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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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Gathering Song: Wonderful, Merciful Savior

† Call to Worship (from Psalm 27)

Pastor: The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

People: **One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.**

Pastor: For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

People: **I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.**

Unison: **Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.**

† Hymn: This is My Father's World

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings
Acts 2:22-36 Responsive

²² “Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.

²³ **This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.** ²⁴ **But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.** ²⁵ **David said about him:**

“I saw the Lord always before me.
Because he is at my right hand,
I will not be shaken.

²⁶ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest in hope,

²⁷ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
you will not let your holy one see decay.

²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence.’

²⁹ **“Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day.** ³⁰ **But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne.**

³¹ Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. ³² God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. ³³ Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

³⁴ **For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,**

**“The Lord said to my Lord:
“Sit at my right hand
³⁵ until I make your enemies
a footstool for your feet.”**

³⁶ “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

John 8:12-20; 23-30 Responsive

¹² When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

¹³ **The Pharisees challenged him, "Here you are, appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid."**

¹⁴ Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going."

¹⁵ **You judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no one.** ¹⁶ **But if I do judge, my decisions are true, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me.** ¹⁷ **In your own Law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is true.** ¹⁸ **I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the Father, who sent me."**

¹⁹ Then they asked him, "Where is your father?"

"You do not know me or my Father," Jesus replied. "If you knew me, you would know my Father also." ²⁰ **He spoke these words while teaching in the temple courts near the place where the offerings were put. Yet no one seized him, because his hour had not yet come.**

²³ But he continued, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. ²⁴ I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am he, you will indeed die in your sins."

²⁵ **"Who are you?" they asked.**

"Just what I have been telling you from the beginning," Jesus replied. ²⁶ "I have much to say in judgment of you. But he who sent me is trustworthy, and what I have heard from him I tell the world."

²⁷ **They did not understand that he was telling them about his Father.** ²⁸ **So Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me.** ²⁹ **The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him."** ³⁰ **Even as he spoke, many believed in him.**

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

Geff Phillips

† 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

Luke 4:14-21 Responsive

¹⁴ Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. ¹⁵ He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

¹⁶ **He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:**

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰ **Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹ He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”**

Luke 20:1-8 Responsive

¹ One day as Jesus was teaching the people in the temple courts and proclaiming the good news, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, together with the elders, came up to him. ² “Tell us by what authority you are doing these things,” they said. “Who gave you this authority?”

³ **He replied, “I will also ask you a question. Tell me: ⁴ John’s baptism—was it from heaven, or of human origin?”**

⁵ They discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask, ‘Why didn’t you

believe him?’ 6But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ all the people will stone us, because they are persuaded that John was a prophet.”

7So they answered, “We don’t know where it was from.”

8Jesus said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Where Did Jesus Get His Authority?

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: I Love Your Church, O Lord

† Responsive Litany (Colossians 1:15-20 ESV)

Pastor: The son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

People: For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

Pastor: And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that in everything he might be preeminent.

Unison: For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

† Benediction

Welcome, Announcements and Prayers

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

A graphic with a colorful, low-poly background transitioning from yellow and orange on the left to blue and green on the right. The word "ANNOUNCEMENTS" is centered in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

We still need volunteers for teaching the children's Sunday School. A simple curriculum is available. Sign up in the Narthex.

A strong Children's Ministry is key to attracting young families to our church. Please see Sue Work or Donna Whiting for any questions.



Our Annual Church Picnic is planned for June 11, 2023, following our worship service. The food will be catered; no need to bring a thing! We will gather indoors. **A signup sheet is available in the Narthex.** Carolyn Sharpe will be in charge; it is bound to be a great event.

Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. Luke 18:1ff

In Need of Prayer

Janet Young, hospice, continued peace
 Brenda, for her blood pressure
 Jennifer's father, chemo treatment
 Ed Steele, for mobility, back pain
 Nancy Hill, health
 Jane Kirkpatrick, encouragement
 Darlene, heart and dialysis
 Ron's brother, needs housing
 Maureen, dear friend of Lisa Lochrie
 Reagan, child with seizures
 Kay, hospice for peace and pain relief
 Kimi, suffering
 Ron, age 34, heart failure, needs heart transplant
 Jen, serious ankle injury
 Lance, liver failure
 Sue, sister-in-law of Ron/Karen,

In Need of Prayer

Glad, home
 Paul, recuperating at home
 Rosie, improving
 Andy, health
 Benita, strength
 Felicia, breast cancer, relative of Sean Murphy
 Sean's family in death of Martin
 Domingo, needs transplants; LaShell cancer
 Don's brother, Bob, failing health
 Sean's aunt & uncle, Sonja/Ronnie, heavy caregiving
 Debbie, Pam's friend
 Judy V and family, in Florida
 Ken's brother with cancer
 Pray for Nate, a fire fighter, for safety each day
 Lee, breast cancer, mother of small children
 Ron, age 34, heart failure, needs heart transplant
 Chuck, step-father of Lisa, family death, despondent
 Pray for caregivers of those who are ill

 Please pray for our friend, John Bayon and his family in the sudden and unexpected death of his eldest daughter.

General Fund giving last week: \$1, 850
 Total giving to date in May: \$23,040
 Thank you for your faithful giving to the Lord.

Pray for our global partners, such as Tim and Rob in the Middle East, for Dave and Carol Foglebach ministering in Central Asia. Remember to pray for Christians around the world who are persecuted for their faith in Christ.

Heidelberg Catechism Q.107: Is it enough then that we do not kill our neighbor in any such way? **A.** No. By condemning envy, hatred, and anger, God tells us to love our neighbor as ourselves, to be patient, peace-loving, gentle, merciful, and friendly to him, to protect him from harm as much as we can, and to do good even to our enemies.