



CHRIST
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Welcome to Worship

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Gathering Song: Lord of the Universe

Call to Worship (Psalm 145:9-13 ESV)

Pastor: The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

People: All your works praise you, LORD; your faithful people extol you.

Pastor: They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might,

People: so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Unison: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.

† Hymn: How Deep the Father's Love

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

2 Samuel 7:1-14a Responsive

¹After the king was settled in his palace and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent."

³Nathan replied to the king, "Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the LORD is with you."

⁴But that night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying:

⁵"Go and tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in? ⁶I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling.

⁷Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"

⁸"Now then, tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. ⁹I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you.

Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. ¹⁰And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning ¹¹and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies.

"The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you: ¹²When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom.

¹³He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴I will be his father, and he will be my son.

Psalm 89:20-37 Responsive

²⁰I have found David my servant;
with my sacred oil I have anointed him.

²¹My hand will sustain him;
surely my arm will strengthen him.

²²The enemy will not get the better of him;
the wicked will not oppress him.

²³**I will crush his foes before him
and strike down his adversaries.**

²⁴**My faithful love will be with him,
and through my name his horn will be exalted.**

²⁵I will set his hand over the sea,
his right hand over the rivers.

²⁶ He will call out to me, ‘You are my Father,
my God, the Rock my Savior.’
²⁷ And I will appoint him to be my firstborn,
the most exalted of the kings of the earth.
²⁸ **I will maintain my love to him forever,
and my covenant with him will never fail.**
²⁹ **I will establish his line forever,
his throne as long as the heavens endure.**
³⁰ “If his sons forsake my law
and do not follow my statutes,
³¹ if they violate my decrees
and fail to keep my commands,
³² I will punish their sin with the rod,
their iniquity with flogging;
³³ but I will not take my love from him,
nor will I ever betray my faithfulness.
³⁴ **I will not violate my covenant
or alter what my lips have uttered.**
³⁵ **Once for all, I have sworn by my holiness—
and I will not lie to David—**
³⁶ **that his line will continue forever
and his throne endure before me like the sun;**
³⁷ **it will be established forever like the moon,
the faithful witness in the sky.”**

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: My Savior’s Love

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Lily of the Valley

arr: Mark Hayes

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

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 Responsive

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. ³¹ Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.”

³² So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. ³³ But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them.

³⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. ⁵⁴ As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognized Jesus.

⁵⁵ They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was.

⁵⁶ And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

Ephesians 2:11-22 Responsive

¹¹ Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (which is done in the body by human hands)— ¹² remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵ by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations.

His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.

¹⁷ He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

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Thanks be to God!

Sermon: The House Jesus is Building

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him

† Responsive Litany (Colossians 1:15-20)

Pastor: The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

People: For in him all things were created in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

Pastor: He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

People: And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

Unison: For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

Dr. Eric Roth, Director of Music

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

Sue Work, rehab
 Stella, 8 years old
 Brenda Cook, health, esp. kidney
 Jen Freese, grief, training of therapy dog
 Dennis (Ellen) Dorman, cancer
 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
 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
 Ken Lindsay's brother, Al
 Leroy, friend of Ray Boone
 Ray's ministry to several Veterans

In Need of Prayer

John Engebretson, recovery from knee surgery
 Patty Bodnar, healing. Daughter's friend, loss of baby.
 Joanna, niece of Lucy McGuire, a young mom, cancer
 Bill Rector
 Gail Nastwold
 Katalee Deighton, lymphoma
 Donna Whiting
 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
 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
 Nurses at St Mary Hospital, wisdom re: mandate

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

Monthly need: \$17,083.00
 Giving to general fund last week: \$3,375
 Giving to general fund in July: \$12,030
 Giving to mortgage in July: \$450

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. 22. What then must a Christian believe? A. Everything God promises us in the gospel. That gospel is summarized in the articles of our Christian faith—a creed beyond doubt, and confessed throughout the world. (The Apostles Creed)