

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 blood pressure control with new meds

Rob, homeless in FL, depressed

Rosie, Linda's daughter, grieving

Ed, for mobility with less pain

Jen, for healing of ankle, mobility

Emilee, for employment

Marcus Liew, for restoration of vision

Kay, continued faith, poor prognosis

Maureen, dear friend of Lisa

Jean, friend of Cheri, breast cancer

Lydia, (teen) & family, emotional health

Justin, wisdom re: job

Rev. Shiv for encouragement

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

Linda S: for improved health, joy

Our children's Sunday school teachers

Sean's God-daughter, Brittany.

Pastor Scott McKee

Prayer needs

Elder Ray B, painful legs, disturbed sleep

Father of Lisa Lochrie, in hospice care

Benita, for continued normal blood counts

Glad, home, 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, success in his first job

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

Father of Xavier, released from prison, for healthy relationship with his son.

Brenda's friend Erin, for faith in loss of her father

Family (3 members) of Carolyn K, health issues

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

Thank you for your faithful giving.

Giving on March 17: \$3,605

Giving to date in March: \$12,003

Pray for our Children's Ministry, for faithful teachers and infant caregivers, and for the Word to be received and embraced by the children.

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 17. Why must he also be true God? **A.** So that, by the power of his divinity, he might bear the weight of God's anger in his humanity and earn for us and restore to us righteousness and life.



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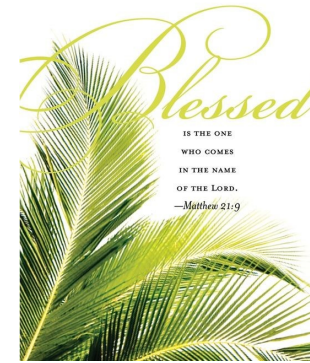
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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

MARCH 24, 2024

Gathering Song: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (Page 7)

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

Pastor: Praise be to you, LORD, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

People: 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.

Pastor: Yours, LORD, is the kingdom: you are exalted as head over all. 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: All Glory, Laud and Honor (page 8)

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

† Standing as you are able

First Scripture Readings

Today's Reader: Pam Paglino

2 Samuel 7:12-16 Responsive

¹² When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom.

¹³ **He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.** ¹⁴ **I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands.**

¹⁵ But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. ¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.”

Matthew 21:1-14 Responsive

¹ As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

⁴ **This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:**

⁵ **“Say to Daughter Zion,
‘See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”**

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰ When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

¹¹ The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.” >>>>>

Announcements and Reminders

Tenebrae Service on Thursday, March 28, at 6 pm. This service reminds us of the suffering of our Lord and is full of scripture and song. Also known as a Service of Shadows.

Easter is March 31, and we will rejoice together in celebrating the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Come and join in the joy of this day.

Have you noticed?

We have children coming with their parents on Sundays!! How delighted we are! Would you consider helping us to meet the needs of these little ones?

Needed are **teachers** for Sunday School (simple curriculum provided) and **caregivers in the baby/toddler room**. You may want to serve just once a month, or more if you wish.

Please contact Donna Whiting for questions and offers to help.



Rejoice, the Lord is King

¹² Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. ¹³ “It is written,” he said to them, “My house will be called a house of prayer, but you are making it ‘a den of robbers.’

¹⁴ The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them.

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: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (Page 9)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: The Old Rugged Cross

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

Matthew 22:41-46

⁴¹ While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, ⁴² “What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?”

“The son of David,” they replied.

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⁴³ He said to them, “How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him ‘Lord’? For he says,

**“The Lord said to my Lord:
“Sit at my right hand
until I put your enemies
under your feet.”**

⁴⁵ If then David calls him ‘Lord,’ how can he be his son?” ⁴⁶ No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Revelation 19:1-16 Responsive

After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting:

“Hallelujah!

**Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,
²for true and just are his judgments.
He has condemned the great prostitute
who corrupted the earth by her adulteries.
He has avenged on her the blood of his servants.”**

³ And again they shouted:

“Hallelujah!

The smoke from her goes up for ever and ever.”

⁵ **Then a voice came from the throne, saying:**

**“Praise our God,
all you his servants,
you who fear him,
both great and small!”**

⁶ Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting:

“Hallelujah!

For our Lord God Almighty reigns.

⁷ **Let us rejoice and be glad
and give him glory!**

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All Glory, Laud , and Honor

For the wedding of the Lamb has come,
and his bride has made herself ready.

⁸ Fine linen, bright and clean,
was given her to wear.”

(Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God’s holy people.)

⁹ **Then the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!” And he added, “These are the true words of God.”**

¹⁰ At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “Don’t do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers and sisters who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For it is the Spirit of prophecy who bears testimony to Jesus.”

¹¹ **I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war.**

¹² His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. ¹³ He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God.

¹⁴ **The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. ¹⁵ Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. “He will rule them with an iron scepter.”**

He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. ¹⁶ On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon: Jesus, the King of Kings
Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: Rejoice, the Lord is King (Page 10)

† Responsive Litany (from Revelation 5)

Pastor: They sang a new song, saying:

People: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain and with your blood you purchased for God persons of every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."

Pastor: Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they were saying:

People: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

Pastor: Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

Unison: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!" Amen.

† Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Pastor: Dr. James N. McGuire

Musician: Yuta Sugano