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WE WELCOME YOU IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

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Gathering Song: While We Are Waiting, Come

† Call to Worship (Psalm 9:1,2,7-10)

Pastor: I will give thanks to you, LORD, with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

People: I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High.

Pastor: The LORD reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment. He rules the world in righteousness and judges the peoples with equity.

People: The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

Unison: Those who know your name trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.

†Hymn: O Worship the King

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

Colossians 1:15-27 Responsive

¹⁵The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

¹⁶**For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.** ¹⁷**He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.**

¹⁸And 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.

¹⁹**For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,** ²⁰**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.**

²¹Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. ²²But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— ²³if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel.

This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

²⁴Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church.

²⁵**I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness—** ²⁶**the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people.**

²⁷To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Matthew 26: 17-30 Responsive

¹⁷On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

¹⁸**He replied, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.'" ¹⁹So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover.**

²⁰When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. ²¹And while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me."

²²**They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, "Surely you don't mean me, Lord?"**

²³Jesus replied, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. ²⁴The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."

²⁵ Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, "Surely you don't mean me, Rabbi?"

Jesus answered, "You have said so."

²⁶ While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."

²⁷ Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸ This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

³⁰ When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

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: We Have Come to Join in Worship

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

Revelation 19:1-9 Responsive

¹After 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.”

³And again they shouted:

“Hallelujah!

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

⁴The 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.)⁹ Then 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.”

¹⁶Jesus 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: RSVP and NO SHOWS

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: Satisfied

Responsive Litany (from Revelation 5)

Pastor: They sang a new song, saying:

People: "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. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."

Pastor: 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. In a loud voice they were saying:

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

Pastor: 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:

Unison: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!" Amen.

Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor



CENTRAL DETROIT CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

One of the Missions we support.

The world of affordable housing is shrinking.

At Solid Rock Property management (the property development and management business of CDC), we regularly hear stories of rapidly increased rent, abhorrent landlord behavior, and outright injustice. Here is just one real world example of housing realities in our community.

Not too long ago, while riding her bike through the neighborhood, Lisa noticed a young woman going into a property on Euclid that CDC had just acquired to rehab. The next day she asked Nate to go and investigate. After knocking on the door several times a young woman about his age came down the steps and answered. The conversation quickly became complicated. She claimed to be in a rent-to-own agreement for the property. She showed Nate water and electric bills in her name for the address as well as receipts for recent plumbing work. Perhaps Lisa was wrong – unlikely but possible. So Nate went back to the office to pull the deed and grab another staff member. A few hours later the situation was clear. CDC did own the property and the woman was there illegally. The woman was also in an agreement with someone else who claimed to own the property and was illegally collecting rent payments.

Thankfully CDC was able to move this young woman, and her daughter who was in our Summer Day Camp, into a different and fully renovated property. We waived the application fee, and the first several months of rent. Though the situation mostly worked out, she still suffered a loss. She went from future homeowner to renter. She was out hundreds of dollars in lost investment all because she trusted someone who was not trustworthy. Unfortunately her story is not all that unique. Situations like this – and some much worse – are common in our community. The poor are regularly, systematically, and unapologetically mistreated in the world of housing.

Detroit's history is riddled with housing injustices. It's important to learn about those things, and it's important to remember that the effects last for decades. But it's also important to look ahead. Over the past 10 years CDC has reshaped and re-stabilized housing in our neighborhood. We have renovated many properties and provided safe housing for the least of these.

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, hospitalized (surgery)
 Care of Bunny Rector
 Brenda Cook, blood pressure, kidney poor
 Jen Freese, recovering from surgery
 Janet Young, assisted living
 Alberta Weaver, home
 Regina 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, started 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: \$1,980
 ,Giving month to date: \$7,020

We offer our deepest sympathy to the family of Nancy Johnson, who went to be with Christ on September 17. She was laid to rest yesterday.

Heidelberg Catechism Q.79b 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. But more important, he wants to assure us, by this visible sign and pledge, that we, through the Holy Spirit's work, share in his true body and blood as surely as our mouths receive these holy signs in his remembrance, and that all of his suffering and obedience are as definitely ours as if we personally had suffered and made satisfaction for our sins.