



CHRIST  
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# Welcome to Worship

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**Gathering Song: What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

† **Call to Worship** (Psalm 100 ESV)

**Pastor:** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

**People:** **Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!**

**Pastor:** Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

**People:** **Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

**Unison:** **For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

† **Hymn: All Hail the Power**

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

## First Scripture Readings

(Reader: Justin Isles)

### Genesis 9:8-17 Responsive

<sup>8</sup>Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: <sup>9</sup>“I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth.

**<sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.”**

<sup>12</sup>And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: <sup>13</sup>I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

**<sup>14</sup>Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind.**

Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. <sup>16</sup>Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.”

**<sup>17</sup>So God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth.”**

### Psalms 25:1-15 Responsive

<sup>1</sup>In you, LORD my God,  
I put my trust.

**<sup>2</sup>I trust in you;  
do not let me be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>3</sup>No one who hopes in you  
will ever be put to shame,  
but shame will come on those  
who are treacherous without cause.

**<sup>4</sup>Show me your ways, LORD,  
teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my Savior,  
and my hope is in you all day long.

**<sup>6</sup>Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love,  
for they are from of old.**

<sup>7</sup>Do not remember the sins of my youth  
and my rebellious ways;

according to your love remember me,  
for you, LORD, are good.

<sup>8</sup>**Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.**

<sup>9</sup>**He guides the humble in what is right  
and teaches them his way.**

<sup>10</sup>All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful  
toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

<sup>11</sup>For the sake of your name, LORD,  
forgive my iniquity, though it is great.

<sup>12</sup>**Who, then, are those who fear the LORD?  
He will instruct them in the ways they should choose.**

<sup>13</sup>**They will spend their days in prosperity,  
and their descendants will inherit the land.**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD confides in those who fear him;  
he makes his covenant known to them.

<sup>15</sup>**My eyes are ever on the LORD,  
for only he will release my feet from the snare.**

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: Oh, to See the Dawn**

**Offertory**  
**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**  
**Just a Closer Walk with Thee**

**arr: Jack Shafer**

**† 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: Justin Isles)

### 1 Peter 3:18-22 Responsive

<sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.

**<sup>19</sup>After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— <sup>20</sup>to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built.**

In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, <sup>21</sup>and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God.

**It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.**

### Hebrews 9:11-15, 24-28 Responsive

<sup>1</sup>But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that are now already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not made with human hands, that is to say, is not a part of this creation.

**<sup>12</sup>He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.**

<sup>13</sup>The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean.

**<sup>14</sup>How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!**

<sup>15</sup>For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

**<sup>24</sup>For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. <sup>25</sup>Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own.**

<sup>26</sup>Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.

**<sup>27</sup>Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, <sup>28</sup>so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.**

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon: One Time and No More, Ever**

Dr. James N. McGuire

**Pastoral Prayer**

**† Hymn: Freely, Freely**

**† Responsive Litany** (Hebrews 4:14-16 ESV)

**Pastor:** Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

**People:** For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

**Unison:** Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**† 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/medication adjustment  
Cindy Taaffee  
Jen Freese, health, Maya's health,  
Dennis & Ellen Dorman  
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, post-op infection  
Jim, Gary, Marion, friends of Szczepaneks  
Linda Szczepanek  
Cody, grandson of Carolyn Krueger  
Cindy Bemis  
Yvonne Ray, assisted living  
Alberta Weaver, at home  
Ray Boone's friend, Marvin, back surgery

Ken, Bev's son-in-law, severe back pain  
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, surgery 2.18.21  
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  
Brenda's nephew, Stephen. His friend committed suicide  
Baby Jase, mom Lindsay, friends of Linda Johnson  
Renata, friend of Elaine, auto accident injuries  
Carl (wife Darlene), Roger, end of life, by Judy Carr

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: \$5,045  
Giving to general fund in February: \$9,435  
Giving to mortgage in February: \$200

**Heidelberg Catechism: Heidelberg Catechism: Q 1.** What is your only comfort in life and death? **A.** That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

Q.1 continued next week