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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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Gathering Song: Children of the Heavenly Father

† Call to Worship: (Psalm 139:17-18, 23-24)

Leader: How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

People: Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand—when I awake I am still with you.

Leader: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

Unison: See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

† Hymn: Amazing Grace

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

Psalm 36:5-9 Responsive

⁵Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the skies.

⁶**Your righteousness is like the highest mountains,
your justice like the great deep.
You, LORD, preserve both people and animals.**

⁷How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!
People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

⁸**They feast on the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from your river of delights.**

⁹For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

Luke 15:3-10 Responsive

³Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?

⁵**And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’**

⁷I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

⁸**“Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?**

⁹And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’

¹⁰**In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”**

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: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: Gymnopedie No. 1

by Erik Satie

Yuta Sagano, 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

1 John 4:16-18 Responsive

¹⁶And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

¹⁷This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus.

¹⁸**There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.**

Luke 15:11-32 Responsive

¹¹Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.

¹³**“Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there**

squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need.

¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷**“When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’**

²⁰So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

²¹**“The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’**

²²“But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

²⁵**“Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ²⁷‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’**

²⁸“The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’

³¹**“‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”**

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Portrait of the Father, as Given by the Son

Kelly Rende

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: The Love of God

Responsive Litany: 1 John 4:7-12

Leader: Dear friends, let us love one another for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

People: Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

Leader: This is how God showed his love among us; he sent his one and only Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Unison: Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God, but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

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 Questionnaire* 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, *Ministering Through Spiritual Gifts*.

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

Brenda, discernment re: medical tests
 Jennifer's father, chemo #3
 Jen's dog, Sasha, needs eye surgery
 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
 Isaiah, age 17, unresponsive in ICU
 Nate, Isaiah's father, anxiety
 Denise D, health
 Jonathan M, major move/complications

In Need of Prayer

Glad, pain, home
 Paul, recuperating at home
 Rosie, improving
 Andy, surgery on 6/29 for brain tumor
 Benita, strength
 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
 Pray for caregivers of those who are ill
 Betty, ill, alone and afraid
 Shirley, injured in a fall
 Nick I, and family awaiting approval to foster care
 Ellen D, hospitalized with resistant infection
 Katalee D. for full healing
 Pray for Pastor Jimmy for a safe and restful vacation

General Fund giving last week: \$5,380
 Total giving to date in June: \$11,141
 Thank you for your faithful giving to the Lord.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Janet Young, in her death on June 12, 2023. She had looked forward to seeing her Savior. Her family will have a private burial.

Heidelberg Catechism Q.111. What does God require of you in this commandment? A. That I do whatever I can for my neighbor's good, that I treat him as I would like others to treat me, and that I work faithfully so that I may share with those in need.