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## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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**Gathering Song: Grace Greater than Our Sin**

**Call to Worship** (Isaiah 55:6-9 ESV)

Pastor: Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts.

**People: Let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.**

Pastor: For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

**Unison: For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.**

† Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

## First Scripture Readings

### John 17:20-26 Responsive

<sup>20</sup>“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, <sup>21</sup>that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

**<sup>22</sup>I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.**

<sup>24</sup>“Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

**<sup>25</sup>“Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup>I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”**

### Acts 11:19-30 Responsive

<sup>19</sup>Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews. <sup>20</sup>Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. <sup>21</sup>The Lord’s hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.

**<sup>22</sup>News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. <sup>23</sup>When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. <sup>24</sup>He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.**

<sup>25</sup> Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, <sup>26</sup>and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

**<sup>27</sup>During this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. <sup>28</sup>One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.) <sup>29</sup>The disciples, as each one was able, decided to provide help for the brothers and sisters living in Judea. <sup>30</sup> This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.**

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: Beneath the Cross of Jesus

### Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

**Offertory: “Let Us Break Bread Together”**

**by Geff Phillips, solo**

**Pianist Yuta Sugano**

## † 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 16:16-34 Responsive

<sup>16</sup>Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup>She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, “These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved.” <sup>18</sup>She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit, “In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!” At that moment the spirit left her.

<sup>19</sup>**When her owners realized that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities. <sup>20</sup>They brought them before the magistrates and said, “These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar <sup>21</sup>by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practice.”**

<sup>22</sup>The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup>After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. <sup>24</sup>When he received these orders, he put them in the

inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

**<sup>25</sup> About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup> Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose.**

<sup>27</sup>The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup>But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

**<sup>29</sup> The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup> He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"**

<sup>31</sup>They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." <sup>32</sup>Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. <sup>33</sup>At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized.

**<sup>34</sup> The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.**

#### **Revelation 5:6-14 Responsive**

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

**<sup>7</sup> He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. <sup>8</sup> And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb.**

Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people. <sup>9</sup>And they sang a new song, saying:

**"You are worthy to take the scroll  
and to open its seals,  
because you were slain,  
and with your blood you purchased for God  
persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.  
<sup>10</sup> You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God,  
and they will reign on the earth."**

<sup>11</sup>Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. <sup>12</sup>In a loud voice they were saying:

**"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength  
and honor and glory and praise!"**

<sup>13</sup>Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

**“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be praise and honor and glory and power,  
for ever and ever!”**

<sup>14</sup>The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

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

### **Pastoral Prayer**

### **The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper (see page 6)**

**† Hymn: Wonderful, Merciful Savior**

**Responsive Litany** (Philippians 2:8-10; Revelation 5:13b)

**Pastor:** And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

**People:** **Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the Name that is above every name,**

**Pastor:** so that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

**People:** **and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

**Unison:** **“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever.” Amen**

### **Benediction**

### **Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers**

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

**Yuta Sugano, Musician**

### **The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

### **The Apostle's Creed (Unison)**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **Prayer of Confession (Psalm 51:1-7)**

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your unfailing love;  
according to your great compassion  
blot out my transgressions.

Wash away all my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is always before me.

Against you, you only have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are proved right when you speak  
and justified when you judge.

Surely I was sinful at birth,  
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Surely you desire truth in the inner parts;  
you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;  
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

### **Receiving the Elements of the Lord's Supper**

## **Notes**

**Today we welcome Tim North**, one of our Global Partners, who will share the work he is involved with in the Middle East.

### **Looking ahead.....**

Several people have noticed that our church directory is woefully out of date. There are plans to update it and include those who are newer to our congregation. We will do it “in-house”, not to have a photography company involved.

The over-all plan is to make new photographs available for those whose current photo needs updating. If you like the one in the current directory, you certainly may keep it. Of course, we want to be sure that your contact information is correct.

More information will be available soon.

**Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:17**

**In Need of Prayer**

Brenda, improved health  
 Jen's father, chemo treatment  
 Jen, serious ankle injury  
 Ed, for mobility, back pain  
 Nancy, health  
 Jane, encouragement  
 Darlene, heart and dialysis  
 Maureen, dear friend of Lisa  
 Reagan, child with seizures  
 Kay, hospice, for peace and pain relief  
 Kimi, for suffering  
 Pray for caregivers of those who are ill  
 Isaiah, age 17, brain injury  
 Betty, ill, alone and afraid  
 Richard, chemo, prep for stem cell transplant  
 Don's sister, Linda, breast cancer  
 Liz, treatment for MS  
 Corbin, for bleeding problem  
 Anna, medical tests

In Need of Prayer

Andy, home, therapies at home  
 Patty, strength to care for Andy  
 Glad, for restored strength  
 Paul, recuperating at home  
 Ray, recovery of strength  
 Benita, for improved blood counts  
 Jalene, MS flare-up and heart attack, husband care  
 Domingo, needs transplants; LaShell, cancer  
 Sean's aunt & uncle, heavy caregiving  
 Debbie, Pam's friend  
 Judy V. and family in Florida  
 Lance, brother-in-law of Isles family  
 Sue, sister-in-law of Isles family  
 Ron, age 34, heart failure, needs heart transplant  
 Lee, breast cancer, mother of small children.  
 Shirley, injuries in a fall  
 Katalee, for full healing of lymphoma  
 Nate, firefighter, for safety each day  
 Relatives of Clay family suffered a house fire  
 Alicia, niece of Carolyn, cancer diagnosis  
 Beth, fresh grief over death of husband

General Fund giving last week: \$4,868  
 Total giving to date in July: \$21,634  
 Thank you for your faithful giving to the Lord.

We welcome all visitors today and look forward to meeting new friends. Please let us know your name and how you found our church. We hope you will remain for Fellowship time/coffee through the double doors.

**Heidelberg Catechism Q.115** No one in this life can obey the ten commandments perfectly: Why then does God want them preached so pointedly?

**A.** Secondly, so that, while praying to God for the grace of the Holy Spirit, we may never stop striving to be renewed more and more after God's image, until after this life we reach our goal: perfection.