



CHRIST
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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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Gathering Song: Come, Thou Almighty King

† **Call to Worship** (from Isaiah 12)

Pastor: Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid.

People: The LORD, the LORD himself, is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation."

Pastor: Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.

Unison: Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.

† **Hymn: The Lord is King, Enthroned in Might**

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

First Scripture Readings

Genesis 2:4-9, 15-16 Responsive

⁴This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

⁵**Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, ⁶but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground.**

⁷Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.⁸ Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed.

⁹**The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.**

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶**And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”**

Romans 5:12-21 Responsive

¹² Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

¹³ **To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone’s account where there is no law. ¹⁴Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.**

¹⁵ But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God’s grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! ¹⁶ Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man’s sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification.

¹⁷ **For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God’s abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!**

¹⁸ Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. ¹⁹ For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

²⁰ **The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, ²¹so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord**

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: All the Way My Savior Leads Me

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: God Leads Us Along

Ariel Mills, Guest Musician

† 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

Revelation 20:11-15 Responsive

¹¹Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them.

¹²**And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.**

¹³The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done.

¹⁴**Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death.** ¹⁵**Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.**

John 6:35-40 Responsive

³⁵Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ³⁶But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe.

³⁷**All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. ³⁸For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.**

³⁹And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day.

⁴⁰**For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."**

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Sermon: What Happens After Death?

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting

† Responsive Litany (Hebrews 9:24-28)

Pastor: For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence.

People: Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own.

Pastor: Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world.

People: But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Unison: Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

† Benediction

Welcome, Announcements and Prayers

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Volunteers Needed

Thank you to those who have volunteered to work with the children during the time parents are in our worship service. Additional people will help the others to attend worship service some weeks.

Our goal is to teach them the Word of God so 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.

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 am for about an hour. If you are interested, please see Judy Dellinger, or call her.

Working Toward a New Church Directory

You may have noticed that our church directory is out-of-date. Plans are underway to replace it. Be watching over the next few weeks for opportunities to update or add your photo, as well as to update your information for the directory/database.

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
 Brenda's brother, Bernard, kidney, hope
 Brenda for a new cardiologist
 Bunny Rector, transition new residence
 Jennifer's dad, for cancer care
 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
 Maureen, dear friend of Lisa Lochrie
 Reagan, child with seizures
 Kay, hospice, for peace, pain control

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.
 Regina Higgs, mother
 Lucy McGuire, niece, Joanna
 Teresa Lisowski, Aunt Cookie

In Need of Prayer

Paul McGuire, son of Jimmy and Lucy, in ICU
 Rosie, daughter of Linda Szczepanek, in ICU
 Ray Boone, completed chemo, pray for strength
 Benita Puzzuoli, strength for 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, employment
 Don Rende's brother, Bob, failing health
 Sean's aunt & uncle, Sonja/Ronnie, heavy caregiving
 Rob, friend of Jen Freese, in nursing home
 Rachel Hopson, deliverance from worldly ways (Sean)
 Debbie, Pam Paglino's friend, ovarian cancer returned
 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' Aunt Rose adjustment to new placement for care
 Lance, brother-in-law of Isles, liver failure
 Sue Isles, sister-in-law of Ron/Karen, on chemo
 Pray for the survivors of earthquake in Turkey/Syria
 Pray for students and families at Michigan State
 Parents prayer for children growing close to God

General Fund giving last week:
 \$3,420

Total giving in March: \$8,225

Our congregation is happy to pray for your prayer requests. Please let Bev know when prayers are answered and the name can be removed. Thank you.

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 97. May we then not make any image at all?

A. God cannot and may not be visibly portrayed in any way. Although creatures may be portrayed, yet God forbids making or having such images if one's intention is to worship them or to serve God through them.