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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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Gathering Song: My Savior's Love

† Call to Worship: (Psalm 92:1-5, 8)

Pastor: It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High,

People: proclaiming your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night, to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp.

Pastor: For you make me glad by your deeds, LORD; I sing for joy at what your hands have done.

People: How great are your works, LORD; how profound your thoughts.

Unison: You, LORD, are forever exalted.

† Hymn: The Lord is King, Enthroned in Might

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

2 Corinthians 8:1-12 Responsive

¹ And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ²In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.

³For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people.

⁵And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. ⁶So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part.

⁷But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. ⁸I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others.

⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

¹⁰And here is my judgment about what is best for you in this matter. Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. ¹¹Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means.

¹²For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.

2 Corinthians 9:6-15 Responsive

⁶ Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

⁹ As it is written:

“They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰ Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

¹¹ You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

¹²This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.

¹³ Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.

¹⁴And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift.

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: Lift High the Cross

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: Consolation No. 3

Yuta Sugano, 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

Luke 6:27-38 Responsive

²⁷“But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

²⁹ **If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back.**

³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² **“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. ³³ And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that.**

³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full.

³⁵ **But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.**

³⁷ “Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

³⁸ **Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”**

Proverbs 11:24, 25; 19:17; 22:9 Unison

²⁴ One person gives freely, yet gains even more;
another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.

²⁵ **A generous person will prosper;
whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.**

¹⁷ Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD,
and he will reward them for what they have done.

⁹ **The generous will themselves be blessed,
for they share their food with the poor.**

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Give Away All You Can

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

Responsive Litany (Romans 13:8-10)

Pastor: Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love on another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.

People: The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command:

Pastor: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Unison: Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

† 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 treatment
Jen, serious ankle injury
Ed, for mobility, back pain
Nancy, health
Jane, encouragement
Darlene, heart and dialysis, fall
Maureen, dear friend of Lisa
Reagan, child with seizures
Kay, hospice, for peace and pain relief
Kimi, for suffering
Pray for caregivers of those who are ill
Patty, frequent headaches
Isaiah, age 17, brain injury
Betty, ill, alone and afraid
Ellen, nearly recovered from infection
Liz, Clays' daughter, tests for health
Richard, prep for: stem cell transplant

In Need of Prayer

Andy, recovery from brain surgery In NY
Patty, encouragement at Andy's bedside
Glad, home, for increased strength
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
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 in a fall
Katalee, for full healing of lymphoma
Nate, firefighter, for safety each day

General Fund giving last week: \$4,165
Total giving to date in July: \$8,182
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.114. But can those converted to God obey these commandments perfectly? **A.** No. In this life even the holiest have only a small beginning of this obedience. Nevertheless, with all seriousness of purpose, they do begin to live according to all, not only some, of God's commandments.