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## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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**Gathering Song: Come, Christians, Join to Sing**

**† Call to Worship** (Isaiah 55:6-9 ESV)

**Leader:** Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts.

**People:** **Let him return to the LORD, that he might have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.**

**Leader:** For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

**Unison:** **For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.**

**† Hymn: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name**

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

## First Scripture Readings

Reader: Bruce Terras

### Psalm 2 Responsive

- <sup>1</sup>Why do the nations conspire  
and the peoples plot in vain?
- <sup>2</sup>The kings of the earth rise up  
and the rulers band together  
against the LORD and against his anointed, saying,
- <sup>3</sup>“Let us break their chains  
and throw off their shackles.”
- <sup>4</sup>**The One enthroned in heaven laughs;  
the Lord scoffs at them.**
- <sup>5</sup>**He rebukes them in his anger  
and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,**
- <sup>6</sup>**“I have installed my king  
on Zion, my holy mountain.”**
- <sup>7</sup>I will proclaim the LORD’s decree:  
He said to me, “You are my son;  
today I have become your father.
- <sup>8</sup>Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance,  
the ends of the earth your possession.
- <sup>9</sup>You will break them with a rod of iron;  
you will dash them to pieces like pottery.”
- <sup>10</sup>**Therefore, you kings, be wise;  
be warned, you rulers of the earth.**
- <sup>11</sup>**Serve the LORD with fear  
and celebrate his rule with trembling.**
- <sup>12</sup>Kiss his son, or he will be angry  
and your way will lead to your destruction,  
for his wrath can flare up in a moment.  
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

### Philippians 2:1:11 Responsive

- <sup>1</sup>Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup>then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

<sup>3</sup>Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup>not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

<sup>5</sup>In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

<sup>6</sup>Who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God something

to be used to his own advantage;

<sup>7</sup>rather, he made himself nothing  
by taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.

<sup>8</sup>And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
by becoming obedient to death—  
even death on a cross!

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup>that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

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: How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds**

#### **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory: Praise the Name of Jesus/All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**

**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

#### Colossians 1:15-23 Responsive

<sup>15</sup>The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup> 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.

<sup>17</sup> **He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>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.**

<sup>19</sup> For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

<sup>21</sup> **Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. <sup>22</sup> But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation — <sup>23</sup> if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel.**

This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

#### Matthew 16:13-29 Responsive

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

<sup>14</sup> **They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."**

<sup>15</sup> "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

<sup>16</sup> **Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."**

<sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.

<sup>18</sup> **And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."**

<sup>20</sup> Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

**Sermon: To Tell the Truth**  
Elder Kelly Rende

**Pastoral Prayer**

**† Hymn: May the Mind of Christ, My Savior**

**† Responsive Litany (from Ephesians 2)**

Leader: As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world.

**People: We were by nature deserving of wrath.**

Leader: But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

**People: God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.**

**Unison: For it is by grace you have been saved through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. Thanks be to God.**

**Benediction**

**Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers**

**Members are asked to remain for the Congregational Meeting  
Non-Members may observe, but not vote.**

**Members are encouraged to remain for the annual business meeting.**

**Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor**



## **Final Notice of Annual Congregation Meeting**

The delayed 2022 Annual Meeting of the Congregation is called for February 19, 2023, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary, for the purpose of acting on the Proposed Budget for 2023, and for other matters that may come before the Congregation at that time. 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. If teaching is not your gift, consider being a helper.

We have opened the Baby Nursery, too. Primarily for babies and toddlers, it is a quiet place. Would you be a stand-by person for the times when little ones come with their families? Also sign up in the Narthex, indicating baby nursery.

## **Ladies' Bible Study Meets on Tuesday Mornings**

Every week eight or ten ladies meet for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. They meet here at the church at 10 a.m. for about an hour. If you are interested, please see Judy Dellinger.

Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. Luke 18:1ff

**In Need of Prayer**

Janet Young, hospice, continued peace  
 Jacob Phillips, fractured toe, off work  
 Brenda's brother, Bernard, kidney ,hope  
 Brenda for encouragement, health  
 Bunny Rector, transition new residence  
 Jennifer, depression, hope  
 Ed Steele, for mobility, back pain  
 Pat Grad's, sister, Priscilla, health  
 Jane Kirkpatrick, encouragement  
 Darlene Little, heart and dialysis  
 Ron's brother, HIV, needs housing  
 Jacob, toe fracture, off work  
 Maureen, dear friend of Lisa Lochrie  
 Reagan, child with seizures

**For those who grieve:**

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

**In Need of Prayer**

Ray Boone, completed chemo, pray for strength  
 Benita Puzzuoli, strength, ongoing treatments  
 Linda & Ray Johnson's son Ryan, for health  
 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  
 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  
 Judy Vershave and family in Florida  
 Cindi Taaffee's godson, Michael, for employment  
 Sheila, Isles family, burns, family care  
 Isles family for wisdom in care of aunt, hip, confusion  
 Lance, brother-in-law of Isles, liver failure  
 Sue Isles, sister-in-law of Ron/Karen, on chemo  
 Pray for Nate Lochrie, a fire fighter, for safety each day  
 Pray for the survivors of earthquake in Turkey/Syria  
 Pray for students and families at Michigan State

General Fund giving last week: \$4,570  
 Total giving in February: \$9,890

Thank you for your faithful giving to the Lord.

**Our sincere sympathy** to Lucy and Jimmy McGuire in the death of her niece, Joanna, after a long bout with cancer. She leaves a husband and two sons, ages 9 and 2 years.

**Heidelberg Catechism Q. 94.** What does the Lord require in the first commandment? **A.** That I, not wanting to endanger my very salvation, avoid and shun all idolatry, magic, superstitious rites, and prayer to saints or to other creatures. That I sincerely acknowledge the only true God, trust him alone, look to him for every good thing humbly and patiently, love him, fear him, and honor him with all my heart. In short, that I give up anything rather than go against his will in any way.