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WE WELCOME YOU IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

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Gathering Song: The Tender Love a Father Has

† Call to Worship (from Isaiah 25 ESV)

Pastor: O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

People: **You have been a stronghold for the poor, a stronghold to the needy in distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat.**

Pastor: On this mountain the LORD of Hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine.

People: **He will swallow up death forever; and the LORD God will wipe away tears from all faces,**

Unison: **and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.**

† Hymn: O For a Thousand Tongues

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings
Jeremiah 8:1-12 Responsive

¹ “At that time, declares the LORD, the bones of the kings and officials of Judah, the bones of the priests and prophets, and the bones of the people of Jerusalem will be removed from their graves. ²They will be exposed to the sun and the moon and all the stars of the heavens, which they have loved and served and which they have followed and consulted and worshiped. They will not be gathered up or buried, but will be like dung lying on the ground. ³Wherever I banish them, all the survivors of this evil nation will prefer death to life, declares the LORD Almighty.’

⁴ **“Say to them, ‘This is what the LORD says:**

“When people fall down, do they not get up?

When someone turns away, do they not return?

⁵ **Why then have these people turned away?**

Why does Jerusalem always turn away?

They cling to deceit;

they refuse to return.

⁶ I have listened attentively,

but they do not say what is right.

None of them repent of their wickedness,

saying, “What have I done?”

Each pursues their own course

like a horse charging into battle.

⁷ **Even the stork in the sky**

knows her appointed seasons,

and the dove, the swift and the thrush

observe the time of their migration.

But my people do not know

the requirements of the LORD.

⁸ “How can you say, “We are wise,

for we have the law of the LORD,”

when actually the lying pen of the scribes

has handled it falsely?

⁹ The wise will be put to shame;

they will be dismayed and trapped.

Since they have rejected the word of the LORD,

what kind of wisdom do they have?

¹⁰ **Therefore I will give their wives to other men**

and their fields to new owners.

From the least to the greatest,

**all are greedy for gain;
prophets and priests alike,
all practice deceit.**

¹¹They dress the wound of my people
as though it were not serious.
“Peace, peace,” they say,
when there is no peace.

¹²**Are they ashamed of their detestable conduct?
No, they have no shame at all;
they do not even know how to blush.
So they will fall among the fallen;
they will be brought down when they are punished,
says the LORD.**

Psalm 113 Responsive

¹Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, you his servants;
praise the name of the LORD.
²Let the name of the LORD be praised,
both now and forevermore.
³**From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,
the name of the LORD is to be praised.**
⁴**The LORD is exalted over all the nations,
his glory above the heavens.**
⁵Who is like the LORD our God,
the One who sits enthroned on high,
⁶who stoops down to look
on the heavens and the earth?
⁷**He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap;
⁸he seats them with princes,
with the princes of his people.**
⁹He settles the childless woman in her home
as a happy mother of children.

Praise the LORD.

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 Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Give Thanks

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

Revelation 19:1-9 Responsive

¹ After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting:

“Hallelujah!

Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,

² for true and just are his judgments.

He has condemned the great prostitute

who corrupted the earth by her adulteries.

He has avenged on her the blood of his servants.”

³ And again they shouted:

“Hallelujah!

The smoke from her goes up for ever and ever.”

⁴ The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God, who was seated on the throne. And they cried:

“Amen, Hallelujah!”

⁵ Then a voice came from the throne, saying:

**“Praise our God,
all you his servants,
you who fear him,
both great and small!”**

⁶Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting:

**“Hallelujah!
For our Lord God Almighty reigns.
⁷ Let us rejoice and be glad
and give him glory!
For the wedding of the Lamb has come,
and his bride has made herself ready.
⁸ Fine linen, bright and clean,
was given her to wear.”**

(Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God’s holy people.)

⁹Then the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!” And he added, “These are the true words of God.”

Luke 14:15-24 Responsive

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.”

¹⁶**Jesus replied: “A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. ¹⁷At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’**

¹⁸“But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, ‘I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.’

¹⁹“**Another said, ‘I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I’m on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.’**

²⁰“Still another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’

²¹“**The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.’**

²²“‘Sir,’ the servant said, ‘what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.’

²³“**Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. ²⁴I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.’”**

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God

Sermon by John Bayon

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: Shout to the Lord

Responsive Litany (Psalm 145:9-13)

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. They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might,

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

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

Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Congregational Meeting Date to be Determined

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, hospitalized
 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

Pastor and others in congregation with Covid
 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
 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.

General Fund giving last week: \$2,195
 Giving month to date: \$5,040

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.79 Q. Why then does Christ call the bread his body and the cup his blood, or the new covenant in his blood, and Paul use the words, a sharing in Christ's body and blood? A. Christ has good reason for these words. He wants to teach us that just as bread and wine nourish the temporal life, so too his crucified body and poured-out blood are the true food and drink of our souls for eternal life. Continued next week.