



CHRIST  
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# Welcome to Worship

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**Gathering Song: Behold Our God** (Bulletin page 6)

† **Call to Worship** (Psalm 118:1,4-6, 28,29 ESV)

Pastor: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

**People: Let those who fear the LORD say: "His steadfast love endures forever."**

Pastor: Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free.

**People: The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?**

Pastor: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God and I will extol you.

**Unison: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.**

† **Hymn: Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him** (page 7)

† **Invocation and the Lord's Prayer**

**First Scripture Readings**

(Reader: Cathie Cheslak)

**2 Peter 1:16-21 Responsive**

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

<sup>17</sup>**He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."**

<sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

**<sup>19</sup> We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.**

<sup>20</sup> Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things.

**<sup>21</sup> For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.**

### **Psalm 50:1-6 Responsive**

<sup>1</sup> The Mighty One, God, the LORD,  
speaks and summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to where it sets.

**<sup>2</sup> From Zion, perfect in beauty,  
God shines forth.**

<sup>3</sup> Our God comes  
and will not be silent;  
a fire devours before him,  
and around him a tempest rages.

**<sup>4</sup> He summons the heavens above,  
and the earth, that he may judge his people:**

<sup>5</sup> "Gather to me this consecrated people,  
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice."

**<sup>6</sup> And the heavens proclaim his righteousness,  
for he is a God of justice.**

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: Let All Things Now Living**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings  
The Love of God**

**Offertory**

**arr: Mark Hayes**

### † 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

(Reader: Cathie Cheslak)

### 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Responsive

<sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.

<sup>4</sup>**The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.**

<sup>5</sup>For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

<sup>6</sup>**For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.**

### Luke 9:28-36

<sup>28</sup>About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray.

<sup>29</sup>**As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning.**

<sup>30</sup>Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. <sup>31</sup>They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem.

<sup>32</sup>**Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.**

<sup>33</sup>As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.)

<sup>34</sup>**While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud.**

<sup>35</sup>A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him."

<sup>36</sup>**When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.**

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

## **Sermon: Unveiling the Majesty of Our Lord Jesus**

Dr. James N. McGuire

### **Pastoral Prayer**

#### **† Hymn: It is Well with My Soul**

#### **† Responsive Litany (Colossians 1:15-20 ESV)**

Pastor: The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

**People: For in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.**

Pastor: And He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning and the firstborn from the dead, so that in everything he might be preeminent.

**Unison: For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace by the blood of his cross.**

#### **† 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, rehab  
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

Yvonne Ray, assisted living  
Alberta Weaver, at home  
Ken, Bev's son-in-law, severe back pain  
Chet Doak  
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

Healthcare Workers: Ray Johnson, Angie O'Dell, Karen Isles, Krystal Murphy—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: \$5,115  
Giving to general fund in Feb.: \$5,115  
Giving to mortgage in Feb.: \$50

**Heidelberg Catechism: Q 129.** What does that little word "Amen" express? **A.** *Amen* means, This is sure to be! It is even more sure that God listens to my prayer, that I really desire what I pray for.

*This completes the Heidelberg Catechism which we have followed weekly from May 13, 2018, to today.*



## **1 Corinthians 13**

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. 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. 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.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

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. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. 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. 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.

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