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## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

**May 21, 2023**

### **Gathering Song: Spirit Song**

#### **† Call to Worship (Psalm 118:26-29)**

**Pastor:** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we  
bless you.

**People:** **The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine on us.**

**Pastor:** With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

**People:** **You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.**

**Unison:** **Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.**

#### **† Hymn: The Church's One Foundation**

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

**First Scripture Readings**  
**Romans 6:15-23 Responsive**

<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.

**Galatians 5:6b, 16-26 Responsive**

<sup>6</sup>For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

**<sup>16</sup>So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.**

<sup>19</sup>The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; <sup>20</sup>idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions <sup>21</sup>and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

**<sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,<sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup>Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. <sup>26</sup>Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.**

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: The Trees of the Field (You Shall Go Out with Joy)

### Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: Jesus Loves Me

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 12:1-13 Responsive

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup>fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

**For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup>Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.**

<sup>4</sup>In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

<sup>5</sup>And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says,

**“My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline,  
and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,**

**<sup>6</sup>because the Lord disciplines the one he loves,  
and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.”**

<sup>7</sup> Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? <sup>8</sup> If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all.

**<sup>9</sup> Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! <sup>10</sup> They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness.**

<sup>11</sup> No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

**<sup>12</sup> Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. <sup>13</sup> “Make level paths for your feet,” so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.**

#### **Luke 19:28-44 Responsive**

<sup>28</sup> After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, <sup>30</sup> “Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

**<sup>32</sup> Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”**

<sup>34</sup> They replied, “The Lord needs it.”

**<sup>35</sup> They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.**

<sup>37</sup> When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

**<sup>38</sup> “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”  
“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”**

<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

**<sup>40</sup> “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”**

<sup>41</sup> As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it <sup>42</sup> and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes.

**<sup>43</sup> The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. <sup>44</sup> They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God’s coming to you.”**

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**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon: Can You Really Have a Better Future?**

Dr. James N. McGuire

**Pastoral Prayer**

**† Hymn: Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise (page 9)**

**† Responsive Litany (from Ephesians 2)**

**Pastor:** As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world.

**People: We were by nature deserving of wrath.**

**Pastor:** But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

**People: God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.**

**Unison: For it is by grace we have been saved through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. Thanks be to God.**

**† 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  
 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.106.** Does this commandment (6th) refer only to killing?

**A.** By forbidding murder God teaches us that he hates the root of murder: envy, hatred, anger, vindictiveness.