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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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Gathering Song: Come, Christians, Join to Sing

† Call to Worship (Isaiah 55:6-9 ESV)

Leader: Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts.

People: Let him return to the LORD, that he might have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Leader: For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

Unison: For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

† Hymn: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

Reader: Bruce Terras

Psalm 2 Responsive

- ¹Why do the nations conspire
and the peoples plot in vain?
- ²The kings of the earth rise up
and the rulers band together
against the LORD and against his anointed, saying,
- ³“Let us break their chains
and throw off their shackles.”
- ⁴**The One enthroned in heaven laughs;
the Lord scoffs at them.**
- ⁵**He rebukes them in his anger
and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,**
- ⁶**“I have installed my king
on Zion, my holy mountain.”**
- ⁷I will proclaim the LORD’s decree:
He said to me, “You are my son;
today I have become your father.
- ⁸Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance,
the ends of the earth your possession.
- ⁹You will break them with a rod of iron;
you will dash them to pieces like pottery.”
- ¹⁰**Therefore, you kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers of the earth.**
- ¹¹**Serve the LORD with fear
and celebrate his rule with trembling.**
- ¹²Kiss his son, or he will be angry
and your way will lead to your destruction,
for his wrath can flare up in a moment.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Philippians 2:1:11 Responsive

- ¹Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ²then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something

to be used to his own advantage;

⁷rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

⁸And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

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: How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: Praise the Name of Jesus/All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Arr: Mark Hayes

Musician: Yuta 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

Colossians 1:15-23 Responsive

¹⁵The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

¹⁷ **He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.**

¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

²¹ **Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. ²² But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation — ²³ if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel.**

This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

Matthew 16:13-29 Responsive

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

¹⁴ **They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."**

¹⁵ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

¹⁶ **Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."**

¹⁷ Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.

¹⁸ **And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."**

²⁰ Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

Sermon: To Tell the Truth
Elder Kelly Rende

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: May the Mind of Christ, My Savior

† Responsive Litany (from Ephesians 2)

Leader: 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.

Leader: 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 from 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

**Members are asked to remain for the Congregational Meeting
Non-Members may observe, but not vote.**

Members are encouraged to remain for the annual business meeting.

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor



Final Notice of Annual Congregation Meeting

The delayed 2022 Annual Meeting of the Congregation is called for February 19, 2023, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary, for the purpose of acting on the Proposed Budget for 2023, and for other matters that may come before the Congregation at that time. All members are encouraged to attend and participate in this important meeting. Visitors are welcome to observe.

Volunteers Needed

Please consider volunteering to work with the children during the time parents are in the worship service. Our goal is to teach them the word of God that they will come to love Jesus. A simple curriculum is available. Sign up in the Narthex. Even once a month would be appreciated. Please see Donna Whiting if interested. If teaching is not your gift, consider being a helper.

We have opened the Baby Nursery, too. Primarily for babies and toddlers, it is a quiet place. Would you be a stand-by person for the times when little ones come with their families? Also sign up in the Narthex, indicating baby nursery.

Ladies' Bible Study Meets on Tuesday Mornings

Every week eight or ten ladies meet for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. They meet here at the church at 10 a.m. for about an hour. If you are interested, please see Judy Dellinger.

Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. Luke 18:1ff

In Need of Prayer

Janet Young, hospice, continued peace
 Jacob Phillips, fractured toe, off work
 Brenda's brother, Bernard, kidney ,hope
 Brenda for encouragement, health
 Bunny Rector, transition new residence
 Jennifer, depression, hope
 Ed Steele, for mobility, back pain
 Pat Grad's, sister, Priscilla, health
 Jane Kirkpatrick, encouragement
 Darlene Little, heart and dialysis
 Ron's brother, HIV, needs housing
 Jacob, toe fracture, off work
 Maureen, dear friend of Lisa Lochrie
 Reagan, child with seizures

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, brother
 Hartigs, son
 Electrica Woods, sister
 Linda Davis, 4 family members in 2 yrs.
 Regina Higgs, mother

In Need of Prayer

Ray Boone, completed chemo, pray for strength
 Benita Puzzuoli, strength, ongoing treatments
 Linda & Ray Johnson's son Ryan, for health
 Felicia, breast cancer, relative of Sean Murphy
 Sean's family in death of Martin
 Domingo, needs transplants; LaShell cancer
 Emily, friend of Isles family, salvation and employment
 Don Rende's brother, Bob, failing health
 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)
 Debbie, Pam Paglino's friend, ovarian cancer returned
 Krystal's cousin, heart valve surgery, doing well
 Donna Whiting's sister's family in grief
 Judy Vershave and family in Florida
 Cindi Taaffee's godson, Michael, for employment
 Sheila, Isles family, burns, family care
 Isles family for wisdom in care of aunt, hip, confusion
 Lance, brother-in-law of Isles, liver failure
 Sue Isles, sister-in-law of Ron/Karen, on chemo
 Pray for Nate Lochrie, a fire fighter, for safety each day
 Pray for the survivors of earthquake in Turkey/Syria
 Pray for students and families at Michigan State

General Fund giving last week: \$4,570
 Total giving in February: \$9,890

Thank you for your faithful giving to the Lord.

Our sincere sympathy to Lucy and Jimmy McGuire in the death of her niece, Joanna, after a long bout with cancer. She leaves a husband and two sons, ages 9 and 2 years.

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 94. What does the Lord require in the first commandment? **A.** That I, not wanting to endanger my very salvation, avoid and shun all idolatry, magic, superstitious rites, and prayer to saints or to other creatures. That I sincerely acknowledge the only true God, trust him alone, look to him for every good thing humbly and patiently, love him, fear him, and honor him with all my heart. In short, that I give up anything rather than go against his will in any way.