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## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

**May 7, 2023**

### **Gathering Song: Psalm 72:18, sung to tune "Dundee"**

**Now bless-ed be the Lord our God, the God of Is-ra-el,  
For He alone does wondrous works in glory that excel.**

**And bless-ed be his glorious Name to all eternity.  
The whole earth let his glory fill. Amen, so let it be.**

### **† Call to Worship (Psalm 104:24,31,33)**

**Pastor:** O LORD, how many are your works; in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**People:** **May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works.**

**Pastor:** I will sing to the LORD all my life;

**Unison:** **I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**

### **† Hymn: All Things Bright and Beautiful**

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

## First Scripture Readings

### Romans 6:12-23 Responsive

<sup>12</sup>Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. <sup>13</sup>Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness.

**<sup>14</sup>For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.**

<sup>15</sup>What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?

**<sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. <sup>18</sup>You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.**

<sup>19</sup>I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness.

**<sup>20</sup>When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. <sup>21</sup>What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death!**

<sup>22</sup>But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### Exodus 22:1-14 Responsive

<sup>1</sup>“Whoever steals an ox or a sheep and slaughters it or sells it must pay back five head of cattle for the ox and four sheep for the sheep.

**<sup>2</sup>“If a thief is caught breaking in at night and is struck a fatal blow, the defender is not guilty of bloodshed; <sup>3</sup>but if it happens after sunrise, the defender is guilty of bloodshed.**

“Anyone who steals must certainly make restitution, but if they have nothing, they must be sold to pay for their theft. <sup>4</sup>If the stolen animal is found alive in their possession—whether ox or donkey or sheep—they must pay back double.

**<sup>5</sup>“If anyone grazes their livestock in a field or vineyard and lets them stray and they graze in someone else's field, the offender must make restitution from the best of their own field or vineyard.**

<sup>6</sup>“If a fire breaks out and spreads into thornbushes so that it burns shocks of grain or standing grain or the whole field, the one who started the fire must make restitution.

**<sup>7</sup>“If anyone gives a neighbor silver or goods for safekeeping and they are stolen from the neighbor's house, the thief, if caught, must pay back double. <sup>8</sup>But if the thief is not found, the owner of the house must appear before the judges, and they must determine whether the owner of the house has laid**

**hands on the other person's property.**

<sup>9</sup>In all cases of illegal possession of an ox, a donkey, a sheep, a garment, or any other lost property about which somebody says, 'This is mine,' both parties are to bring their cases before the judges. <sup>10</sup>The one whom the judges declare guilty must pay back double to the other.

<sup>10</sup>**"If anyone gives a donkey, an ox, a sheep or any other animal to their neighbor for safekeeping and it dies or is injured or is taken away while no one is looking, <sup>11</sup>the issue between them will be settled by the taking of an oath before the LORD that the neighbor did not lay hands on the other person's property. The owner is to accept this, and no restitution is required.**

<sup>12</sup>But if the animal was stolen from the neighbor, restitution must be made to the owner. <sup>13</sup>If it was torn to pieces by a wild animal, the neighbor shall bring in the remains as evidence and shall not be required to pay for the torn animal.

<sup>14</sup>**"If anyone borrows an animal from their neighbor and it is injured or dies while the owner is not present, they must make restitution.**

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 Thanksgiving, Let us Praise Him**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory: Jesus Shall Reign**

**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

### Psalm 112 Responsive

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD.

Blessed are those who fear the LORD,  
who find great delight in his commands.

<sup>2</sup>**Their children will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup>**Wealth and riches are in their houses,  
and their righteousness endures forever.**

<sup>4</sup>Even in darkness light dawns for the upright,  
for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous.

<sup>5</sup>Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely,  
who conduct their affairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely the righteous will never be shaken;  
they will be remembered forever.**

<sup>7</sup>**They will have no fear of bad news;  
their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the LORD.**

<sup>8</sup>**Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear;  
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

<sup>9</sup>They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor,  
their righteousness endures forever;  
their horn will be lifted high in honor.

<sup>10</sup>**The wicked will see and be vexed,  
they will gnash their teeth and waste away;  
the longings of the wicked will come to nothing.**

### Luke 19:1-10 Responsive

<sup>1</sup> Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup>A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. <sup>3</sup>He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. <sup>4</sup>So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

<sup>5</sup>**When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.”** <sup>6</sup>**So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.**

<sup>7</sup>All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”

<sup>8</sup>**But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”**

<sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Sermon: The Man Christ Found in a Tree**

Dr. James N. McGuire

### **The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

#### **† The Apostles Creed Unison**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### **† Prayer of Confession (Psalm 51:1-7) Unison**

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your unfailing love;  
according to your great compassion  
blot out my transgressions.

<sup>2</sup>Wash away all my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.

<sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is always before me.

<sup>4</sup>Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are proved right when you speak  
and justified when you judge.

<sup>5</sup> Surely I was sinful at birth,  
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

<sup>6</sup> Surely you desire truth in the inner parts;  
you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

<sup>7</sup> Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;  
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

### **Pastoral Prayer**

#### **† Hymn: Man of Sorrows! What a Name**

#### **† Responsive Litany (1 Peter 2:21-25)**

**Pastor:** To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

**People:** **“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”**

**Pastor:** When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

**People:** **“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.”**

**Unison:** For **“you were like sheep going astray,”** but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

#### **† 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  
 Kay, hospice for peace and pain relief  
 Brenda, for her blood pressure  
 Jennifer’s father, chemo treatment  
 Ed Steele, for mobility, back pain  
 Nancy Hill, 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  
 Kimi Muha, suffering

**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  
 Andy Bodnar, health  
 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, 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  
 Ken Lindsay’s brother with cancer  
 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 heart transplant  
 Chuck, step-father of Lisa Lochrie, death, despondent  
 Family of Jason, death following auto accident  
 Trower family in sudden death of wife and mother

General Fund giving last week: \$12,305  
 Giving to date in April: \$29,216

Thank you for your faithful giving to the Lord.

Our deep sympathy is extended to Gordon Power and family on the death of his wife, Barbara, on April 13, 2023. The funeral was on April 21, 2023.

**Heidelberg Catechism Q 104:** What is God’s will for us in the Fifth Commandment?

**A.** That I honor, love, and be loyal to my father and mother and all those in authority over me; that I obey and submit to them, as is proper, when they correct and punish me; and I also be patient with their failings—for through them God chooses to rule us.