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# Welcome to Worship

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**Gathering Song: Hallelujah, What a Savior!** (Bulletin page 7)

† **Call to Worship** (Isaiah 55:6-9 ESV)

**Pastor:** 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 may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

**Pastor:** 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: There is a Fountain** (page 8)

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

## First Scripture Readings

(Reader: Linda Johnson)

### Genesis 17:1-7, 15,16 Responsive

<sup>1</sup> When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, “I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. <sup>2</sup>Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.”

<sup>3</sup>**Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, <sup>4</sup>“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations.**

<sup>6</sup>I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. <sup>7</sup>I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.”

<sup>15</sup>**God also said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her.”**

### Psalms 22:23-31 Responsive

<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, praise him!  
All you descendants of Jacob, honor him!  
Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

<sup>24</sup>**For he has not despised or scorned  
the suffering of the afflicted one;  
he has not hidden his face from him  
but has listened to his cry for help.**

<sup>25</sup>From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly;  
before those who fear you I will fulfill my vows.

<sup>26</sup>**The poor will eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek the LORD will praise him—  
may your hearts live forever!**

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth  
will remember and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations  
will bow down before him,

<sup>28</sup>for dominion belongs to the LORD  
and he rules over the nations.



## Second Scripture Readings

(Reader: Linda Johnson)

### Romans 4:13-5:2 Responsive

<sup>13</sup> It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith.

<sup>14</sup> **For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, <sup>15</sup> because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.**

<sup>16</sup> Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all.

<sup>17</sup> **As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations."<sup>1</sup> He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.**

<sup>18</sup> Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be."<sup>19</sup> Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead.

<sup>20</sup> **Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.**

<sup>22</sup> This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness."<sup>23</sup> The words "it was credited to him" were written not for him alone, <sup>24</sup> but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.

<sup>25</sup> **He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.**

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

### Mark 8:31-38 Responsive

<sup>31</sup> He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again.

<sup>32</sup> **He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.**

<sup>33</sup> **But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."**

<sup>34</sup> Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.

<sup>36</sup> **What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? <sup>37</sup> Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?**

<sup>38</sup> If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels.

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

**Sermon: Embracing the Shame of Jesus**  
Dr. James N. McGuire

**Pastoral Prayer**

**† Hymn: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**

**† Responsive Litany** (Romans 5:1,2, 6-8)

Pastor: Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

**People: through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.**

Pastor: You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

**People: Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die.**

**Unison: But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

**† Benediction**

**Welcome, Announcements and Prayers**

## 2 Corinthians 5:10-21

<sup>10</sup>For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

<sup>11</sup>Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience.

<sup>12</sup>We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. <sup>13</sup>If we are "out of our mind," as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. <sup>14</sup>For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

<sup>16</sup>So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup>that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**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, grief  
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 2.25.21  
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  
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: \$3,980  
Giving to general fund in Feb: 14,140  
Giving to mortgage in February: \$490

**Heidelberg Catechism: Q 1.** What is your only comfort in life and death? A. He has fully paid for my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. (Part 2 of this answer.)