



CHRIST  
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## Welcome to Worship

**JULY 11, 2021**

**Gathering Song: Come, Christians, Join to Sing**

**† Call to Worship** (from Psalm 27)

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

**People: One thing I ask of the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to see him in his temple.**

Leader: For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

**People: I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.**

**Unison: Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.**

**† Hymn: Praise the Savior, You Who Know Him**

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

## First Scripture Readings

### 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 Responsive

<sup>1</sup> David again brought together all the able young men of Israel—thirty thousand. <sup>2</sup> He and all his men went to Baalah in Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the Name, the name of the LORD Almighty, who is enthroned between the cherubim on the ark.

<sup>3</sup> **They set the ark of God on a new cart and brought it from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, were guiding the new cart <sup>4</sup> with the ark of God on it, and Ahio was walking in front of it.**

<sup>5</sup> David and all Israel were celebrating with all their might before the LORD, with castanets, harps, lyres, timbrels, sistrums and cymbals.

<sup>12</sup> **Now King David was told, “The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-Edom and everything he has, because of the ark of God.” So David went to bring up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with rejoicing.**

<sup>13</sup> When those who were carrying the ark of the LORD had taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. <sup>14</sup> Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the LORD with all his might, <sup>15</sup> while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the LORD with shouts and the sound of trumpets.

<sup>16</sup> **As the ark of the LORD was entering the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, she despised him in her heart.**

<sup>17</sup> They brought the ark of the LORD and set it in its place inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and David sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before the LORD.

<sup>18</sup> **After he had finished sacrificing the burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD Almighty. <sup>19</sup> Then he gave a loaf of bread, a cake of dates and a cake of raisins to each person in the whole crowd of Israelites, both men and women. And all the people went to their homes.**

### Psalm 85:8-13 Responsive

<sup>8</sup> I will listen to what God the LORD says;  
he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—  
but let them not turn to folly.

<sup>9</sup> **Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

<sup>10</sup> Love and faithfulness meet together;  
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

<sup>11</sup> **Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,  
and righteousness looks down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup> The LORD will indeed give what is good,  
and our land will yield its harvest.

<sup>13</sup> **Righteousness goes before him  
and prepares the way for his steps.**



salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

### **Acts 10:3-43 Responsive**

<sup>37</sup> You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

<sup>39</sup> **“We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem.**

They killed him by hanging him on a cross, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. <sup>41</sup> He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

<sup>42</sup> **He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.**

<sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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

### **Sermon: A Perfect Resume for a Perfect Redeemer**

Rev. Greg Hands, Guest Speaker

### **Pastoral Prayer**

**† Hymn: Through the Love of God My Savior**

**† Responsive Litany (Colossians 1:9b-14)**

Leader: We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives,

**People: so that you might live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,**

Leader: being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience,

**People: and giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.**

**Unison: For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

**Benediction**

**Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers**

**Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor**

**Dr. Eric Roth, Director of Music**

## **Pray for these, our brothers and sisters in Christ**

### **Updated Information from Persecution.org**

**June 17, 2021.** Jihadist attacks in West Africa have been on the rise since the beginning of this year, with **Nigeria being consistently targeted more than any other country in the region.** Terrorist groups such as Boko Haram, Fulani Militants, and ISWAP have killed tens of thousands of Christians and displaced millions in an attempt to discard western influence and impose strict Islamic Sharia law. Illia Djadi, Open Doors senior analyst on freedom of religion and belief in sub-Saharan Africa, stated: *“In the northeast of Nigeria, Boko Haram spreads terror with its systematic raids on predominantly Christian communities with abductions, sexual violence, and roadblock killings... Christians have been specifically targeted and disproportionately been affected by this violence... The responses by the government are clearly not enough, since perpetrators of such violence are able to continue attacking Christians, and other Nigerians, with impunity.”*

**From opendoorsusa.org**

### **What does persecution look like in India? What is life like for Christians?**

Hindu extremists believe that all Indians should be Hindus, and that the country should be rid of Christianity and Islam. They use extensive violence to achieve this goal, particularly targeting Christians from a Hindu background. Christians are accused of following a “foreign faith” and blamed for bad luck in their communities. These believers are often physically attacked and sometimes killed, as well as being under constant pressure from their family and community to return to Hinduism. If they do not “re-convert,” they may be boycotted by their community, with a devastating effect on their ability to earn income. Many believers are isolated and don’t know any other Christians.

Christians are persecuted in all areas of public and private life, and anti-conversion laws (currently in nine states, with more considering adoption) are abused to harass and intimidate Christians. Few people are actually convicted under these laws, but cases can drag on for years.

***For more information, please see both of these sites.***

**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**

Gail Nastwold  
 Stella, 8 years old  
 Brenda Cook, health, esp. kidney  
 Jen Freese, grief, training of therapy dog  
 Dennis (Ellen) Dorman, cancer  
 Kent's sister, Lori  
 George Donoian  
 Don Rende's brother, Bob  
 Don Rende's nephew, Chris  
 David, friend of Cindy Taaffee  
 Gary, Marion, friends of L.Szczepanek  
 Alberta Weaver, for stability  
 Reginia Higgs, strength caring for Alberta  
 Linda Szczepanek  
 Renata, Elaine's friend, wrist surgery  
 Pat Grad's daughter Kelly, hip surgery  
 Linda Szczepanek's grandson, Justin  
 Dot, friend of Cheri Boone  
 Dan, friend of Chet Doak  
 Pam Paglino's friend, recurrence of cancer

**In Need of Prayer**

Bill Rector  
 Sue Work  
 Charlie Wilson's cousin Christine, death of her daughter  
 Joanna, niece of Lucy McGuire, a young mom, cancer  
 Katalee Deighton, lymphoma  
 Donna Whiting  
 Anastasia, high risk pregnancy, baby girl  
 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  
 Danny, brother-in-law of Donna Whiting, pain  
 Bruce's co-worker, Tony, bladder cancer  
 Christopher, Pat Grad's cousin, Covid  
 Joni, Philip, Christian workers in Myanmar, protection  
 John, friend of Cindy Taaffee, pancreatic cancer

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

Monthly need: \$17,083.00  
 Giving to general fund last week: \$4,785  
 Giving to general fund in July: \$4,785  
 Giving to mortgage in July: \$150

**Our Military:** Metzners' grandson; and Bryan, 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.*

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. 20.** Are all men saved through Christ just as all were lost through Adam? **A.** No. Only those are saved who by true faith are grafted into Christ and accept all his blessings.