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WELCOME TO THE WORSHIP OF OUR GOD

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Gathering Song: There's Something About That Name

† Call to Worship (From Psalm 92)

Pastor: It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High,

People: proclaiming your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night.

Pastor: For you make me glad by your deeds, LORD; I sing for joy at what your hands have done.

People: How great are your works, LORD, how profound your thoughts.

Unison: You, LORD, are forever exalted.

† Hymn: My Savior's Love

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

John 3:1-21 Responsive

¹ Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

³ Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

⁴ “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

⁹ “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰ “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? ¹¹ Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.

¹⁹ This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. ²¹ But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

Romans 3:19-28 Responsive

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.

²⁰ Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God’s sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

²¹ But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²² This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

²⁵ God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— ²⁶ he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

²⁷ **Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith.** ²⁸ **For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.**

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,
oworld without end. Amen. Amen.

† Hymn: The Love of God

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Etude in A Flat Major by F. Chopin

Pianist: Yuta Sugano

† 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

Isaiah 53 Responsive

¹ Who has believed our message
and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
² He grew up before him like a tender shoot,
and like a root out of dry ground.
He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

**³He was despised and rejected by mankind,
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.
Like one from whom people hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.**

⁴Surely he took up our pain
and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.

**⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.**

**⁶We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.**

⁷He was oppressed and afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

**⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away.
Yet who of his generation protested?
For he was cut off from the land of the living;
for the transgression of my people he was punished.**

**⁹He was assigned a grave with the wicked,
and with the rich in his death,
though he had done no violence,
nor was any deceit in his mouth.**

¹⁰Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer,
and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin,
he will see his offspring and prolong his days,
and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

¹¹After he has suffered,
he will see the light of life and be satisfied;
by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many,
and he will bear their iniquities.

**¹²Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,
and he will divide the spoils with the strong,
because he poured out his life unto death,**

**and was numbered with the transgressors.
For he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.**

Luke 15:1-10 Responsive

¹ Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

⁸ "Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.'

¹⁰ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon: The Amazing Love of God
Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: Jesus is Calling

Responsive Litany (Romans 5:1-2, 6-8)

Pastor: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

People: through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

Pastor: You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

People: Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person some one might possibly dare to die.

Unison: But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

For Your Information

Please Note

Until further notice there will be no refreshments after church. However, we are planning a Thanksgiving meal after the worship service on November 20. More information next week.

Adult Sunday School

Pastor McGuire will resume the study of Genesis at 9:30 each Sunday morning. We meet in Room 4.

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.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12

In Need of Prayer

Elain Clay, and daughter, Liz
 Brenda's brother, Bernard, kidney failure
 Care of Bunny Rector, stamina of family
 Brenda Cook, blood pressure, kidney poor
 Jen Freese, new Covid
 Janet Young, assisted living
 Alberta Weaver, home
 Regina Higgs as caregiver to Alberta
 Ed Steele for mobility, back pain
 Scott, son of Jim and Patty MacKenzie
For those who grieve:
 Bunny Rector, husband
 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

Richard Abraham, Hartig's son-in-law, biopsy this week
 Donna Whiting's sister, Judy, and brother-in-law Dan, in AL.
 Joanna, niece of Lucy McGuire, young mom, cancer
 Ray Boone, chemotherapy every 3 weeks
 Darlene Little, heart problems, dialysis
 Felicia, breast cancer, relative of Sean Murphy
 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
 Benita's friend, Rachael, flare up of Lupus
 Wilsons' friend, Margaret, with brain tumor
 Sue Isles, relative of Ron & Karen, recurrence of cancer
 Karen Isles, started new nursing position, recent hip surgery
 Delilah, young relative of Isles family
 Domingo, needs transplants, LaShell, cancer.
 Emily, friend of Isles, salvation, employment
 Don Rende's brother, Bob, failing health
 Ellen, friend of Sue Work, lost home in Fl. hurricane
 Katelyn, 24 y/o friend of Kelly Rende, hospice care

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

Pray for our pastor, elders, deacons, and trustees for strength, wisdom, and discernment as they serve the Lord and our church.

General Fund giving last week: \$3,776

Many unspoken requests

Giving to date in October: \$18,501

Heidelberg Catechism Q.83. What are the keys of the Kingdom? A. The preaching of the holy gospel and Christian discipline toward repentance. Both preaching and discipline open the kingdom of heaven to believers and close it to unbelievers.