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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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Gathering Song: O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

† Call to Worship (Isaiah 12:2-5)

Pastor: Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid.

People: The LORD, the LORD himself, is my strength and my defense, he has become my salvation.

Pastor: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. In that day you will say:

People: Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.

Unison: Sing to the LORD for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.

† Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings
Exodus 33:12-23 Responsive

¹²Moses said to the LORD, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favor with me.' ¹³If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people."

¹⁴**The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."**

¹⁵Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. ¹⁶How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"

¹⁷**And the LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.**

¹⁸Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."

¹⁹**And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. ²⁰But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live."**

²¹Then the LORD said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. ²²When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen."

Colossians 3:12-17, 23-25 Responsive

¹²Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵**Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

²³Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, ²⁴since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. ²⁵Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for their wrongs, and there is no favoritism.

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: I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: "Sing Praise"

arr. Marilyn Hamm

Musician: 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

Acts 17:1-15 Responsive

¹When Paul and his companions had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. As was his custom, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures,² explaining and proving that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead. "This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Messiah," he said. ³Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and quite a few prominent women.

⁴**But other Jews were jealous; so they rounded up some bad characters from the marketplace, formed a mob and started a riot in the city. They rushed to Jason's house in search of Paul and Silas in order to bring them out to the crowd**

⁵But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some other believers before the city officials, shouting: "These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here, ⁶and Jason has welcomed them into his house. They are all defying Caesar's decrees, saying that there is another king, one called Jesus."

⁷**When they heard this, the crowd and the city officials were thrown into turmoil. ⁸Then they made**

Jason and the others post bond and let them go.

¹⁰As soon as it was night, the believers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. On arriving there, they went to the Jewish synagogue. ¹¹Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. ¹²As a result, many of them believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men.

¹³**But when the Jews in Thessalonica learned that Paul was preaching the word of God at Berea, some of them went there too, agitating the crowds and stirring them up.**¹⁴**The believers immediately sent Paul to the coast, but Silas and Timothy stayed at Berea. ¹⁵Those who escorted Paul brought him to Athens and then left with instructions for Silas and Timothy to join him as soon as possible.**

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Responsive

1 Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you.

²We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. ³We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake.

⁶You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. ⁷And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia.

⁸ The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, ⁹for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us.

They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: The Work of a Christian

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: O for a Closer Walk with God

Responsive Litany (1 Corinthians 13:1-3, 13)

Pastor: If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.

People: If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

Pastor: If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Unison: And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Pastor: Dr. James N. McGuire

Musician: Yuta Sugano

Update on the plan for the replacement of our church roof.

This seems to be a day-to-day decision. The roofing company has been delayed by requests from the City of Novi as they process the application. We do not anticipate this to be a long problem. Of course, the weather can be another factor.

Novi Road

We eagerly look forward to the completion of the road work in front of the church. Paving has been the focus this week, and we look forward to the completion very soon. Thank you for your patience.

Note

Both of these activities have impacted the Ladies' Bible Study that normally meets in the church on Tuesday Mornings. For more information, please contact Judy Dellinger.

Congregational Meeting Results

Thank you for all who participated in the congregational meeting Sunday, October 10, 2023. The budget was overwhelmingly approved.

Ladies' Bible Study

The Ladies' Bible study continues to meet every Tuesday at 10 am at the church. The current study is the book of Second Corinthians. For more information, you may speak to Judy Dellinger.

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

Rosie, Linda's daughter, grieving
Brenda, for good health
Ed, for mobility, back pain
Nancy, health
Darlene, heart and dialysis, home
Maureen, dear friend of Lisa
Kay, continued faith, poor prognosis
Raven, child with seizures
Pray for caregivers of those who are ill
Brenda's nephew and his friends for encouragement and better jobs, and
For nephew Glenn: serious illness
Richard, recent stem cell transplant
successful, home and improving!
Caroline M's mother, failing
College students, for continuing faith
Jennet family, illness and deaths
Linda S, breathing concerns
Janet Evans, confusion (in AZ)
Alicia, niece of Carolyn, cancer diagnosis
Marie, employment and comfort

In Need of Prayer

Debbie T, blood clot in leg
Enrique, continues in hospital care in Korea
Lisa, Pastor's niece, newly discovered cancer
Gladys, for restored strength
Benita, improved blood counts and strength
Jalene, MS flare-up and heart attack, husband caring for her
Domingo, needs transplants; LaShell, cancer
Sean's aunt & uncle, heavy caregiving
Debbie, Pam's friend, improved, more chemo
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
Katalee, for full healing of lymphoma
Sarah, for strength to carry her load
Ryan, age 16, recent kidney transplant, also the family donor
Donna's friends, Janene & Sam, who has a bad infection
Tom & Carol's son, back surgery, needs care of family
Pastor Scott McKee, serious cancer
Family of Rusty, dear friend of Ron I, sudden death
Willy, 76, needs Jesus
Steve, Regenia's son, strep throat to respond to treatment

General Fund giving last week: \$2,700
Total giving in October: \$12,441

As you feel led, pray for the conflict in the Middle East, for hostages, families in grief and suffering, for political negotiations, and more.

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 126. What does the Fifth Request Mean? *And forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors means:* Because of Christ's blood, do not hold against us, poor sinners that we are, any of the sins we do or the evil that constantly clings to us. Forgive us just as we are fully determined, as evidence of your grace in us to forgive our neighbors.

