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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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Gathering Song: Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

† Call to Worship (Psalm 145:9-13)

Pastor: The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

People: All your works praise you, LORD; your faithful people extol you.

Pastor: They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might,

People: so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Unison: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.

† Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings
Romans 12:3-8 Responsive

³For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

⁴For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

⁶We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷if it is serving, then serve;

if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

1 Corinthians 12:4-11 Responsive

¹ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

⁷Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit,

⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues.

¹¹All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

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: Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: May, Sweet May

by Robert Schumann

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

! Peter 4:1-11 Responsive

¹ Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin. ² As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God.

³ **For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do—living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry. ⁴ They are surprised that you do not join them in their reckless, wild living, and they heap abuse on you.**

⁵ But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. ⁶ For this is the reason the gospel was preached even to those who are now dead, so that they might be judged according to human standards in regard to the body, but live according to God in regard to the spirit.

⁷ **The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray.**

⁸ Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. ⁹ Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

¹¹ **If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.**

Luke 19:11-28 Responsive

¹¹ While they were listening to this, he went on to tell them a parable, because he was near Jerusalem and the people thought that the kingdom of God was going to appear at once.

¹² **He said: "A man of noble birth went to a distant country to have himself appointed king and then to return. ¹³ So he called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas. 'Put this money to work,' he said, 'until I come back.'**

¹⁴ "But his subjects hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, 'We don't want this man to be our king.'

¹⁵ **“He was made king, however, and returned home. Then he sent for the servants to whom he had given the money, in order to find out what they had gained with it.**

¹⁶ “The first one came and said, ‘Sir, your mina has earned ten more.’

¹⁷ **“Well done, my good servant!’ his master replied. ‘Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities.**

¹⁸ “The second came and said, ‘Sir, your mina has earned five more.’¹⁹ “His master answered, ‘You take charge of five cities.’

²⁰ **“Then another servant came and said, ‘Sir, here is your mina; I have kept it laid away in a piece of cloth. ²¹ I was afraid of you, because you are a hard man. You take out what you did not put in and reap what you did not sow.’**

²² “His master replied, ‘I will judge you by your own words, you wicked servant! You knew, did you, that I am a hard man, taking out what I did not put in, and reaping what I did not sow? ²³ Why then didn’t you put my money on deposit, so that when I came back, I could have collected it with interest?’

²⁴ **“Then he said to those standing by, ‘Take his mina away from him and give it to the one who has ten minas.’**

²⁵ “‘Sir,’ they said, ‘he already has ten!’

²⁶ **“He replied, ‘I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but as for the one who has nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ²⁷ But those enemies of mine who did not want me to be king over them—bring them here and kill them in front of me.’”**

²⁸ After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

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Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Are You a Good or Bad Investment for God?

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: Rejoice, the Lord is King

† 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, 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
 Kay, hospice for peace and pain relief
 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: \$6,780
 Giving to date in May: \$19,205

 Thank you for your faithful giving to the Lord.

Pray for our missionaries, such as Tim and Rob in the Middle East, for Dave and Carol Foglebach ministering in Central Asia. Remember to pray for Christians around the world who are persecuted for their faith in Christ.

Heidelberg Catechism Q 105: What is God’s will for us in the Sixth Commandment? **A.** I am not to belittle, insult, hate, or kill my neighbor—not by my thoughts, my words, my look or gesture, and certainly not by actual deeds—and I am not to be a party to this in others; rather I am to put away all desire for revenge. I am not to harm or recklessly endanger myself either. Prevention of murder is also why government is armed with the sword.