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# WELCOME TO WORSHIP July 9, 2023

**Gathering Song: I Danced in the Morning** 

† Call to Worship: (1 Peter 2;21-24)

Leader: To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving an example, that you should follow in his footsteps.

People: "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

Leader: When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats.

People: Instead, he entrusted himself to Him who judges justly.

Unison: "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed."

† Hallelujah, What a Savior!

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

## First Scripture Readings Isaiah 53:1-13 Responsive

- <sup>1</sup>Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
- He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground.
   He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.
- <sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.
  Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.
- Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.
- 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.
- We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
- <sup>7</sup> He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.
- By oppression and judgment he was taken away.
   Yet who of his generation protested?
   For he was cut off from the land of the living;
   for the transgression of my people he was punished.
- He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.
- 10 Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer,

and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

- After he has suffered,
  he will see the light of life and be satisfied;
  by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many,
  and he will bear their iniquities.
- <sup>12</sup>Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors.

  For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

#### Matthew 16:21-28 Responsive

- <sup>21</sup> From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.
- <sup>22</sup>Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"
- <sup>23</sup>Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."
- <sup>24</sup>Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup> For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. <sup>26</sup> What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?
- <sup>27</sup> For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

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: Were You There?

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

Offertory

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Arr. by Yuta Sugano

#### † 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**

#### Luke 24:1-9 Responsive

- <sup>1</sup> On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup>While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them.
- <sup>5</sup>In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup>He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: <sup>7</sup> (The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' "
- <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words.
- •When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others.

#### 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25 Responsive

<sup>18</sup> For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written:

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."

- <sup>20</sup> Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?
- <sup>21</sup> For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.
- <sup>22</sup> Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

<sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

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#### Sermon: Christ's Crucifixion: From Son of Man to Savior Kelly Rende

#### **Pastoral Prayer**

† Hymn: Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

#### **Responsive Litany (Revelation 1:5-8)**

Leader: To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood,

People: and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father — to Him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

Leader: "Look, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced Him,

People: and all the peoples of the Earth "will mourn for him", so shall it be! Amen.

Unison: "I am the Alpha and Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

#### **Benediction**

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

#### In Need of Prayer

Brenda, medical tests

Jen's father, chemo treatments Jen, persistent headaches

Ed, for mobility, back pain Nancy, health

Jane, encouragement

Darlene, heart and dialysis, recent

fall

Maureen, dear friend of Lisa

Reagan, child with seizures

Kay, hospice, for peace and pain

relief

Kimi, for suffering

Pray for caregivers of of the sick

Jen, serious ankle injury

Patty, frequent headaches

Isaiah, age 17, non-responsive in ICU

Nate, Isaiah's father, anxiety Betty, ill, alone and afraid.

Liz, daughter of Clay's, health

Ellen, recovering from infection

#### In Need of Prayer

Andy, recovery from brain tumor surgery

Glad, home, intermittent chemo

Paul, recuperating at home

Rosie, improving

Ray, recovery of strength

Benita, strength, ongoing chemo

Jalene, MS flare-up and heart attack, husband caring for

her

Domingo, needs transplants; LaShell, cancer

Sean's aunt & uncle, heavy caregiving

Debbie, Pam's friend, beginning third round of chemo

Judy V. and family in Florida

Lance, brother-in-law of Isles family

Sue, sister-in-law of Isles family

Ron, age 34, heart failure, needs heart transplant

Lee, breast cancer, mother of small children.

Shirley, injuries after a fall

Nick I. and family, awaiting approval to foster care

Katalee, for full healing of lymphoma

Richard, preparing for stem cell transplant

General Fund giving last week: \$4,017

Total giving to date in July: \$4,017

Thank you for your faithful giving to the Lord.

Pray for the summer ministry of CDC (Central Detroit Christian) as their summer ministry to over 200 children and teens gets underway. Ask the Lord for more workers and resources and for the gospel to bear fruit.

Heidelberg Catechism Q.113. What is God's will for us in the Tenth Commandment?

A. That not even the slightest thought or desire contrary to any one of God's commandments should ever arise in my heart. Rather with all my heart I should hate sin and take pleasure in whatever is right.