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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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Gathering Song: The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power

† Call to Worship (Psalm 61:1-5, 8)

Pastor: Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer.

People: From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

Pastor: For you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe.

People: I long to dwell in your tent forever and take refuge in the shelter of your wings.

Pastor: For you, God, have heard my vows; you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name.

Unison: Then I will ever sing in praise of your name and fulfill my vows day after day.

† Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

Luke 11: 1-13 Responsive

¹One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

²He said to them, "When you pray, say:

**"Father,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.
³Give us each day our daily bread.
⁴Forgive us our sins,
for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.
And lead us not into temptation."**

⁵Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' ⁷And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.'

⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

⁹"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

¹¹"Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? ¹²Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

1 Peter 4:12-19 Responsive

¹²Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.

¹⁴If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. ¹⁵If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler.

¹⁶However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin with God's household; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And,

**“If it is hard for the righteous to be saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”**

¹⁹So then, those who suffer according to God’s will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.

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: Tell Me the Old, Old Story

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: Open Our Eyes - Be Thou My Vision

arr. Mark Hayes

Musician: 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. Amen.

Second Scripture Readings

Ephesians 1:15-23 Responsive

¹⁵For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God’s people, ¹⁶I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

¹⁸**I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people ¹⁹and his incomparably great power for us who believe.**

That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Luke 18:1-8 Responsive

¹Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ²He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. ³And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'

⁴"For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!'"

⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly.

However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon: The Right Time to Be Stubborn
Dr. James N. McGuire

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

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

² Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.

³ For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.

⁴ 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.

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

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

⁷ 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

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: Onward Christian Soldiers

† 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 to 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 us in our time of need.

† Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor



Second Notice of Annual Congregation Meeting

The delayed Annual Meeting for the purpose of approving the recommended budget for 2023 and other related business that may come up, will be held on February 19, 2023, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. All members are encouraged to attend and participate in this important meeting. Visitors are welcome to observe.

Volunteers Needed

Please consider volunteering to work with the children during the time parents are in the worship service. Our goal is to teach them the word of God that they will come to love Jesus. A simple curriculum is available. Sign up in the Narthex. Even once a month would be appreciated. Please see Donna Whiting if interested.

Speaking of Volunteers: We can use more people to be helpful in keeping the church clean. This involves things like vacuuming, dusting, and on nice days washing the glass doors. You can decide when you can come. This service not only makes the church look great, but it also saves us the cost of hiring a cleaning service. All cleaning products are provided. Please speak with Bev for any questions.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks,
For this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

In Need of Prayer

Brenda's brother, Bernard, kidney ,hope
Brenda for encouragement, health
Bunny Rector, transition new residence
Jennifer, depression, hope
Janet Young, assisted living
Ed Steele, for mobility, back pain
Pat Grad's, sister, Priscilla, health
Jane Kirkpatrick, encouragement
April Barrett, ankle surgery
Darlene Little, heart and dialysis
Frank, friend of Emily, complex surgery
Ron's brother, contaminated needlestick

For those who grieve:

Donna Whiting, sister
Bunny Rector, husband
Ellen Dorman, husband
Kelly Rende, wife
Sam Hutson, wife
Linda Szczepanek, multiple losses
Engebretsons, daughter, brother
Hartigs, son
Electrica Woods, sister
Linda Davis, 4 family members in 2 yrs.
Reginia Higgs, mother

In Need of Prayer

Celeste Chernenkoff, successful hip surgery on 1/23
Ray Boone, completed chemo, pray effectiveness/strength
Benita Puzzuoli, Strength
Linda & Ray Johnson's son Ryan, for health
Joanna, niece of Lucy McGuire, young mom, in hospice
Felicia, breast cancer, relative of Sean Murphy
Sean's family in death of Martin
Domingo, needs transplants; LaShell cancer
Emily, friend of Isles family, salvation and employment
Don Rende's brother, Bob, failing health
Sue Isles, sister-in-law of Ron/Karen, on chemo
Sean's aunt & uncle, Sonja/Ronnie, heavy caregiving
Rob, friend of Jen Freese, in nursing home, for salvation
Rachel Hopson, deliverance from worldly ways (Sean)
Debbie, Pam Paglino's friend, ovarian cancer returned
Krystal's cousin, heart valve surgery, doing well
Donna Whiting's sister's family in grief
Vershav family in Florida, many family stressors
Cindi Taaffee's godson, Michael, for employment
Sheila, Isles family, burns, family care
Isles family for wisdom in care of aunt, hip, and confusion
Lance, brother-in-law of Isles, liver failure

General Fund giving last week:

\$4,637

Total giving in January: \$16,406

If you have not picked up your 2023

Volunteers needed. We are delighted to have some more children attending with their families. Would you consider being available to welcome these young ones and helping them come to love our Lord. Simple curriculum provided. Sign up in Narthex.

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 92. God spoke all these words: The Tenth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet you neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor's.