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Welcome to Worship

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Gathering Song: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

† Call to Worship (Psalm 107:1, 2a ,9, 21, 22 ESV)

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

People: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble.

Pastor: For he satisfies the longing soul and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

People: Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man.

Unison: And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving , and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!

† Hymn: To God Be the Glory

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

(Reader: Donna Whiting)

Hebrews 10:11-18 Responsive

¹¹Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

¹²But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. ¹⁴For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

¹⁵The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says:

¹⁶“This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.”

¹⁷Then he adds:

“Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more.”

¹⁸And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary.

1 John 1:1—2:2 Responsive

¹ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.

²The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us.

³We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. **And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.** ⁴**We write this to make our joy complete.**

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

⁶If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

⁸If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

¹⁰If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

¹ My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

²He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

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: Jesus Calls Us

Offertory

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Where He Leads Me**

arr: Cindy Berry

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

(Reader: Donna Whiting)

Revelation 5:1-10 Responsive

¹ Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. ² And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?"

³ **But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. ⁴ I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside.**

⁵ Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals."

⁶ **Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.**

⁷ He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. ⁸ And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people.

⁹ **And they sang a new song, saying:**

**“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 from every tribe and language and people and nation.
¹⁰ You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God,
and they will reign on the earth.”**

John 20:19-31 Responsive

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!”

²⁰ **After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.**

²¹ Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

²⁴ **Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”**

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ **A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!”**

²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

²⁸ **Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”**

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰ **Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.**

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Why Did Jesus Sit Down? (Part 2)

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: One Day

† Responsive Litany (Hebrews 13:20,21, Jude 24,25)

Pastor: Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep,

People: equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

Pastor: To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—

Unison: to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

† Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Pastor: Dr. James N. McGuire

Music Director: Dr. Eric Roth



Dear Prayer Team,

Greetings at this wonderful time of year. We pray that the fullness of our salvation, the promise of the resurrection and the power of the indwelling Spirit of God is your joy today and every day.

In March we had very special Zoom calls with both the Central Asia Care for Leaders group and with the annual Central Asia Consultation (CAC). The CAC zoom call was encouraging as we heard reports from each country presented by cherished friends and leaders. It was the best of virtual possibilities but we missed the face-to-face meetings, the sharing of meals and the awesome Russian-English worship times.

Here are two of the encouraging reports from that call:

Although nine countries reported difficult economic situations and Covid related deaths of church members, family or friends, they also praised the Lord for the expanded outreach they accomplished through virtual services and small group meetings and new opportunities for humanitarian involvement within their communities. Several churches received commendations from their local or national governments! Many who would have never entered a church building received salvation through virtual home meetings

A pastor from Turkmenistan told us that no pastors had died due to Covid in his country. This is an amazing report of God's protection, especially with such poor medical care.

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The Care for Leaders group are creating specific and diverse methods to minister to pastors and leaders who are discouraged and fatigued. Some are involved in a training which focuses on healing from early abuse as well as spiritual encouragement and theological truth. Others are developing centers for retreat and healing along with coaching. Still others are organizing retreats for pastors and their families, as well as regular local gatherings for sharing and fellowship. We rejoice to see how God is guiding each person and each couple to come alongside the leaders of God's Church to give them much needed time and attention to their very challenging lives. This is happening in some part because you have prayed and have given to our Jars of Clay account at Barnabas which we have used to send several pastors and families to get a rest, a very new concept in this area of the world. God used their experiences among other factors to launch this movement.

Personally we are well having had Covid at separate times and are grateful that there were no complications or residual effects. Carol had her four year echocardiogram in March and was again pleased to hear that her heart is "perfect".

Thank you for your prayers for the church in Central Asia and for us as we continue to mentor, encourage, pray with them and stay available to listen to their needs and victories.

May you sense God's love in fresh ways as you focus on His amazing salvation this Easter weekend.

David and Carol

PS: We have copies of the annual Muslim World Prayer Guide 30 Days of Prayer. For a hard copy contact us at dlfogleboch@frontier.com . You can download a digital copy at www.WorldChristian.com. The prayer guide is to help us pray for the Muslim world during the Islamic month of Ramadan which is April 13- May 12 this year.

To our visitors: We hope our worship enables you to draw near to God through Christ Jesus, and that you feel welcome here among us. Please sign our guest book. Our normal fellowship time after the service has been postponed due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12

In Need of Prayer

Brenda Cook, health, esp. kidney
 Cindy Taaffee
 Jen Freese, grief, training of therapy dog
 Dennis & Ellen Dorman
 Kent's sister, Lori
 George Donoian, in rehab
 John Dellinger's sister, Nancy
 Don Rende's brother, Bob
 David, friend of Cindy Taaffee
 Mark, Elaine's cousin, cardiac rehab
 Gary, Marion, friends of L.Szczepanek
 Ray Boone's friend, Marvin, set-back
 Dan, friend of Doaks, fall/rehab
 Yvonne Ray, assisted living
 Alberta Weaver, for stability
 Reginia Higgs, strength caring for Alberta
 Justin Conn, kidney transplant recovery
 Linda Szczepanek
 Jen's mom, foot fracture
 Sara, daughter of Linda Johnson, Covid
 Belinda Williams, discerning God's will

In Need of Prayer

Karen Deighton, knee surgery 4/9
 Charlie Wilson
 Katalee Deighton, lymphoma
 Gail Nastwold's family for full recovery from Covid
 Anastasia, high risk pregnancy, 29 weeks
 Alanna, auto accident, more surgeries & rehab
 Marie Johnson, Linda & Ray's daughter
 Keely & Josh (USN), daughter/son-in-law of Linda Johnson
 Julie, dear friend of Chernenkoffs
 Nicki, Donna's neighbor, new cancer
 Kelly Rende's co-worker, Kirk, cancer treatment
 Grieving families with recent losses of loved ones:
 Kelly Rende, Linda Szczepanek, Sam Hutson, Dormans
 Ray Johnson, Karen Isles, Angie O'Dell, Krystal Murphy, Claudine Sordyl, and other healthcare workers to keep well
 Baby Jase, Mom Lindsey, friends of Linda Johnson
 Danny, brother-in-law of Donna Whiting, pain, leg ulcers
 Bruce's co-worker, Tony, bladder cancer
 Justin Eizak, grandson of Linda Szczepanek, knee injury/tests
 Rita, friend of Bruce Terras, chemotherapy
 Judy Carr's friend/pastor, heavy grief

Audio Sermons can be heard on the church website: <http://christ-presbyterianchurch.org>

Our Military: Metzners' grandson; and Bryan, relative of Teresa Lisowski, deployed to Iraq.

Monthly need: \$17,083.00
 Giving to general fund last week: \$6,466
 Giving to general fund in April: \$6,466
 Giving to mortgage in April: \$100

Pray for God's protection of girls/women and intervention to stop the human sex trafficking in our state.

Pray for those of our church who worship on-line, that they will sense the love and care we have for each other.

Heidelberg Catechism: Q 7. Where then does man's corrupt nature come from? **A.** From the fall and disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, in Paradise. This fall has so poisoned our nature that we are born sinners—corrupt from conception on.