

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

Chet D. congestive heart failure
Brenda, very long work hours, and for improved lab results
Ed, for mobility with less pain
Jen, for healing of ankle, chest concerns
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 NamHui moving soon, details
Pastor Scott McKee
Premature twins at 24 weeks, that they will thrive, friends of Bodnar family
All who hate their neighbors to be restrained.
Shiv for employment in Seattle
Leona, 4th grader, for confidence
Jack E, severe vision problems
Senie E, pain in hips, legs, back

Thank you for your faithful giving.

Giving on April 28: \$4,083
Giving to date in April: \$16,476

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 23. What are these articles a Christian must believe? **A. I believe in God, the Father, almighty, maker of heaven and earth.** (To be continued over the following weeks.)

Prayer need

Mike Mathers, poor health, and Annette, strength to help
Elder Ray B, painful legs, disturbed sleep
Benita, for continued normal blood counts
Glad, getting stronger
Bunny, for continued strength
Lance, liver failure, and Sue, cancer: concerns for care of son with Downs syndrome.
Krystal's friend, Lolita, esophageal cancer
Noah, age 14, strong faith as he transfers to public school
Lisa, Pastor's niece, multiple cancers
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, receiving chemo
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
Marie, respect in her new job
Winifred, adjustment to new foster child in her home

Pray for faithful Pastors and Christians in Central Asia who are often in danger in these difficult places. Pray for Dave and Carol Fogleboch as they uphold and encourage these believers in the Lord Jesus. Remember to also pray for Tim North also in harms way in the Middle East.



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Welcome to Worship

May 5, 2024

Gathering Song: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (page 6)

† Call to Worship (Psalm 100 ESV)

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

People: Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Pastor: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise! Give thanks to him, bless his name!

Unison: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

† Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty (page 7)

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

†Standing as you are able

The Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study

This eager group of women has recently started a new study: The Book of James.

Meeting Tuesday mornings at 10 am at the church, they welcome others who may be interested. If you would like to come to see what it is like, just come. If you want to continue, they can help you secure a guide book to prepare for each week. Learning more of the Word can be an exciting adventure. Contact Judy Dellinger for more information at 734-386-6449.

If you can't come out on Tuesday, there is a comparable study available on Zoom, on Thursdays. Contact Brenda Cook at 248-470-9104.

First Scripture Readings

Today's Reader: Shiv Muthukumar

Psalm 103:1-5 ESV Responsive

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

²**Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,**
³**who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,**

⁴who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

⁵**who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

Luke 17:11-19 ESV, Responsive

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³ and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us."

¹⁴ **When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed.**

¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷ **Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."**

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

† 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.

The Sacrament of Baptism

To be baptized today

Kadyjah Ann Cooper, and her daughter
Knoelle Renee Colton

† Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns (page 8)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: Psalm 1

by Marty Goetz

Vocalist: Elaine Clay, 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.

Second Scripture Readings

1 Peter 2:1-10 ESV Responsive

¹ So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. ² Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in Scripture: >>>>>

Behold, I am laying in Zion, a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷ So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

**“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”**

⁸ and

**“A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense.”**

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Genesis 29:31-35 ESV Responsive

³¹ When the LORD saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb, but Rachel was barren. ³² And Leah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben, for she said, “Because the LORD has looked upon my affliction; for now my husband will love me.”

³³ She conceived again and bore a son, and said, “Because the LORD has heard that I am hated, he has given me this son also.” And she called his name Simeon.

³⁴ Again she conceived and bore a son, and said, “Now this time my husband will be attached to me, because I have borne him three sons.” Therefore his name was called Levii.

³⁵ And she conceived again and bore a son, and said, “This time I will praise the LORD.” Therefore she called his name Judah. Then she ceased bearing.

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Thanks be to God

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Sermon: True Praise
Rev. Shiv Muthukumar

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
(see page 10 for Litany)

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: Grace Greater Than Our Sin (page 9)

Responsive Litany (Colossians 1:9b-14)

Pastor: We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives,

People: so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,

Pastor: being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience,

People: and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of this holy people in the kingdom of light.

Unison: For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Benediction

Welcome, Announcements and Prayers

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty