



CHRIST
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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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Gathering Song: Shine on Us

† Call to Worship (from Psalm 118 ESV)

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

People: Let those who fear the LORD say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Pastor: Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free.

People: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

Pastor: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

Unison: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

† Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

Isaiah 53:1-6 Responsive

¹ Who has believed our message
and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

² He grew up before him like a tender shoot,
and like a root out of dry ground.

He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

³ **He was despised and rejected by mankind,
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.
Like one from whom people hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.**

⁴ Surely he took up our pain
and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.

⁵ **But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.**

⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

2 Corinthians 1:3-11 Responsive

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

⁵ **For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. ⁶ If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer.**

⁷ And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

⁸ **We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about the troubles we experienced in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself. ⁹ Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that**

we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead.

¹⁰He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, ¹¹as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.

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: In Christ Alone

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: It is Well with My Soul

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

Hebrews 5:1-10 Responsive

¹ Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness.

³ This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people. ⁴ And no one takes this honor on himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵ In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him,
“You are my Son;
today I have become your Father.”

**⁶ And he says in another place,
“You are a priest forever,
in the order of Melchizedek.”**

⁷ During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

⁸ Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹ and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him ¹⁰ and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

Luke 18:31-34 Responsive

³¹ Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, “We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled.

³² He will be delivered over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him and spit on him; ³³ they will flog him and kill him. On the third day he will rise again.”

³⁴ The disciples did not understand any of this. Its meaning was hidden from them, and they did not know what he was talking about.

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

Sermon: The Waiting Cross

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

† Responsive Litany (Romans 8:31-34)

Pastor: What, then, shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

People: He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

Pastor: Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.

Unison: Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

† 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, for her blood pressure
 Jennifer's father, chemo treatment
 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 and pain relief
 Nancy Hill, health

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, recent death of aunt

In Need of Prayer

Glad Smith, home
 Paul McGuire, home, but weak. For full healing
 Rosie, daughter of Linda Szczepanek, recent surgery
 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
 Debbie, Pam Paglino's friend, ovarian cancer returned
 Donna Whiting's sister's family in grief
 Judy Vershave and family in Florida
 Lance, brother-in-law of Isles, liver failure
 Sue Isles, sister-in-law of Ron/Karen, on chemo
 Karen Isles, injured hip
 Pray for Nate Lochrie, a fire fighter, for safety each day
 Lee Paglino, breast cancer, mother of small children
 Ron Langford, age 34, heart failure, needs transplant
 Chuck, step-father of Lisa Lochrie, death, despondent
 Family of Jason, death following auto accident
 Trower family in the sudden death wife and mother
 Belinda Williams, discernment of next steps in medicine

General Fund giving last week: \$3,726
 Giving to date in April: \$15,186

 Thank you for your faithful giving to the Lord.

Our deep sympathy is extended to Gordon Powers and family on the death of his wife, Barbara, on April 13, 2023. Arrangements are incomplete.

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 103. What is God's will for us in the fourth commandment? **A.** First, that the gospel ministry and education for it to be maintained, and that, especially on the festive day of rest, I regularly attend the assembly of God's people to learn what God's Word teaches, to participate in the sacraments, and to pray to God publicly, and to bring Christian offerings for the poor.
 (Continued next week)