



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

MAY 9, 2021

Gathering Song: Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

† Call to Worship (Psalm 9:1,2, 7-10)

Pastor: I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

People: I will be glad and rejoice in you: I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High.

Pastor: The LORD reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment. He rules the world in righteousness and judges the peoples with equity.

People: The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

Unison: Those who know your name trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.

† Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

Acts 10:44-48 Responsive

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message.

⁴⁵ **The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles.** ⁴⁶ **For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.**

Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ “Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.” ⁴⁸ So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

Psalm 98 Responsive

¹ Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things;
his right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.

² **The LORD has made his salvation known
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.**

³ **He has remembered his love
and his faithfulness to Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.**

⁴ Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with music;
⁵ make music to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of singing,
⁶ with trumpets and the blast of the ram’s horn—
shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

⁷ **Let the sea resound, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it.**

⁸ **Let the rivers clap their hands,
let the mountains sing together for joy;**

⁹ **let them sing before the LORD,
for he comes to judge the earth.**

**He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples with equity.**

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

John 15:9-17 Responsive

⁹"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.

¹⁰**If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.**

¹²My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

¹⁴**You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.**

¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

¹⁷**This is my command: Love each other.**

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Sermon: Here's What We Know (Part 3)

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: Rejoice! The Lord is King

† Responsive Litany (from Hebrews 10)

Pastor: Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain that is, his body,

People: and since we have a great high priest over the house of God,

Pastor: let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

Unison: And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

† Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Pastor: Dr. James N. McGuire

Music Director: Dr. Eric Roth

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

Stella, 8 years, brain bleed
 Brenda Cook, health, esp. kidney
 Cindy Taaffee
 Jen Freese, grief, training of therapy dog
 Dennis (Ellen) Dorman, cancer
 Kent's sister, Lori
 George Donoian, home
 John Dellinger's sister, Nancy
 Don Rende's brother, Bob
 David, friend of Cindy Taaffee
 Mark, Elaine's cousin, home now
 Gary, Marion, friends of L.Szczepanek
 Ray Boone's friend, Marvin, set-back
 Dan, friend of Doaks, fall/rehab
 Alberta Weaver, for stability
 Reginia Higgs, strength caring for Alberta
 Justin Conn, kidney transplant recovery
 Linda Szczepanek
 Lori Palumbo, grief
 Ken, Bev's son-in-law, back surgery
 Renata, Elaine's friend, wrist surgery 5/18

In Need of Prayer

Priscilla Smith, recent surgery
 Charlie Wilson
 Katalee Deighton, lymphoma
 Gail Nastwold's family for full recovery from Covid
 Anastasia, high risk pregnancy, 31 weeks
 Alanna, auto accident, more surgeries & rehab
 Marie Johnson, Linda & Ray's daughter
 Keely & Josh (USN), daughter/son-in-law of Linda Johnson
 Nicki, Donna's neighbor, new cancer
 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
 Bell family in death of 17 year old son
 Rita, friend of Bruce Terras, chemotherapy
 Joni, Philip, Christian workers in Myanmar, protection

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: \$5,465
 Giving to general fund in May: \$5,465
 Giving to mortgage in May: \$150

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 11. But isn't God also merciful? **A.** God is certainly merciful, but he is also just. His justice demands that sin, committed against his supreme majesty, be punished with the supreme penalty—eternal punishment of body and soul.