



CHRIST  
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# Welcome to Worship

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## **Gathering Song: Spirit Song**

### **† Call to Worship (from Psalm 119)**

Pastor: May my cry come before you, LORD; give me understanding according to your word.

**People: May my lips overflow with praise, for you teach me your decrees.**

Pastor: May my tongue sing of your word, for all your commands are righteous.

**People: May your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts.**

Pastor: I long for your salvation, LORD, and your law gives me delight.

**Unison: Let me live that I may praise you, and may your laws sustain me.**

### **† Hymn: The Church's One Foundation**

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

## First Scripture Readings

(Reader: Ralph Klein)

### Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Responsive

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) <sup>16</sup>and said, “Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup>He was one of our number and shared in our ministry.”

**<sup>21</sup>Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from John’s baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection.”**

<sup>23</sup>So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias.

**<sup>24</sup>Then they prayed, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs.”<sup>26</sup>Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.**

### Psalm 1 Responsive

<sup>1</sup>Blessed is the one  
who does not walk in step with the wicked  
or stand in the way that sinners take  
or sit in the company of mockers,

**<sup>2</sup>but whose delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and who meditates on his law day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,  
which yields its fruit in season  
and whose leaf does not wither—  
whatever they do prospers.

**<sup>4</sup>Not so the wicked!  
They are like chaff  
that the wind blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

**<sup>6</sup>For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.**

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: The Trees of the Field**

Offertory    **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**  
**My Tribute**    **by Andre Crouch**  
**Guest Pianist: Linda Johnson**

**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: Ralph Klein)

**John 17:6-19 Responsive**

<sup>6</sup>“I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word.

<sup>7</sup>**Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. <sup>8</sup>For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.**

<sup>9</sup>I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them.

<sup>11</sup>**I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.**

<sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

<sup>13</sup>**“I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them.**

<sup>14</sup>I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. <sup>15</sup>My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.

<sup>17</sup>**Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.**

### **1 John 4:19--5:12 Responsive**

<sup>19</sup>**We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.**

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. <sup>2</sup>This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands.

<sup>3</sup>**In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.**

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup>For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup>the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.

<sup>9</sup>**We accept human testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. <sup>10</sup>Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony.**

Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son.

<sup>11</sup>**And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.**

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

### **Sermon: Here's What We Know (Part 4)**

Dr. James N. McGuire

### **Pastoral Prayer**

**† Hymn: Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise**

**† Responsive Litany (Romans 13:8-10)**

Pastor: Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.

**People:** The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command:

Pastor: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

**Unison:** Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

**† Benediction**

**Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers**

**Pastor: Dr. James N. McGuire**

**Music Director: Dr. Eric Roth**

**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 our guest book. Our normal fellowship time after the service has been postponed due to the Covid-19 restrictions.**

**Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12**

**In Need of Prayer**

Stella, 8 years, brain bleed  
 Brenda Cook, health, esp. kidney  
 Cindy Taaffee  
 Jen Freese, grief, training of therapy dog  
 Dennis (Ellen) Dorman, cancer  
 Kent's sister, Lori  
 George Donoian, in rehab  
 John Dellinger's sister, Nancy  
 Don Rende's brother, Bob  
 David, friend of Cindy Taaffee  
 Mark, Elaine's cousin, home now  
 Gary, Marion, friends of L.Szczepanek  
 Ray Boone's friend, Marvin, set-back  
 Dan, friend of Doaks, fall/rehab  
 Alberta Weaver, for stability  
 Reginia Higgs, strength caring for Alberta  
 Justin Conn, kidney transplant recovery  
 Linda Szczepanek  
 Lori Palumbo, grief  
 Ken, Bev's son-in-law, back surgery  
 Renata, Elaine's friend, wrist surgery 5/18

**In Need of Prayer**

Priscilla Smith, recent surgery  
 Charlie Wilson  
 Katalee Deighton, lymphoma  
 Gail Nastwold's family for full recovery from Covid  
 Anastasia, high risk pregnancy, 31 weeks  
 Alanna, auto accident, more surgeries & rehab  
 Marie Johnson, Linda & Ray's daughter  
 Keely & Josh (USN), daughter/son-in-law of Linda Johnson  
 Nicki, Donna's neighbor, new cancer  
 Grieving families with recent losses of loved ones:  
     Kelly Rende, Linda Szczepanek, Sam Hutson, Dormans  
 Ray Johnson, Karen Isles, Angie O'Dell, Krystal Murphy, Claudine Sordyl, and other healthcare workers to keep well  
 Baby Jase, Mom Lindsey, friends of Linda Johnson  
 Danny, brother-in-law of Donna Whiting, pain, leg ulcers  
 Bruce's co-worker, Tony, bladder cancer  
 Bell family in death of 17 year old son  
 Rita, friend of Bruce Terras, chemotherapy  
 Joni, Philip, Christian workers in Myanmar, protection  
 India, suffering widespread Covid deaths

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

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

Monthly need: \$17,083.00  
 Giving to general fund last week: \$4,440  
 Giving to general fund in May: \$9,905  
 Giving to mortgage in May: \$400

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

Pray for those of our church who worship on-line, that they will sense the love and care we have for each other.

**Heidelberg Catechism: : Q 12.** According to God's righteous judgement we deserve punishment both in this world and forever after; How then can we escape this punishment and return to God's favor? **A.** God requires that the claims of his justice must be paid in full, either by ourselves or by another.