



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

AUGUST 2, 2020

† **Gathering Hymn: Great is Thy Faithfulness**

† **Call to Worship** (Psalm 95:1-7)

Pastor: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

People: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

Pastor: For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.

People: In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

Pastor: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

Unison: For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

† **Hymn: All Creatures of Our God and King (stanzas 1,2,5)**

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

First Scripture Readings

(Reader: Bruce Terras)

Genesis 32:22-31 Responsive

²² That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions.

²⁴ So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man.

²⁶ Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak."

But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

²⁷ The man asked him, "What is your name?"

"Jacob," he answered.

²⁸ Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome."

²⁹ Jacob said, "Please tell me your name."

But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there.

³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared."

³¹ The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip.

Isaiah 55:1-5 Responsive

¹ Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without cost.

² **Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labor on what does not satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
and you will delight in the richest of fare.**

³ Give ear and come to me;
listen, that you may live.
I will make an everlasting covenant with you,
my faithful love promised to David.

⁴ **See, I have made him a witness to the peoples,
a ruler and commander of the peoples.**

⁵ Surely you will summon nations you know not,
and nations you do not know will come running to you,
because of the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel,
for he has endowed you with splendor.”

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: Praise the Savior, Ye Who Know Him

Offertory	Presentation of Tithes and Offerings	
	It is Well with My Soul	arr: Lloyd Larson
	Prayer of Thanksgiving	

† 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

(Reader: Carolyn Sharpe)

Matthew 14:13-21 Responsive

¹³ When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

¹⁵ **As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.”**

¹⁶ Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”

¹⁷ **“We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered.**

¹⁸ “Bring them here to me,” he said. ¹⁹ And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.

²⁰ **They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.** ²¹ **The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.**

Romans 9:1-18 Responsive

¹ I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit— ² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.

³ **For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, ⁴ the people of Israel.**

Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. ⁵ Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

⁶ It is not as though God’s word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. ⁷ Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham’s children.

On the contrary, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.” ⁸ In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God’s children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham’s offspring.

⁹ For this was how the promise was stated: “At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son.”

¹⁰ Not only that, but Rebekah’s children were conceived at the same time by our father Isaac.

¹¹ Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad—in order that God’s purpose in election might stand: ¹² not by works but by him who calls—she was told, “The older will serve the younger.”

¹³ Just as it is written: “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

⁴ What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! ¹⁵ For he says to Moses,

**“I will have mercy on whom I have mercy,
and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.”**

¹⁶ It does not, therefore, depend on human desire or effort, but on God’s mercy. ¹⁷ For Scripture says to Pharaoh: “I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.”

¹⁸ Therefore God has mercy on whom he wants to have mercy, and he hardens whom he wants to harden.

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

Sermon: Taking Refuge in the Sovereignty of God

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

† The Apostles 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) Unison

¹Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.

²Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.

³For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.

⁴Against 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.

⁵Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

⁶Surely you desire truth in the inner parts;
you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

⁷Cleanse 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

† Hymn: O Zion, Haste

† Responsive Litany (Romans 11:33-36)

Pastor: Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

People: How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!

Pastor: “Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?”

People: “Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?”

**Unison: For from him and through him and for him are all things.
To him be the glory forever! Amen.**

†Benediction

Welcome, Announcements and Prayers

Pastor: Dr. James N. McGuire

Music Director: Dr. Eric Roth

To our visitors: We hope our worship enables you to draw near to God through Christ Jesus, and that you are blessed to share this time with us. We would be happy to hear from you.

In Need of Prayer

Cindy Bemis, Engebretson's daughter
Kelly, Pat Grad's daughter
Priscilla Smith, Pat's sister
George Donoian and family
Carolyn Krueger's son, Chuck
Pat Grad's grandson, Luke age 12
Gail Nastwold
Jen Freese and family
Jen's 100 y/o friend, Adele
Brett Johnson, Nancy's son
Lyndsay, daughter of the Sharpes
Don Rende's brother, Bob
David, friend of Cindy Taaffee
Bruce, friend of the Clay family
Jim, Gary, Marion, friends of Szczepaneks
Linda Szczepanek
Cody, grandson of Carolyn Krueger
Cheri Boone's sister's family
Bruce Hartley, employment
Colleen, friend of Kelly Rende
Dr. Belinda Williams, beginning her internship in NY

In Need of Prayer

Julie, dear friend of Chernenkoffs
Gloria, sister of Bev Thompson
Alberta Weaver, at home
Reginia Higgs
Avery, niece of Teresa Lisowki
Carol, Bev Thompson's cousin
Tracy, friend of Bunny Rector
Andrew, friend of Bodnars, Guillain-Barré syndrome
Randy, friend of Bodnars
Tim, cancer, nephew of Janet Young
Lauren, niece of Ron Lisowski
Kelly Rende's friend Rich, family care burden
Jim Paglino
Carolyn Schmierer, assisted living
Yvonne Ray, assisted living
Ella, age 10, diabetes. friend of Metzners
Unbelieving children in our families

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Kelly Rende and family in the death of his wife, Julia, on July 22, 2020.

Please update this list as appropriate by alerting Bev Thompson.

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

Monthly need: \$17,083.00

Giving to general fund last 2 weeks: \$9,070

Giving to general fund in July: \$15,965

Giving to mortgage: \$1,350

Our Military: Justin, deployed to Qatar; Metzners' grandson; 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.

Heidelberg Catechism: Q. 104. What is God's will for us in the fifth commandment? **A.** That I honor, love, and be loyal to my father and mother and all those in authority over me; that I obey and submit to them, as is proper, when they correct and punish me; and also that I be patient with their failings—for through them God chooses to rule us.



Our Pastor and Session, meeting frequently to pray and discuss planning for return to corporate worship, have set the date for next Sunday, August 9, to resume our worship service in person. You should have received a letter with the various criteria for this public gathering. Within those guidelines, all are welcome, but it is a personal decision about when you are ready to come again.

If you are not able to come, we remind you that *Audio Sermons* are available on our website: www.christ-presbyterianchurch.org

The **new church directories** were delivered just about the time the lockdown began. We now plan to distribute them beginning August 9.

Included with our directory is the use of an online directory for your PC and/or smart phone. If you did not receive your personal code and instructions, or if you need assistance, please call Bev Thompson @ 734-664-2033.

Pray for Missions

- The church in China is under increasing stress and persecution, especially pastors.
- Central African and South American countries are experiencing severe pandemic effects w/limited resources.
- CDC (Central Detroit Christian) ministry to this neighborhood has been deeply limited, yet the needs have increased. Unemployment means no ability to pay rent, feed their children, etc. Pray for wisdom and resources for Lisa Johanan and her team.
- Pray for our missionaries: the Fogelbachs, Tim North, Marcus Liew, and Enrique Cepeda.