



CHRIST  
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## Welcome to Worship

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**Gathering Song: Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim**

**† Call to Worship** (Psalm 95:1-7)

Pastor: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

**People: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.**

Pastor: For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods

**People: In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.**

Pastor: Come let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

**Unison: For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.**

**† Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

**† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer**

## First Scripture Readings

### Psalm 130 Responsive

#### **A song of ascents.**

<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD;

<sup>2</sup> Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive  
to my cry for mercy.

<sup>3</sup>**If you, LORD, kept a record of sins,  
Lord, who could stand?**

<sup>4</sup>**But with you there is forgiveness,  
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.**

<sup>5</sup>I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits,  
and in his word I put my hope.

<sup>6</sup>I wait for the Lord  
more than watchmen wait for the morning,  
more than watchmen wait for the morning.

<sup>7</sup>**Israel, put your hope in the LORD,  
for with the LORD is unfailing love  
and with him is full redemption.**

<sup>8</sup>**He himself will redeem Israel  
from all their sins.**

### 1 Kings 19:3-8 Responsive

<sup>3</sup>Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, <sup>4</sup>while he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness.

**He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, LORD," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors." <sup>5</sup>Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep.**

All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." <sup>6</sup>He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.

<sup>7</sup>**The angel of the LORD came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you." <sup>8</sup>So he got up and ate and drank.**

Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

This is the Word of the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God!**

† Hymn: The Apostle's Creed

Offertory

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings  
And Can It Be  
Pianist: Linda Johnson**

arr: Gail Smith

**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**

**Ephesians 4:25-5:2 Responsive**

<sup>25</sup> Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. <sup>26</sup> "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, <sup>27</sup> and do not give the devil a foothold.

<sup>28</sup> **Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.**

<sup>29</sup> Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

<sup>30</sup> **And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.**

<sup>31</sup> Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. <sup>32</sup> Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

<sup>5:1</sup> **Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children <sup>2</sup> and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.**

**John 6:35, 41-51 Responsive**

<sup>35</sup> Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

<sup>41</sup> **At this the Jews there began to grumble about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." <sup>42</sup> They said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven'?"**

<sup>43</sup> "Stop grumbling among yourselves," Jesus answered. <sup>44</sup> "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day.

<sup>45</sup> **It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from him comes to me.**

<sup>46</sup> No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup> Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life.

**<sup>48</sup>I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. <sup>50</sup>But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die.**

<sup>51</sup> I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

This is the Word of the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God!**

### **Sermon: No Man Can Come to Me**

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

### **Pastoral Prayer**

#### **† Hymn: Fairest Lord Jesus**

#### **† Responsive Litany (from Ephesians 2)**

**Pastor:** As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world.

**People:** **We were by nature deserving of wrath.**

**Pastor:** But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

**People:** **God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.**

**Unison:** **For it is by grace that you have been saved through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. Thanks be to God.**

### **Benediction**

### **Welcome, Announcements, and Prayer**

**Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor**

**Dr. Eric Roth, Director of Music**

**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. Our normal fellowship time after the service has been postponed due to the Covid-19 restrictions.**

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

**In Need of Prayer**

Sue Work  
 Stella, 8 years old  
 Brenda Cook, health, esp. kidney  
 Jen Freese, grief, training of therapy dog  
 Dennis (Ellen) Dorman, cancer  
 George Donoian  
 Don Rende's brother, Bob  
 Don Rende's nephew, Chris  
 David, friend of Cindy Taaffee  
 Gary, Marion, friends of L.Szczepanek  
 Alberta Weaver, for stability  
 Reginia Higgs, strength caring for Alberta  
 Linda Szczepanek  
 Linda Szczepanek's grandson, Justin  
 Dot, friend of Cheri Boone  
 Dan, friend of Chet Doak  
 Pam Paglino's friend, recurrence of cancer  
 Ken Lindsay's brother, Al  
 Leroy, friend of Ray Boone  
 Lowell, brother-in-law of Elaine Clay  
 Jack Deighton, age 12, elbow injury

**In Need of Prayer**

Val, wife Serena, in hospital, dialysis. Friend of Ray Boone  
 Sean Murphy, medical tests  
 Patty Bodnar, healing.  
 Joanna, niece of Lucy McGuire, a young mom, cancer  
 Gail Nastwold  
 Katalee Deighton, lymphoma  
 Donna Whiting  
 Alanna, auto accident, more surgeries & rehab  
 Marie Johnson, Linda & Ray's daughter  
 Keely & Josh (USN), daughter/son-in-law of Linda Johnson  
 Nicki, Donna's neighbor, new cancer  
 Grieving families with recent losses of loved ones:  
     Kelly Rende, Linda Szczepanek, Sam Hutson, Dormans  
 Ray Johnson, Karen Isles, Angie O'Dell, Krystal Murphy, Claudine Sordyl, and other healthcare workers to keep well  
 Bruce's co-worker, Tony, bladder cancer  
 Joni, Philip, Christian workers in Myanmar, protection  
 John, friend of Cindy Taaffee, pancreatic cancer  
 Liz, granddaughter of Carolyn Krueger  
 Nick Isles family, new home delays  
 First Responders & Border Patrol, safety and wisdom

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

Monthly need: \$17,083.00  
 Giving to general fund last week: \$5,765  
 Giving to general fund in August: \$5,765  
 Giving to mortgage in August: \$150

**Our Military:** Metzners' grandson; and Bryan, relative of Teresa Lisowski, deployed to Iraq.

*Pray for God's protection of girls/women and intervention to stop the human sex trafficking in our state.*  
 Pray for those of our church who worship on-line, that they will sense the love and care we have for each other.

**Heidelberg Catechism: Q. 25.** Since there is but one God, why do you speak of three: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? **A.** Because that is how God has revealed himself in his Word; these three distinct persons are one, true, eternal God.