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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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Gathering Song: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

† Call to Worship (Psalm 103:8,9,13-17, ESV)

Pastor: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

Pastor: As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

People: As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field,

Pastor: for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.

Unison: But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children.

† Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings
Psalm 118:1-29 Responsive

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

²**Let Israel say:**

“His love endures forever.”

³**Let the house of Aaron say:**

“His love endures forever.”

⁴**Let those who fear the LORD say:**

“His love endures forever.”

⁵When hard pressed, I cried to the LORD;
he brought me into a spacious place.

⁶The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?

⁷The LORD is with me; he is my helper.
I look in triumph on my enemies.

⁸**It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in humans.**

⁹**It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in princes.**

¹⁰**All the nations surrounded me,
but in the name of the LORD I cut them down.**

¹¹**They surrounded me on every side,
but in the name of the LORD I cut them down.**

¹²They swarmed around me like bees,
but they were consumed as quickly as burning thorns;
in the name of the LORD I cut them down.

¹³I was pushed back and about to fall,
but the LORD helped me.

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my defense;
he has become my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of joy and victory
resound in the tents of the righteous:
“The LORD’s right hand has done mighty things!**

¹⁶**The LORD’s right hand is lifted high;
the LORD’s right hand has done mighty things!”**

¹⁷I will not die but live,
and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

¹⁸The LORD has chastened me severely,

but he has not given me over to death.
¹⁹Open for me the gates of the righteous;
I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.
²⁰This is the gate of the LORD
through which the righteous may enter.
²¹I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation.
²²**The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;**
²³**the LORD has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**
²⁴**The LORD has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.**
²⁵LORD, save us!
LORD, grant us success!
²⁶**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.
From the house of the LORD we bless you.**
²⁷**The LORD is God,
and he has made his light shine on us.
With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession
upto the horns of the altar.**
²⁸**You are my God, and I will praise you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.**
²⁹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever

1 Peter 2:1-12 Responsive

¹Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. ²Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, ³now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴**As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— ⁵you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.**

⁶For in Scripture it says:

“See, I lay a stone in Zion,
a chosen and precious cornerstone,
and the one who trusts in him
will never be put to shame.”

⁷Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

**“The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”[†]**

⁸and,

**“A stone that causes people to stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.”[†]**

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

¹¹Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. ¹²Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

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: Christ Is Made a Sure Foundation

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

† 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

Acts 4:1-12 Responsive

¹ The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. ² They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. ³ They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. ⁴ But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand.

⁵ **The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. ⁶ Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. ⁷ They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"**

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹ If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, ¹⁰ then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.

¹¹ **Jesus is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone."**

¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

Luke 20:9-19 Responsive

⁹ He went on to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time. ¹⁰ At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹ He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. ¹² He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out.

¹³ **"Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.'**

¹⁴ "But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. 'This is the heir,' they said. 'Let's kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.'¹⁵ So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

"What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶ He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others."

When the people heard this, they said, "God forbid!"

¹⁷ Jesus looked directly at them and asked, "Then what is the meaning of that which is written:

**"The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone?"**

¹⁸ Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed."

¹⁹ The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.

Sermon: The Rejectors Pay the Ultimate Price

Dr. James N. McGuire

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: God Has Spoken by His Prophets

Responsive Litany (2 Corinthians 4:4-6, 18)

Pastor: 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.

People: For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

Pastor: For God, who said, "Let the light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Jesus Christ.

Unison: So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

† Benediction

Welcome, Announcements and Prayers

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor



SAVE the DATE

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Our Annual Church Picnic is planned for next Sunday, June 11, 2023, following our worship service. The food will be catered; no need to bring a thing! We will gather indoors rather than outside with the road construction. **Don't forget to sign up in the Narthex today!** Carolyn Sharpe will be in charge; it is bound to be a great event.

If you won't be in church today, you may call Bev in the office to reserve your meal, no later than Monday morning.

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
 Brenda, for her blood pressure
 Jennifer's father, chemo treatment
 Ed Steele, for mobility, back pain
 Nancy Hill, health
 Jane Kirkpatrick, encouragement
 Darlene, heart and dialysis
 Ron's brother, needs housing
 Maureen, dear friend of Lisa Lochrie
 Reagan, child with seizures
 Kay, hospice for peace and pain relief
 Kimi, suffering
 Ron, age 34, heart failure, needs heart transplant
 Jen, serious ankle injury
 Lance, liver failure
 Sue, sister-in-law of Ron/Karen
 Gordon Power, frailty

In Need of Prayer

Glad, pain, home
 Paul, recuperating at home
 Rosie, improving
 Andy, health
 Benita, strength
 Felicia, breast cancer, relative of Sean Murphy
 Sean's family in death of Martin
 Domingo, needs transplants; LaShell cancer
 Don's brother, Bob, failing health
 Sean's aunt & uncle, Sonja/Ronnie, heavy caregiving
 Debbie, Pam's friend
 Judy V and family, in Florida
 Ken's brother with cancer
 Pray for Nate, a fire fighter, for safety each day
 Lee, breast cancer, mother of small children
 Ron, age 34, heart failure, needs heart transplant
 Chuck, step-father of Lisa, family death, despondent
 Pray for caregivers of those who are ill

Please pray for our friend, John Bayon and his family in the sudden and unexpected death of his eldest daughter.

General Fund giving last week: \$4,212
 Total giving to date in May: \$27,252
 Thank you for your faithful giving to the Lord.

Pray for our global partners, such as Tim and Rob in the Middle East, for Dave and Carol Foglebach ministering in Central Asia. Remember to pray for Christians around the world who are persecuted for their faith in Christ.

Heidelberg Catechism Q.108. What is God's will for us in the seventh commandment?

A. God condemns all unchastity. We should therefore thoroughly detest it and, married or single, lead decent and chaste lives.