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WE WELCOME YOU IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

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Gathering Song: Come, Let Us Praise the Lord

† Call to Worship (Psalm 95:1,2,6,7)

Pastor: O come, let us worship 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: Come, let us bow down and 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: The Lord's My Shepherd (page 8)

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

Daniel 4:28-37 Responsive

²⁸ All this happened to King Nebuchadnezzar. ²⁹ Twelve months later, as the king was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, ³⁰ he said, “Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty?”

³¹ **Even as the words were on his lips, a voice came from heaven, “This is what is decreed for you, King Nebuchadnezzar: Your royal authority has been taken from you.**

³² You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes.”

³³ **Immediately what had been said about Nebuchadnezzar was fulfilled. He was driven away from people and ate grass like the ox. His body was drenched with the dew of heaven until his hair grew like the feathers of an eagle and his nails like the claws of a bird.**

³⁴ At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified him who lives forever.

**His dominion is an eternal dominion;
his kingdom endures from generation to generation.**

³⁵ **All the peoples of the earth
are regarded as nothing.**

**He does as he pleases
with the powers of heaven
and the peoples of the earth.**

**No one can hold back his hand
or say to him: “What have you done?”**

³⁶ At the same time that my sanity was restored, my honor and splendor were returned to me for the glory of my kingdom. My advisers and nobles sought me out, and I was restored to my throne and became even greater than before.

³⁷ **Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just. And those who walk in pride he is able to humble.**

Psalm 14 Responsive

¹ The fool says in his heart,
“There is no God.”
They are corrupt, their deeds are vile;
there is no one who does good.

² **The LORD looks down from heaven
on all mankind**

to see if there are any who understand,
any who seek God.

³All have turned away, all have become corrupt;
there is no one who does good,
not even one.

⁴Do all these evildoers know nothing?

**They devour my people as though eating bread;
they never call on the LORD.**

⁵**But there they are, overwhelmed with dread,
for God is present in the company of the righteous.**

⁶**You evildoers frustrate the plans of the poor,
but the LORD is their refuge.**

⁷Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!
When the LORD restores his people,
let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.

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: How Great Thou Art

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 Timothy 1: 12-17 Responsive

¹²I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service.

¹³**Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. ¹⁴The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.**

¹⁵Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. ¹⁶But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.

¹⁷**Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever.**

Luke 14:1-15 Responsive

¹One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. ²There in front of him was a man suffering from abnormal swelling of his body. ³Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in the law, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?” ⁴But they remained silent. So taking hold of the man, he healed him and sent him on his way.

⁵**Then he asked them, “If one of you has a child or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull it out?” ⁶And they had nothing to say.**

⁷When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: ⁸“When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited.

⁹If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place.

¹⁰**But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”**

¹²Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid.

¹³**But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”**

¹⁵When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, “Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God.”

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

Sermon: Dining at Heaven's Table
Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: It is Well with My Soul

Responsive Litany (Romans 15: 5,6,13)

Pastor: May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had,

People: so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Unison: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Congregational Meeting Today

Members of Christ Presbyterian will meet for the purpose of electing officers for the next three years. The meeting will follow our worship service today, September 11, 2022. All members are encouraged to attend.

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

Brenda's brother, Bernard, home oxygen
 Bill Rector, home
 Care of Bunny Rector
 Brenda Cook, blood pressure, kidney poor
 Jen Freese, recovering from surgery
 Janet Young, assisted living
 Alberta Weaver, home
 Reginia Higgs as caregiver to Alberta
 Ed Steele for mobility, back pain
 Scottt, son of Jim and Patty MacKenzie
 Benita, back pain. Her friend, Ann, Cancer?
For those who grieve:
 Kelly Rende, wife
 Ellen Dorman, husband
 Sam Hutson, wife
 Linda Szczepanek, multiple deaths in family
 Engebretsons, daughter, sister
 Hartigs, son
 Teresa Lisowski, mother
 Electrica Woods, sister
 Bill Sackett, grief for Marylyn

In Need of Prayer

Linda Szczepanek, Injuries in a fall
 Donna Whiting's sister, Judy, and brother-in-law Dan, in AL.
 Joanna, niece of Lucy McGuire, young mom, cancer
 Ray Boone, tests and possible chemotherapy
 Patty Bodnar, shoulder and knee pain. improving
 Felicia, new breast cancer, relative of Sean Murphy
 Marlene, eye cancer, relative of Gail Nastwold
 Chris, stage 4 cancer, neighbor of Linda Szczepanek
 Dan, friend of Linda Szczepanek
 Keely, young mom, husband at sea, L. Johnson's daughter
 Linda Johnson's mother, advanced dementia
 Wilsons' friend, Margaret, with brain tumor
 Darlene Little, heart and dialysis
 Karen Isles, starting new nursing position
 Delilah, young relative of Isles family
 Domingo, needs transplants, LaShell, cancer.
 Emily, friend of Isles, salvation, employment
 Cheri Boone's friend Dot, fall injuries
 Don Rende's brother, Bob, failing health
 Hout family, recent loss his mother, adopting baby
 Newborn with colic, pray for bonding with the dad

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

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

Giving to General Fund last week; \$2,845

Pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ as the Persecuted Church throughout the world. Many face beatings, lack of housing and food, alienation from family and more. In some countries, churches are burned, pastors jailed.

Heidelberg Catechism Q.78. Are the bread and wine (of the Lord's Supper) changed into the body and blood of Christ? **A.** No. Just as the water of baptism is not changed into Christ's blood and does not itself wash away sins but is simply God's sign and assurance, so too the bread of the Lord's Supper is not changed into the actual body of Christ even though it is called the body of Christ in keeping with the nature and language of sacraments.