**

Bert Schwab, in hospital  
Bill Rector  
Brenda Cook, health  
Cindy Taaffee  
Jen Freese, health, Maya's health,  
Dennis & Ellen Dorman  
Cindy Bemis  
Kent's sister, Lori  
George Donoian and family  
Gail Nastwold  
John Dellinger's sister, Nancy  
Don Rende's brother, Bob  
David, friend of Cindy Taaffee  
Mark, cousin of Elaine Clay, heart surgery  
Jim, Gary, Marion, friends of Szczepaneks  
Linda Szczepanek  
Cody, grandson of Carolyn Krueger  
Colleen, friend of Kelly Rende  
Kelly Rende's friend, Paul whose wife died

Yvonne Ray, assisted living  
Alberta Weaver, at home  
John Dellinger's friend with Parkinson's  
Chet Doak, surgery last Friday  
Anastasia, for continuing pregnancy  
Alanna, daughter of Bruce Terras's manager  
Marie Johnson, Linda & Ray Johnson's daughter  
Keely & Josh, daughter/son-in-law of Linda Johnson  
Julie, dear friend of Chernenkoffs  
Nicki, Donna's neighbor, new cancer  
Avery, niece of Teresa Lisowki  
Brenda's sister, Joyce, eye surgery 2.25.21  
Kelly Rende's co-worker, new cancer  
Grieving families with recent loss of loved ones: Kelly Rende, Linda Szczepanek, Sam Hutson, Dormans  
Kristen, Clay family friend, for successful pregnancy  
April's friend Kristen, Kristen's mom with brain cancer---for comfort, salvation  
Patty Bodnar, dental surgery 2.1.21

Healthcare Workers: Ray Johnson, Angie O'Dell, Karen Isles, Krystal Murphy, Claudine Sordyl—for protection from Covid; strength for the long hours, and opportunities for sharing Christ.

**Please also pray for people who are struggling over mental health issues, particularly brought on by the stresses of Covid-19, unemployment, etc.**

**Audio Sermons** can be heard on the church website: <http://christ-presbyterianchurch.org>

**Our Military;** Metzners' grandson Bryan; and relative of Teresa Lisowski, deployed to Iraq.

*Pray for God's protection of girls/women and intervention to stop the human sex trafficking in our state.*

Monthly need: \$17,083.00  
Giving to general fund last week: \$4,390  
Giving to general fund in January: \$20,995  
Giving to mortgage in January: \$1,135

**Heidelberg Catechism: Q 128.** What does your conclusion to this prayer mean? **A.** *For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever* means: We have made all these requests of you because, as our all-powerful king, you not only want to, but are able to give us all that is good; and because your holy name and not we ourselves, should receive all the praise, forever.

**Pray for the persecuted church around the world.**



Stories abound about the restrictions and physical persecution of our Christian brothers and sisters in many places throughout the world. They need the strength of our prayers. Check it out!

- The most oppressive country in the world for Christians is North Korea. Please pray especially for those in prison camps, suffering from Covid-19 and a dire shortage of food. It is estimated that there are 300,000 believers in N. Korea.
- Churches in China, India, and Nigeria continue to be under increasing stress and persecution, especially pastors.
- African and South American countries are experiencing severe pandemic effects with limited resources.

Pray for those we support: the Fogelbachs, Tim North, Marcus Liew, Enrique Cepeda, CDC, Open Door, Methodist Children's Home, and more.

Pray for a local ministry, **Central Detroit Christian Community Development (CDC)** serving the poor in Zip code 48202. Fikre Prince is the new director; Lisa Johanan is now housing director. This is a wonderful ministry to little ones, all ages of children, as well as adults, providing tutoring, a medical clinic, help with housing, training teens in job skills, a laundromat, fresh produce, and more.

**Open Door** is a ministry to homeless and hungry centered at Fort Street Presbyterian. They serve hundreds of meals, a place for a shower, and warm clean clothes for destitute in the area.