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# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

# June 18, 2023

# Gathering Song: The Wonder of It All

**† Call to Worship**: (Psalm 100 ESV)

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

People: Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are the sheep of his pasture.

Pastor: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name.

Unison: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

**†** Hymn: O God Beyond All Praising

+ Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

#### **First Scripture Readings**

#### **Psalm 49 Responsive**

<sup>1</sup> Hear this, all you peoples; listen, all who live in this world, <sup>2</sup>both low and high, rich and poor alike: <sup>3</sup>My mouth will speak words of wisdom; the meditation of my heart will give you understanding. <sup>4</sup>I will turn my ear to a proverb; with the harp I will expound my riddle: <sup>5</sup>Why should I fear when evil days come, when wicked deceivers surround me-6 those who trust in their wealth and boast of their great riches? <sup>7</sup>No one can redeem the life of another or give to God a ransom for them-If the ransom for a life is costly, no payment is ever enough— <sup>9</sup> so that they should live on forever and not see decay. <sup>10</sup>For all can see that the wise die, that the foolish and the senseless also perish, leaving their wealth to others. <sup>11</sup>Their tombs will remain their houses forever, their dwellings for endless generations, though they had named lands after themselves. <sup>12</sup> People, despite their wealth, do not endure; they are like the beasts that perish. <sup>13</sup>This is the fate of those who trust in themselves, and of their followers, who approve their sayings. <sup>14</sup>They are like sheep and are destined to die; death will be their shepherd

(but the upright will prevail over them in the morning). Their forms will decay in the grave,

far from their princely mansions.

## <sup>15</sup>But God will redeem me from the realm of the dead; he will surely take me to himself.

<sup>16</sup>Do not be overawed when others grow rich, when the splendor of their houses increases; <sup>12</sup> for they will take nothing with them when they die, their splendor will not descend with them.

 <sup>18</sup>Though while they live they count themselves blessed and people praise you when you prosper—
 <sup>19</sup>they will join those who have gone before them, who will never again see the light of life.

<sup>20</sup> People who have wealth but lack understanding are like the beasts that perish.

## 1 Timothy 6:3-10, 17-19 Responsive

<sup>3</sup> If anyone teaches otherwise and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching, <sup>4</sup>they are conceited and understand nothing.

They have an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions <sup>5</sup> and constant friction between people of corrupt mind, who have been robbed of the truth and who think that godliness is a means to financial gain.

<sup>6</sup> But godliness with contentment is great gain. <sup>7</sup> For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. <sup>8</sup> But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. <sup>9</sup> Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

# <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

<sup>17</sup>Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

<sup>18</sup>Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. <sup>19</sup>In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

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: Lord of the Universe (**page 9)

#### **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

Offertory: "There is a Fountain" Yuta Sagano, Musician **Guest Pianist: Ariel Mills** 

#### **†** 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**

#### Mark 9:34-38 Responsive

<sup>4</sup>But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

# <sup>35</sup>Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."

<sup>36</sup>He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup> "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

<sup>38</sup> "Teacher," said John, "we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us."

## Luke 12:13-21 Responsive

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

<sup>14</sup>Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" <sup>15</sup>Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

<sup>16</sup>And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. <sup>17</sup>He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

<sup>18</sup> "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. <sup>19</sup> And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."

<sup>20</sup> "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

<sup>21</sup> "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

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# Sermon: Save All You Can Dr. James N. McGuire

**Pastoral Prayer** 

**†** Hymn: The Solid Rock

## Responsive Litany (1 Timothy 6:17-19 ESV)

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Unison: so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

#### Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor



# **Bible Study - Summer Edition**

The summer session of CPC's Ladies Bible Study will begin Tuesday, June 6th, 2023. The focus of our summer study will be discovering and using our spiritual gifts.

- June 6th we will use the *Houts Survey and Questionaire* to provide a look into our gifts.
- June 13th Pastor McGuire will offer a general introduction to the study of spiritual gifts.
- June 20th and following, we will be discussing Dr. Charles Stanley's book, <u>Ministering</u> <u>Through Spiritual Gifts.</u>

Please note, each attendee should independently purchase their copy of *Ministering Through Spiritual Gifts. (revised and expanded edition),* author Dr. Charles Stanley.

Questions may be directed to Elaine or Donna. Hope to see you Tuesday morning!

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, heart and dialysis Ron's brother, needs housing Maureen, dear friend of Lisa Lochrie Reagan, child with seizures Kay, hospice for peace and pain relief Kimi, suffering Ron, age 34, heart failure, needs heart transplant Jen, serious ankle injury Lance, liver failure Sue, sister-in-law of Ron/Karen Gordon Power, grief and frailty Isaiah, age 17, unresponsive in ICU Denise D, health	In Need of Prayer Glad, pain, home Paul, recuperating at home Rosie, improving Andy, health Benita, strength Felicia, breast cancer, relative of Sean Murphy Sean's family in death of Martin Domingo, needs transplants; LaShell cancer Don's brother, Bob, failing health Sean's aunt & uncle, Sonja/Ronnie, heavy caregiving Debbie, Pam's friend Judy V and family, in Florida Ken's brother with cancer Pray for Nate, a fire fighter, for safety each day Lee, breast cancer, mother of small children Ron, age 34, heart failure, needs heart transplant Chuck, step-father of Lisa, family death, despondent Pray for caregivers of those who are ill
General Fund giving last week: \$1,568 Total giving to date in June: \$1,568 Thank you for your faithful giving to the Lord.	Pray for our global partners, such as Tim North and Rob Hamd 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.109. Does God, in this (7th) commandment forbid only such scandalous sins such as adultery? A. We are temples of the Holy Spirit, body and soul, and God wants both to be kept clean and holy. That is why he forbids everything which incites unchastity, whether it be in actions, looks, talk, thoughts or desires.