



CHRIST  
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# Welcome to Worship

**MAY 23, 2021**

**Gathering Song: Wonderful, Merciful Savior**

**† Call to Worship** (Isaiah 55:6-9 ESV)

Pastor: Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts.

**People: Let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.**

Pastor: For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

**Unison: For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.**

**† Hymn: This is My Father's World**

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

## First Scripture Reading

### Acts 2:1-21 Responsive

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

<sup>3</sup> **They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.**

<sup>5</sup> Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. <sup>7</sup> Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?”

<sup>8</sup> **Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome <sup>11</sup> (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!”**

<sup>12</sup> Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup> Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

<sup>14</sup> **Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. <sup>15</sup> These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:**

<sup>17</sup> **“In the last days, God says,  
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your young men will see visions,  
your old men will dream dreams.**

<sup>18</sup> **Even on my servants, both men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
and they will prophesy.**

<sup>19</sup> **I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood and fire and billows of smoke.**

<sup>20</sup> **The sun will be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood  
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.**

<sup>21</sup> **And everyone who calls  
on the name of the Lord will be saved.**

**Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Responsive**

<sup>24</sup>How many are your works, LORD!

In wisdom you made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup>**There is the sea, vast and spacious,  
teeming with creatures beyond number—  
living things both large and small.**

<sup>26</sup>**There the ships go to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.**

<sup>27</sup>All creatures look to you  
to give them their food at the proper time.

<sup>28</sup>When you give it to them,  
they gather it up;  
when you open your hand,  
they are satisfied with good things.

<sup>29</sup>**When you hide your face,  
they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath,  
they die and return to the dust.**

<sup>30</sup>When you send your Spirit,  
they are created,  
and you renew the face of the ground.

<sup>31</sup>**May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
may the LORD rejoice in his works—**

<sup>32</sup>**he who looks at the earth, and it trembles,  
who touches the mountains, and they smoke.**

<sup>33</sup>I will sing to the LORD all my life;  
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

<sup>34</sup>May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
as I rejoice in the LORD.

<sup>35b</sup> **Praise the LORD, my soul.**

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: How Great Thou Art

Offertory                      Presentation of Tithes and Offerings  
I Know that My Redeemer Liveth                      from *Messiah*, G.F. Handel  
Soloist: Jennifer Freese

**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**

**Romans 8:22-27 Responsive**

<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. <sup>23</sup>Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

**<sup>24</sup>For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.**

<sup>26</sup>In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

**<sup>27</sup>And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.**

**John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 Responsive**

<sup>26</sup>"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. <sup>27</sup>And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

**<sup>4b</sup> I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, <sup>5</sup>but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' <sup>6</sup>Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things.**

<sup>7</sup>But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

**<sup>8</sup>When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because people do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going**

**to the Father, where you can see me no longer; <sup>11</sup> and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.**

<sup>12</sup>“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. <sup>13</sup> But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

<sup>14</sup> **He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. <sup>15</sup> All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”**

This is the Word of the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon: Five Liars in 1 John**  
Dr. James N. McGuire

**Pastoral Prayer**

† Hymn: I Love Thy Church, O Lord

**Responsive Litany** (Hebrews 12:1-3)

Pastor: Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders us and the sin that so easily entangles.

**People: And let us run with perseverance the race marked out before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.**

Pastor: 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.

**Unison: Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.**

† **Benediction**

**Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers**

**Pastor: Dr. James N. McGuire**

**Music Director: Dr. Eric Roth**

**Please Note:** On Tuesday and Wednesday (May 25 and 26) our parking lot will be closed to traffic/parking. We plan to have the surface sealed and newly striped on those days. The Ladies Bible Study will not meet.

<p><b>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.</b></p>	
<p>Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12</p>	
<p><b>In Need of Prayer</b>          Stella, 8 years, brain surgery 5/18          Brenda Cook, health, esp. kidney          Cindy Taaffee          Jen Freese, grief, training of therapy dog          Dennis (Ellen) Dorman, cancer          Gail Nastwold          Kent's sister, Lori          George Donoian, and son, John          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          Linda Szczepanek          Lori Palumbo, grief          Ken, Bev's son-in-law, back surgery          Renata, Elaine's friend, wrist surgery 6/1</p>	<p><b>In Need of Prayer</b>          Darlene Little, pain          Priscilla Smith, recent surgery/pain          Charlie Wilson          Katalee Deighton, lymphoma          Anastasia, high risk pregnancy, 32 weeks          Alanna, auto accident, more surgeries &amp; rehab          Marie Johnson, Linda &amp; Ray's daughter          Keely &amp; 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          Joni, Philip, Christian workers in Myanmar, protection          India, suffering widespread Covid deaths          Family of Cathie Govan, grieved</p>
<p><b>Audio Sermons</b> can be heard on the church website: <a href="http://christ-presbyterianchurch.org">http://christ-presbyterianchurch.org</a></p>	<p><b>Our Military:</b> Metzners' grandson; and Bryan, relative of Teresa Lisowski, deployed to Iraq.</p>
<p>Monthly need: \$17,083.00          Giving to general fund last week: \$2,945          Giving to general fund in May: \$12,850          Giving to mortgage in May: \$550</p>	<p><i>Pray for God's protection of girls/women and intervention to stop the human sex trafficking in our state.</i></p> <p>Pray for those of our church who worship on-line, that they will sense the love and care we have for each other.</p>
<p><b>Heidelberg Catechism: : Q 13. Can we pay this debt ourselves?</b>          A. Certainly not. Actually we increase our guilt every day.</p>	