

To Our Visitors

We welcome you and hope our worship enables you to draw near to God through Christ Jesus, and that you feel welcome among us. Please sign our guest book in the Narthex.

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

Prayer needs

Brenda, very long work hours, and for improved lab results

Joyce, Brenda's sister

Ed, for mobility with less pain

Jen, for healing of ankle, mobility

Sherrie, Jen's friend, kidney tumor

Marcus Liew, for restoration of vision

Kay, continued faith, poor prognosis

Maureen, dear friend of Lisa

Jean, friend of Cheri, breast cancer

Justin, wisdom re: job

Shiv and Nahua for encouragement

Judy Carr's sister-in-law, near death

Linda S: for improved health, joy

Sean's God-daughter, Brittany.

Pastor Scott McKee

Premature twins at 24 weeks, that they will thrive, friends of Bodnar family

All who hate their neighbors to be restrained.

Prayer needs

Elder Ray B, painful legs, disturbed sleep

Benita, for continued normal blood counts

Glad, getting stronger

Bunny, for continued strength

Bryan, nephew of Terras family, cancer diagnosis

Lance and Sue, Isles family with cancers

Krystal's friend, Lolita, esophageal cancer

Noah, age 14, strong faith as he transfers to public school

Lisa, Pastor's niece, multiple cancers

Donna's family, Dan, heart surgery, slow recovery

Janet Evans, in AZ, deterioration in health

College students for continuing faith and clear witness

Pray for strength for caregivers in families of the ill

Pray for our military as they serve in dangerous places

Rene, age 53, breast cancer, for surgery soon

Sue Work, continued lung problems

Family (3 members) of Carolyn K, health issues

Dan, local firefighter, rare kidney disease, friend of Nate

Michael, discovery of bladder cancer

Johnny, injury in a fall, not doing well, and wife, Betty

Our children's Sunday school teachers

We encourage you to consistently pray for our Elders and Deacons as they serve the Lord and our congregation.

Thank you for your faithful giving.

Giving on April 7: \$3,480

Giving to date in April: \$3,480

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 20. Are all men saved through Christ just as all were lost through Adam? **A.** No. Only those are saved who by true faith are grafted into Christ and accept all his blessings.



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Welcome to Worship

April 14, 2024

Gathering Song: The Wonder of It All (page 6)

† Call to Worship (from Psalm 146)

Pastor: Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, my soul.

People: I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Pastor: Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save.

People: Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God.

Pastor: He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—he remains faithful forever.

Unison: The LORD reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD.

† Hymn: Great Is Thy Faithfulness (pages 8-9)

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

Today's Reader: Cathie Cheslak

Genesis 12: 1-3 Responsive

¹ The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people, and your father's household to the land I will show you.

**"I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;
I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.**

³ I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you."

Isaiah 61:1-3 Responsive

¹ The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

**He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,**

² **to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,**

³ and provide for those who grieve in Zion—
to bestow on them a crown of beauty
instead of ashes,
the oil of joy
instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise
instead of a spirit of despair.

**They will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the LORD
for the display of his splendor.**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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: Rock of Ages (page 7)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Arr. by 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.

Second Scripture Readings

Acts 1:6–9 Responsive

⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

⁷ He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

Colossians 1:15-18 Responsive

¹⁵ The 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.

¹⁸ **And 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.**

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks Be to God

Introduction and Interview of Dave and Carol Fogleboch

Sermon: Jesus Answers Questions

Dave Fogleboch, Preaching

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: Alleluia, Sing to Jesus (page 10)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness—1

Responsive Litany (Hebrews 4:14-16)

Pastor: Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly with the faith we profess.

People: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

Unison: Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Benediction

Welcome, Announcements and Prayer

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

Musician: Yuta Sugano

