



CHRIST  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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# Welcome to Worship

JUNE 7, 2020

† **Gathering Hymn: O Mighty Cross**

† **Call to Worship** (1 Chronicles 29:10b-13)

**Pastor:** Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

**People:** Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

**Pastor:** Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things.

**People:** In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

**Unison:** Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

† **Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy**

† **Invocation and the Lord's Prayer**

## First Scripture Readings

(Reader: Ron Lisowski)

### Romans 1:18-25 Responsive

<sup>18</sup> The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, <sup>19</sup> since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.

**<sup>20</sup> For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.**

<sup>21</sup> For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

**<sup>22</sup> Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools <sup>23</sup> and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.**

<sup>24</sup> Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another.

**<sup>25</sup> They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.**

### Acts 17:22-31 Responsive

<sup>22</sup> Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup> For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.

**So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.**

<sup>24</sup> "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. <sup>25</sup> And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else.

**<sup>26</sup> From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands.**

<sup>27</sup> God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. <sup>28</sup> 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

**<sup>29</sup> "Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill.**

<sup>30</sup> In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. <sup>31</sup> For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

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: Redeemed**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

**Children’s Medley**

**Pianist: Eric Roth**

Jesus Loves the Little Children; Jesus Loves Even Me; Jesus Love Me, This I Know

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**† 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**

(Reader: Teresa Lisowski)

**Matthew 28:16-20 Responsive**

<sup>16</sup> Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.

<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

## Psalm 8 Responsive

<sup>1</sup> LORD, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory  
in the heavens.

<sup>2</sup> **Through the praise of children and infants  
you have established a stronghold against your enemies,  
to silence the foe and the avenger.**

<sup>3</sup> When I consider your heavens,  
the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars,  
which you have set in place,  
<sup>4</sup> what is mankind that you are mindful of them,  
human beings that you care for them?

<sup>5</sup> **You have made them a little lower than the angels  
and crowned them with glory and honor.**

<sup>6</sup> You made them rulers over the works of your hands;  
you put everything under their feet:

<sup>7</sup> all flocks and herds,  
and the animals of the wild,

<sup>8</sup> the birds in the sky,  
and the fish in the sea,  
all that swim the paths of the seas.

<sup>9</sup> LORD, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

This is the Word of the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon: The Witness of the Natural World to the Goodness of God**

Dr. James N. McGuire

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

### † The Apostles Creed Unison

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

### † Prayer of Confession (Psalm 51:1-7) Unison

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your unfailing love;  
according to your great compassion  
blot out my transgressions.

<sup>2</sup>Wash away all my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.

<sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is always before me.

<sup>4</sup>Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are proved right when you speak  
and justified when you judge.

<sup>5</sup>Surely I was sinful at birth,  
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

<sup>6</sup>Surely you desire truth in the inner parts;  
you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

<sup>7</sup>Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;  
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

### Receiving the Elements of the Lord's Supper

### † Hymn: Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed?

**† Responsive Litany (Romans 8:31-34)**

Pastor: What then shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

**People: He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?**

Pastor: Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.

**Unison: Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.**

**†Benediction**

**† Welcome, Announcements and Prayer**

Again remember to mail your tithes and offerings to keep us on budget. **For safety, please enclose your offering envelope in a regular envelope.** You may send it to the church or to Pastor McGuire's home at 48028 Andover Dr., Novi, MI 48374.

**Pastor: Dr. James N. McGuire**

**Music Director: Dr. Eric Roth**

**To our visitors: We hope our worship enables you to draw near to God through Christ Jesus, and that you are blessed to share this time with us. We would be happy to hear from you.**

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During the coronavirus crisis, we will not meet together. Our service will be available on Facebook and YouTube. The links will be sent by email. If we do not have your email, please send it to Bev at [cpcnovi@gmail.com](mailto:cpcnovi@gmail.com).

**In Need of Prayer**

Cindy Bemis, Engebretson's daughter  
Renate Hartig  
George Donoian and family  
Carolyn Krueger's son, Chuck  
Yvonne Ray  
Pat Grad's grandson, Luke age 12  
Gail Nastwold  
Jen Freese, her family and Maya  
Jen's 100 y/o friend, Adele  
Brett Johnson, Nancy's son  
Lyndsay, daughter of the Sharpes  
Don Rende's brother, Bob  
David, friend of Cindy Taaffee  
Bruce, friend of the Clay family  
Jim, Gary, Marion, friends of Szczepaneks  
Linda Szczepanek  
Cody, grandson of Carolyn Krueger  
Cheri Boone's sister's family  
Bruce Hartley, employment  
Colleen, friend of Kelly Rende  
Diana, Metzners' daughter  
Tom & Carol Metzner

**In Need of Prayer**

Judy Carr  
Gloria, sister of Bev Thompson  
Alberta Weaver, at home  
Reginia Higgs  
Avery, niece of Teresa Lisowki  
Carol, Bev Thompson's cousin  
Julia Rende  
Tracy, friend of Bunny Rector  
Andrew, friend of Bodnars, Guillain-Barré syndrome  
Randy, friend of Bodnars  
Tim, cancer, nephew of Janet Young  
Judy All, relative of the Chernenkoffs  
Lauren, niece of Ron Lisowski  
Kelly Rende's friend Rich, family care burden  
Employment for Gabriel and Tammy  
Unbelieving children in our families  
Jim Paglino  
Sam Hutson, grief  
Carolyn Schmierer, assisted living

*Karen Isles, Ray Johnson, Krystal Murphy, Angie O'Dell, Claudine Sordyl, Manuel & Astrid Valdivieso, and all healthcare and first responders*

**Our sympathy to Elaine (Louis) Clay and family on the death of her sister, Sylvia, on May 27**

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

**Monthly need: \$17,083.00**

**Giving to general fund last week: \$3,256.23**

**Giving to date in June: 3,256.23**

**Giving in June to mortgage fund: \$450.00**

**Our Military:** Justin, deployed to Qatar; Metzners' grandson; Bryan relative of Teresa Lisowski, deployed to Iraq.

*Pray for God's protection of girls/women and intervention to stop the human sex trafficking in our state.*

**Heidelberg Catechism: Q 96:** What is God's will for us in the second commandment?

**A.** That we in no way make any image of God nor worship him in any other way than he has commanded in his Word.



As you know the pandemic has resulted in many cancellations throughout our state. Session meets regularly to consider the implications of this upon our church body. You may want to know some of those recent decisions with the safety of our congregation in mind:

*The church picnic and VBS have been cancelled.*

*Carpeting in the entire building has been cleaned and sanitized.*

*Safe methods of such things, as entry and exit from the building are being developed.*

*There will be no food or beverages served.*

*Bible study groups (Tuesday morning and Wednesday evening) will not resume until further notice.*

*A date of return is not settled as yet, but we will keep you informed.*

This period of lockdown has been hard on us. Please make special efforts to keep in contact with others who may be lonely. Phone calls, emails, texts, cards and notes are all ways to connect. And pray for one another. Pray also for Pastor McGuire and for the Elders as they seek to make good decisions.

The **new church directories** were delivered just about the time the lockdown began. They will be distributed as soon as we resume meeting together in the church building.

But read on.....we are now ready to provide you with an on-line computer directory. Last week, you should have received in your email a **code** that you may use to access this. It seems easy to use and includes photos and other pertinent information. If you did not receive your personal code, or if you need assistance please call Bev Thompson @ 734-664-2033.

Once we are successful with this, we will tell you how to download an app for your smart phone so you will be able to access the same information on your phone, if you wish to do so.