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WE WELCOME YOU IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

JULY 17, 2022

Gathering Song: How Deep the Father's Love for Us

† Call to Worship (from Psalm 118 ESV)

Pastor: O give thanks to the LORD for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

People: Let those who fear the LORD say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Pastor: Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the Lord answered me and set me free.

People: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

Pastor: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

Unison: O give thanks to the LORD for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

†Hymn: My Savior's Love

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

Colossians 1:9-14 Responsive

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you.

We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, 10 so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way:

bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience,

¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Luke 10:38-42 Responsive

³⁸ As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said.

⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

⁴¹ "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

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: Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Pianist: Linda Johnson

† 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

Hebrews 3:7-19 Responsive

⁷So, as the Holy Spirit says:

"Today, if you hear his voice,

do not harden your hearts
as you did in the rebellion,
during the time of testing in the wilderness,
where your ancestors tested and tried methough for forty years they saw what I did.

10 That is why I was angry with that generation;

I said, 'Their hearts are always going astray, and they have not known my ways.' ¹¹So I declared on oath in my anger 'They shall never enter my rest.'"

¹² See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. ¹³ But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

¹⁴We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end. ¹⁵As has just been said:

"Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion."

¹⁶Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt? ¹⁷And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies perished in the wilderness? ¹⁸And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeved?

¹⁹ So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.

Hebrews 12:1-3 Responsive

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.

And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

³Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Run for Your Life

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer

† Responsive Litany (Hebrews 2: 1-4, 9)

Pastor: We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.

People: For since the message spoken through angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience receive its just punishment, how shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation?

Pastor: This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him.

People: God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

Unison: We see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

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 in the narthex. We invite you to join us for light refreshments after worship in Fellowship Hall, turning left and through the double doors.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12

In Need of Prayer

Bill Rector, hospitalized Janet Young, in rehab after falls Cheri Boone's friend Dot, fall injuries Linda Szczepanek, multiple deaths in family

Felicia, new diagnosis breast cancer Relative of Sean Murphy Jen Freese, pain, August surgery Alberta Weaver, home Reginia Higgs as caregiver to Alberta Brenda Cook, blood pressure, kidney poor Brenda's brother, Bernard, kidney failing Brenda's sister, Joyce, eye cancer Don Rende's brother, Bob, poor health Dan, friend of L.Szczepanek Ed Steele for mobility, back pain Al Lindsay, chemotherapy for lung cancer Boone's friend caring for invalid, age 102 Son of Jim and Patty MacKenzie Senie's sister-in-law, Blodwynn, grief Nancy Hill

Audio Sermons can be heard on the church website: http://christ-presbyterianchurch.org

Monthly budget need: \$18,333 Giving to General Fund last week: \$4,560 Giving in July to date: \$6,835

Mortgage paid off in June! Praise God!

In Need of Prayer

Donna Whiting's sister, Judy, husband, Dan, in AL Patty Bodnar, shoulder and knee pain Ray Boone

Marlene, relative of Gail Nastwold, eye cancer Chris, stage 4 cancer, neighbor of Linda Szczpanek Lauren, niece of Ron Lisowski

Alanna, recovering from surgery for auto injuries Joanna, niece of Lucy McGuire, a young mom, cancer Richard Abraham, son-in-law of Hartigs, improving Margaret, Wilsons' friend, brain tumor

Keely, daughter of Linda Johnson, husband at sea 6 months Darlene Little, heart health

John, friend of Cindy Taaffee, pancreatic cancer Karen Isles, sister-in-law, completing chemo for cancer Delilah, young relative of Isles family Linda Johnson's mother, advanced dementia Salvation for Edward, Laura, Nick Peter & Renate Hartig in their grief Electrica Woods in her continued grief

Emily, friend of Isles, salvation; employment Family of Chet Doak's friend, recent death of his friend

Our Military: Metzner's grandson; Bryan, relative of Teresa Lisowski, deployed to Iraq.

Our deepest sympathy to Linda Davis on the death of her brother on July 10. 2022.

Heidelburg Catechism: Q. 71. Where does Christ promise that we are washed with his blood and Spirit as surely as we are washed with the water of baptism? **A.** In the institution of baptism where he says: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized will be saved, but he who does not believe will be condemned."