



CHRIST  
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## Welcome to Worship

**JUNE 13, 2021**

### **Gathering Song: Shout to the Lord**

#### **† Call to Worship (Psalm 121)**

Pastor: I lift my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

**People: He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

Pastor: The LORD watches over you—the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

**Unison: The LORD will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.**

#### **† Hymn: Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus**

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

## First Scripture Readings

### I Samuel 15:34—16:13 Responsive

<sup>34</sup> Then Samuel left for Ramah, but Saul went up to his home in Gibeah of Saul. <sup>35</sup> Until the day Samuel died, he did not go to see Saul again, though Samuel mourned for him. And the LORD regretted that he had made Saul king over Israel.

<sup>16:1</sup> **The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.”**

<sup>2</sup> But Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.”

**The LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.’”**

<sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, “Do you come in peace?”

<sup>5</sup> **Samuel replied, “Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.” Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.**

<sup>6</sup> When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed stands here before the LORD.”

<sup>7</sup> **But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”**

<sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.” <sup>9</sup> Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Nor has the LORD chosen this one.” <sup>10</sup> Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The LORD has not chosen these.” <sup>11</sup> So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?”

**“There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered. “He is tending the sheep.”**

<sup>12</sup> So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

**Then the LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.**

<sup>13</sup> So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.



## Second Scripture Readings

### 2 Corinthians 5:6-17 Responsive

<sup>6</sup>Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. <sup>7</sup>For we live by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

<sup>9</sup>**So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. <sup>10</sup>For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.**

<sup>11</sup>Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience.

<sup>12</sup>**We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. <sup>13</sup>If we are “out of our mind,” as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.**

<sup>14</sup>For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

<sup>16</sup>**So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!**

### Mark 4:26-34 Responsive

<sup>26</sup>He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup>Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how.

<sup>28</sup>**All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. <sup>29</sup>As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”**

<sup>30</sup>Again he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it?

<sup>31</sup>**It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. <sup>32</sup>Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.”**

<sup>33</sup>With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. <sup>34</sup>He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

### Sermon: The Silent Success of God’s Grace

Dr. James N. McGuire

## Pastoral Prayer

### † Hymn: Freely, Freely

### † Responsive Litany (Revelation 21:1-5)

Pastor: Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.

**People: I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.**

Pastor: And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.

**People: “He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death, or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”**

**Unison: He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”**

### † 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**

Gail Nastwold, heart surgery on 6/7  
 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  
 Don Rende's brother, Bob  
 Don Rende's nephew, Chris  
 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  
 Renata, Elaine's friend, healing wrist  
 Dot, friend of Cheri Boone  
 Joyce, Brenda's sister, eye cancer

**In Need of Prayer**

Bill Rector, shoulder surgery, 6/10  
 Sue Work, surgery 6/18  
 Donna Whiting  
 Charlie Wilson  
 Katalee Deighton, lymphoma, recent tests  
 Anastasia, high risk pregnancy, 37 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  
 Danny, brother-in-law of Donna Whiting, pain, leg ulcers  
 Joni, Philip, Christian workers in Myanmar, protection  
 India, suffering widespread Covid deaths  
 Dan, friend of Chet Doak  
 Kelly, Pat Grad's daughter, surgery 6/29  
 Linda Sczcepanek's family with Covid

**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: \$2,748  
 Giving to general fund in June: \$2,748  
 Giving to mortgage in June: \$500

*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 16. Why must he be truly human and truly righteous?**

**A.** God's justice demands it: man has sinned, man must pay for his sin, but a sinner cannot pay for others.