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## WE WELCOME YOU IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

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**Gathering Song: I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord**

† **Call to Worship** (Psalm 61:1-5,8)

Pastor: Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer.

**People: From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I.**

Pastor: For you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe.

**People: I long to dwell in your tent forever and take refuge in the shelter of your wings.**

Pastor: For you, God, have heard my vows; you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name.

**Unison: Then I will ever sing in praise of your name and fulfill my vows day after day.**

† **Hymn: Lord of the Universe**

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

**First Scripture Readings**  
**Isaiah 35:1-10 Responsive**

<sup>1</sup> The desert and the parched land will be glad;  
the wilderness will rejoice and blossom.  
Like the crocus, <sup>2</sup> it will burst into bloom;  
it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.  
The glory of Lebanon will be given to it,  
the splendor of Carmel and Sharon;  
they will see the glory of the LORD,  
the splendor of our God.

**<sup>3</sup> Strengthen the feeble hands,  
steady the knees that give way;  
<sup>4</sup> say to those with fearful hearts,  
“Be strong, do not fear;  
your God will come,  
he will come with vengeance;  
with divine retribution  
he will come to save you.”**

<sup>5</sup> Then will the eyes of the blind be opened  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

<sup>6</sup> Then will the lame leap like a deer,  
and the mute tongue shout for joy.  
Water will gush forth in the wilderness  
and streams in the desert.

<sup>7</sup> The burning sand will become a pool,  
the thirsty ground bubbling springs.  
In the haunts where jackals once lay,  
grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.

**<sup>8</sup> And a highway will be there;  
it will be called the Way of Holiness;  
it will be for those who walk on that Way.  
The unclean will not journey on it;  
wicked fools will not go about on it.  
they will not be found there.**

<sup>9</sup> No lion will be there,  
nor any ravenous beast;  
they will not be found there.

**But only the redeemed will walk there,**

<sup>10</sup> **and those the LORD has rescued will return.  
They will enter Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy will crown their heads.  
Gladness and joy will overtake them,  
and sorrow and sighing will flee away.**

### **Psalm 57 Responsive**

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, my God, have mercy on me,  
for in you I take refuge.

I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings  
until the disaster has passed.

<sup>2</sup> **I cry out to God Most High,  
to God, who vindicates me.**

<sup>3</sup> **He sends from heaven and saves me,  
rebuking those who hotly pursue me—<sup>[c]</sup>  
God sends forth his love and his faithfulness.**

<sup>4</sup> I am in the midst of lions;  
I am forced to dwell among ravenous beasts—  
men whose teeth are spears and arrows,  
whose tongues are sharp swords.

<sup>5</sup> **Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;  
let your glory be over all the earth.**

<sup>6</sup> They spread a net for my feet—  
I was bowed down in distress.  
They dug a pit in my path—  
but they have fallen into it themselves.

<sup>7</sup> **My heart, O God, is steadfast,  
my heart is steadfast;  
I will sing and make music.**

<sup>8</sup> **Awake, my soul!  
Awake, harp and lyre!  
I will awaken the dawn.**

<sup>9</sup> I will praise you, Lord, among the nations;  
I will sing of you among the peoples.

<sup>10</sup> For great is your love, reaching to the heavens;  
your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

<sup>11</sup> **Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;  
let your glory be over all the earth.**

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: O Word of God Incarnate**

**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**

**1 Peter 2:11-25 Responsive**

<sup>11</sup>Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup>Live 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.

<sup>13</sup>**Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, <sup>14</sup>or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. <sup>15</sup>For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people.**

<sup>16</sup>Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. <sup>17</sup>Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.

**<sup>18</sup>Slaves, in reverent fear of God submit yourselves to your masters, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh. <sup>19</sup>For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. <sup>20</sup>But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it?**

But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. <sup>21</sup>To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

<sup>22</sup>“He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

**<sup>23</sup>When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.”**

<sup>25</sup>For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

### **Hebrews 12:4-13 Responsive**

<sup>4</sup>In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

<sup>5</sup>And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says,

**“My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline,  
and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,  
<sup>6</sup>because the Lord disciplines the one he loves,  
and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.”**

<sup>7</sup>Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? <sup>8</sup>If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all.

**<sup>9</sup>Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! <sup>10</sup>They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness.**

<sup>11</sup>No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

**<sup>12</sup>Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. <sup>13</sup>“Make level paths for your feet,” so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.**

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

**Sermon: Help Is On the Way**

Dr. James N. McGuire

**Pastoral Prayer**

**† Hymn: Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above**

**Responsive Litany (2 Corinthians 10:3-5)**

Pastor: For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does.

**People: The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world.**

Pastor: On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

**People: We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God,**

**Unison: and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.**

**Benediction**

**Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers**

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

**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 in the narthex. We invite you to join us for light refreshments after worship in Fellowship Hall, turning left and through the double doors.**

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

**In Need of Prayer**

Bill Rector, hospitalized  
 Brenda's brother, Bernard, Covid pneumonia, kidney failing, in hospital  
 Janet Young, assisted living  
 Cheri Boone's friend Dot, fall injuries  
 Linda Szczepanek, multiple deaths in family  
 Felicia, new diagnosis breast cancer  
 Relative of Sean Murphy  
 Jen Freese, pain, August surgery  
 Alberta Weaver, home  
 Regina Higgs as caregiver to Alberta  
 Brenda Cook, blood pressure, kidney poor  
 Brenda's sister, Joyce, eye cancer  
 Don Rende's brother, Bob, poor health  
 Dan, friend of L.Szczepanek  
 Ed Steele for mobility, back pain  
 Al Lindsay, chemotherapy for lung cancer  
 Boone's friend caring for invalid, age 102  
 Son of Jim and Patty MacKenzie  
 Senie's sister-in-law, Blodwynn, grief

**In Need of Prayer**

Donna Whiting's sister, Judy, husband, Dan, in AL  
 Patty Bodnar, shoulder and knee pain  
 Ray Boone  
 Marlene, relative of Gail Nastwold, eye cancer  
 Chris, stage 4 cancer, neighbor of Linda Szczpanek  
 Lauren, niece of Ron Lisowski  
 Alanna, recovering from 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  
 Delilah, young relative of Isles family  
 Linda Johnson's mother, advanced dementia  
 Salvation for Edward, Laura, Nick  
 Peter & Renate Hartig in their grief  
 Electrica Woods in her continued grief  
 Emily, friend of Isles, salvation; employment  
 Family of Chet Doak's friend, recent death of his friend  
 Grace, 15 yrs, psychosis, hospitalized. Family also.

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

Monthly budget need: \$18,333  
 Giving to General Fund last week: \$4,090  
 Giving in July to date: \$10,925

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

Our deepest sympathy to Linda Davis on the death of her brother on July 10. 2022.

**Heidelberg Catechism: Q. 71 b.** This promise is repeated when Scripture calls baptism the washing of regeneration and the washing away of sins.

**Q. 72.** Does this outward washing with water itself wash away sins? **A.** No, only Jesus Christ's blood and the Holy Spirit cleanse us from all sins.