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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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Gathering Song: To Him Who Sits on the Throne

† Call to Worship (from Psalm 92)

Pastor: It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High,

People: **proclaiming your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night.**

Pastor: For you make me glad by your deeds, LORD: I sing for joy at what your hands have done.

People: **How great are your works, LORD, how profound your thoughts!**

Unison: **You, LORD, are forever exalted.**

† Hymn: Rejoice, the Lord Is King

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First 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. ¹²And 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.

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

John 5:19-29 Responsive

¹⁹ Jesus gave them this answer: “Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. ²⁰For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, and he will show him even greater works than these, so that you will be amazed.

²¹ For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it. ²² Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, ²³ that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.

²⁴“Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. ²⁵Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. ²⁶ For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. ²⁷ And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.

²⁸“Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice ²⁹ and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned.

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: This Is My Father's World

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

"Nocturne in E flat Major, Op. 9 No. 2"

By. F. Chopin

Yuta Sugano, 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

2 Corinthians 5:10-11, 17-21 Responsive

¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

¹¹**Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience.**

¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

¹⁸**All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.**

²⁰We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

²¹**God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.**

Matthew 25:31-46 Responsive

³¹"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

³⁴“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

³⁷“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

⁴⁰“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

⁴¹“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

⁴⁴“They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

⁴⁵“He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

⁴⁶“Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

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Thanks be to God.

Sermon: The Final Judgment by God

Sixth in a Series: What is the Biblical View of Life After Death?

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: At the Name of Jesus

† 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. 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

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, blood pressure
 Jennifer's dad, for cancer care
 Jen's uncle, Skip, health
 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
 Scott, son of Metzners, serious surgery

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.
 Lucy McGuire, niece, Joanna
 Teresa Lisowski, Aunt Cookie

In Need of Prayer

Glad Smith, hospitalized
 Paul McGuire, son of Jimmy & Lucy, home
 Rosie, daughter of Linda Szczepanek, home, still in pain
 Ray Boone, pray for strength, cancer gone
 Benita Puzzuoli, chemo helping
 Nancy Hill, health
 Andy Bodnar, health concern
 Ron Langford, age 34, heart failure, needs transplant
 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
 Don Rende's brother, Bob, failing health
 Sean's aunt & uncle, Sonja/Ronnie, heavy caregiving
 Debbie, Pam Paglino's friend, responded to treatment
 Donna Whiting's sister's family in grief
 Judy Vershave, return of cancer and family in Florida
 Cindi Taaffee's godson, Michael, for employment
 Lance, brother-in-law of Isles, liver failure
 Sue Isles, sister-in-law of Isles, on chemo
 Jalene Rende, MS flareup, husband Kirk caring for her
 Lee Paglino, young mom, breast cancer, radiation
 Chuck, Step-father of Lisa, family death, despondent
 Jason, friend of Clay family, serious car accident injuries
 Karen Isles, injured hip
 Pray for Caregivers of family members who are ill

General Fund giving last week:

\$5,755

Total giving in April: \$11,460

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. 102. Heidelberg Catechism Q. 102. May we swear by saints or other creatures?

A. No. A legitimate oath means calling upon God as the one who knows my heart to witness to my truthfulness and to punish me if I swear falsely. No creature is worthy of such honor.