



CHRIST  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## Welcome to Worship

**MAY 30, 2021**

**Gathering Song: Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God**

From Psalm 72

**† Call to Worship** (from Psalm 27)

Pastor: The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

**People: One thing I ask of the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.**

Pastor: For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

**People: I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.**

**Unison: Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.**

**† Hymn: Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending**

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

## First Scripture Readings

(Reader: Justin Isles)

### Isaiah 6:1-8 Responsive

<sup>1</sup> In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. <sup>3</sup> And they were calling to one another:

**“Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD Almighty,  
The whole earth is full of his glory.”**

<sup>4</sup> At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

<sup>5</sup> **“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”**

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

<sup>8</sup> **Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”**

And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

### Psalm 29 Responsive

#### (A Psalm of David)

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

<sup>3</sup> **The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.**

<sup>4</sup> **The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is majestic.**

<sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

<sup>6</sup> He makes Lebanon leap like a calf,  
Sirion like a young wild ox.

<sup>7</sup> **The voice of the LORD strikes  
with flashes of lightning.**

<sup>8</sup> **The voice of the LORD shakes the desert;  
the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup> The voice of the LORD twists the oaks  
and strips the forests bare.  
And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup> **The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD is enthroned as King forever.**

<sup>11</sup> **The LORD gives strength to his people;  
the LORD blesses his people with peace.**

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: To God Be the Glory**

**Offertory**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings  
I Have Decided to Follow Jesus**

**arr: Mark Hayes**

**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 8:1-17 Responsive**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup> because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

<sup>3</sup> **For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering.**

And so he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

**<sup>5</sup> Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.**

<sup>6</sup>The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. <sup>8</sup>Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

**<sup>9</sup> You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.**

<sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

**<sup>12</sup> Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. <sup>13</sup>For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.**

<sup>14</sup>For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. <sup>15</sup>The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "*Abba, Father.*"

**<sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. <sup>17</sup>Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.**

### **Mark 4:35-41 Responsive**

<sup>35</sup>That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." <sup>36</sup>Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him.

**<sup>37</sup> A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. <sup>38</sup>Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"**

<sup>39</sup>He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

**<sup>40</sup> He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"**

<sup>41</sup>They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

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

### **Sermon: Why Are You So Afraid?**

Dr. James N. McGuire

## Pastoral Prayer

### † Hymn: Great is Thy Faithfulness

### Responsive Litany (from Matthew 6)

Pastor: Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear.

**People:** Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

Pastor: Are you not much more valuable than they?

**People:** So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

**Unison:** But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

## 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  
 Brenda Cook, health, esp. kidney  
 Cindy Taaffee  
 Jen Freese, grief, training of therapy dog  
 Jen's father, Lymphoma  
 Dennis (Ellen) Dorman, cancer  
 Kent's sister, Lori  
 George Donoian, in rehab  
 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  
 Alberta Weaver, for stability  
 Reginia Higgs, strength caring for Alberta  
 Linda Szczepanek  
 Lori Palumbo, grief  
 Ken, Bev's son-in-law, improving  
 Renata, Elaine's friend, wrist surgery 6/1

**In Need of Prayer**

Darlene Little, pain  
 Donna Whiting  
 Charlie Wilson  
 Katalée Deighton, lymphoma  
 Gail Nastwold's family for full recovery from Covid  
 Anastasia, high risk pregnancy, 36 weeks  
 Tom Metzner  
 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  
 Joni, Philip, Christian workers in Myanmar, protection  
 India, suffering widespread Covid deaths  
 Nick Isles family, selling/buying home  
 Kelly, Pat Grad's daughter, surgery 6/29

**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: \$2,459  
 Giving to general fund in May: \$15,309  
 Giving to mortgage in May: \$724

*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 14.** Can another creature—any at all—pay this debt for us?  
**A.** No. To begin with, God will not punish another creature for man's guilt. Besides, no mere creature can bear the weight of God's eternal anger against sin and release others from it.