



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

JUNE 19, 2022

Gathering Song: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

† Call to Worship (from Psalm 68)

Pastor: Sing to God, sing praise to his name, his name is the LORD—rejoice before him.

People: Praise be to the LORD, to God our Savior who daily bears our burdens.

Pastor: Our God is a God who saves; from the Sovereign LORD comes escape from death.

People: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth, sing praise to the LORD.

Pastor: You are awesome, O God, in your sanctuary; the God of Israel gives power and strength to his people.

Unison: Praise be to God!

†Hymn: I Sing the Mighty Power of God

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

1 Kings 19:1-15a Responsive

¹ Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ² So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, "May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them."

³ **Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, ⁴ while he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, LORD," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors."** ⁵ Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep.

All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." ⁶ He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.

⁷ **The angel of the LORD came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you."** ⁸ So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. ⁹ There he went into a cave and spent the night.

And the word of the LORD came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

¹⁰ **He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."**

¹¹ The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by."

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹² After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

¹⁴ **He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."**

¹⁵ The Lord said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram.

Psalms 22:19-28 Responsive

¹⁹ But you, LORD, do not be far from me.

You are my strength; come quickly to help me.

²⁰ Deliver me from the sword,

my precious life from the power of the dogs.

²¹ Rescue me from the mouth of the lions;
save me from the horns of the wild oxen.

²² **I will declare your name to my people;
in the assembly I will praise you.**

²³ **You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you descendants of Jacob, honor him!
Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!**

²⁴ 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.

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

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

²⁷ 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,

²⁸ for dominion belongs to the LORD
and he rules over the nations.

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: Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

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

Luke 8:26:39 Responsive

²⁶ They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. ²⁷ When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs.

²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torture me!" ²⁹ For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places.

³⁰ Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"

"Legion," he replied, because many demons had gone into him. ³¹ And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.

³² A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. ³³ When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned.

³⁴ When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, ³⁵ and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid.

³⁶ Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. ³⁷ Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left.

³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.

Hebrews 11: 24-28 Responsive

²⁴ By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. ²⁵ He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

²⁶ He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.

²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

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Sermon: Making the Best Choice

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

†Hymn: What Wondrous Love Is This?

Responsive Litany (Hebrews 12:1-4)

Pastor: Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.

People: And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Pastor: For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God.

Unison: Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

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

In Need of Prayer

Karen Isles, recovering from surgery, 6/8
 Patty Bodnar, recovering surgery, 5/24
 Janet Young, in rehab after falls
 Cheri Boone's friend Dot, fall injuries
 Janet Evans, adjustment to move to AZ
 Felicia, new diagnosis breast cancer
 Relative of Sean Murphy
 Jen Freese, pain, possible surgery
 Alberta Weaver, home
 Regina Higgs as caregiver to Alberta
 Brenda Cook, blood pressure, kidney poor
 Brenda's brother, Bernard, kidney failing
 Brenda's sister, Joyce, ? eye cancer
 Don Rende's brother, Bob, poor health
 David, friend of Cindy Taaffee
 Marion, Dan ,friends of L.Szczepanek
 Grace, injuries from a fall, per Gail N.
 Ed Steele for mobility, back pain
 Al Lindsay, chemotherapy for lung cancer
 Boone's friend caring for invalid, age 102

In Need of Prayer

Mark (18) a-fib, Justin (16) knee surgery, grandsons of
 Linda Szczepanek
 Marlene, relative of Gail Nastwold, eye cancer
 Chris with stage 4 cancer, neighbor of Linda Szczpanek
 Lauren, niece of Ron Lisowski
 Alanna, serious surgery for auto injuries
 Joanna, niece of Lucy McGuire, a young mom, cancer
 Richard Abraham, son-in-law of Hartigs, improving
 Margaret, Wilsons' friend, brain tumor
 Keely, daughter of Linda Johnson, husband at sea 6 months
 Darlene Little, heart health
 John, friend of Cindy Taaffee, pancreatic cancer
 Karen Isles, sister-in-law, completing chemo for cancer
 Delilah, young relative of Isles family
 Linda Johnson's mother, advanced dementia
 Salvation for Edward, Laura, Nick
 Ken, son-in-law of Bev, Parkinson's, pain, walking problem
 Jane Kilpatrick
 Traveling mercies for Peter and Renate on June 20.

Pray for the war in Ukraine

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

Our Military: Metzner's grandson; Bryan, relative of Teresa Lisowski, deployed to Iraq.

Monthly Budget Need: \$18,333

Our deepest sympathy to Eleatrice Woods in the sudden death of her sister, Angela, on June 7, 2022 .

Heidelberg Catechism: Q. 68. How does baptism remind you and assure you that Christ's one sacrifice on the cross is for you personally? **A.** In this way: Christ instituted this outward washing and with it gave the promise that, as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body, so certainly his blood and his Spirit wash away my soul's impurity, in other words, all my sins.