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# **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

August 27, 2023

**Gathering Song: When Morning Gilds the Skies** 

**† Call to Worship**: (from Psalm 92)

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.

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: When the Sun

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

## First Scripture Readings

## John 13:14, 21-27 Responsive

- <sup>14</sup> Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.
- <sup>22</sup> After he had said this, Jesus was troubled in spirit and testified, "Very truly I tell you, one of you is going to betray me."
- <sup>22</sup> His disciples stared at one another, at a loss to know which of them he meant. <sup>23</sup> One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved, was reclining next to him. <sup>24</sup> Simon Peter motioned to this disciple and said, "Ask him which one he means."
- 25 Leaning back against Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?"
- <sup>26</sup> Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." Then, dipping the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. <sup>27</sup> As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him.

So Jesus told him, "What you are about to do, do quickly."

## Romans 13:8-14 Responsive

- \*Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.
- <sup>9</sup>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: "Love your neighbor as yourself."
- <sup>10</sup>Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.
- <sup>11</sup> And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.
- <sup>12</sup>The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.
- <sup>13</sup>Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy.
- <sup>14</sup> Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

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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.

† Hymn: Why Should He Love Me So?

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: Sarabande, French Suite No. 6, by Bach

Pianist 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**

## Galatians 5:16-26 Responsive

- <sup>16</sup> So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.
- **But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.**
- <sup>19</sup>The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; <sup>20</sup>idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions <sup>21</sup> and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like.

I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

- <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.
- <sup>24</sup>Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires <sup>25</sup>Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. <sup>26</sup>Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other

### Luke 22:1-6 Responsive

- <sup>1</sup> Now the Festival of Unleavened Bread, called the Passover, was approaching, <sup>2</sup> and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for some way to get rid of Jesus, for they were afraid of the people.
- <sup>3</sup> Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve. <sup>4</sup> And Judas went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus.
- <sup>5</sup>They were delighted and agreed to give him money. <sup>6</sup>He consented, and watched for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to them when no crowd was present.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: How Judas Went Wrong
Dr. James N. McGuire

#### **Pastoral Prayer**

† Hymn: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

## † Responsive Litany (Colossians 1:9b-14)

Pastor: We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives,

People: 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,

Pastor: being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience,

People: 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.

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

#### Benediction

# **Church Directory News**

To update our three-year-old church directory we have begun to photograph new attenders, and others who would like to update their photo. We will also update things such as emails, phones, addresses, etc.

If you wish to have a new photo taken, Anna Lochrie will be happy to take a new one. She can be found, after the worship service, in Room 4, the small classroom just beyond the church office. Please fill out as completely as you can, the blue form you will find on the table. There is no cost to you.

If you are happy with your old photo, we can use that again, but please fill out the form. You may also submit a nice photo you may have at home. If you are unable to attend and you wish to be included, please call Bev at 248-719-7787.

# **Next Sunday, Brunch!**

On the first Sunday of each month, after the Communion Worship Service, we are resuming a more hearty brunch in the fellowship time. Carolyn Sharpe, with her culinary degree, will prepare our meal. Plan to stay awhile for the food and the fellowship with others. Today i

## Please note:

The congregational meeting for the purpose of election of officers will be held on September 17, 2023, following the worship service. Members are encouraged to attend. Non-members may attend, but not vote.

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, for improved health
Jen's father, chemo treatment
Jen, serious ankle injury/ Covid
Ed, for mobility, back pain
Nancy, health
Jane, encouragement
Darlene, heart and dialysis
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

Isaiah, age 17, brain injury/home care. Parents for strength Richard, chemo, prep for stem cell transplant Don's sister, Linda, breast cancer Liz, treatment for MS Jack W, deep grief loss of wife

Maui devastation, comfort and care

#### In Need of Prayer

Andy, home, greatly improved Patty, strength to care for Andy/illness herself Glad, for restored strength Ray, increased recovery of strength Benita, for improved blood counts Jalene, MS flare-up and heart attack, husband care Domingo, needs transplants; LaShell, cancer Sean's aunt & uncle, heavy caregiving Debbie, Pam's friend, cancer 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 Katalee, for full healing of lymphoma Nate, firefighter, for safety each day Relatives of Clay family suffered a house fire Alicia, niece of Carolyn, cancer diagnosis Beth, fresh grief over death of husband

Connie, Mike's mother, in hospice

General Fund giving last week: \$1,667

Total giving to date August: \$9,073

Thank you for your faithful giving to the Lord.

Please pray for our friend, missionary Enrique Cepeda who required surgery to save his life, while ministering in Korea. Pray that he will recover quickly and return home to his family.

**Heidelberg Catechism Q.117** How does God want us to pray so that he will listen to us? **A**. Second, we must acknowledge our need and misery, hiding nothing, and humble ourselves in his majestic presence. Third, we must rest on this unshakable foundation: even thou we do not deserve it, God will surely listen to our prayer because of Christ our Lord. That is what is promised in his Word.