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WE WELCOME YOU IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

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Gathering Song: All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord

Call to Worship (from Psalm 46)

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way, and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.

Pastor: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.

People: He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

Unison: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

† Hymn: Lead On, O King Eternal

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

(Reader: Pam Paglino)

Jeremiah 2:4-13 Responsive

⁴Hear the word of the LORD, you descendants of Jacob,
all you clans of Israel.

⁵**This is what the LORD says:**

**“What fault did your ancestors find in me,
that they strayed so far from me?**

**They followed worthless idols
and became worthless themselves.**

They did not ask, ‘Where is the LORD,
who brought us up out of Egypt
and led us through the barren wilderness,
through a land of deserts and ravines,
a land of drought and utter darkness,
a land where no one travels and no one lives?’

⁷**I brought you into a fertile land
to eat its fruit and rich produce.**

**But you came and defiled my land
and made my inheritance detestable.**

⁸**The priests did not ask,
‘Where is the LORD?’**

**Those who deal with the law did not know me;
the leaders rebelled against me.**

**The prophets prophesied by Baal,
following worthless idols.**

⁹“Therefore I bring charges against you again,”
declares the LORD.

“And I will bring charges against your children’s children.

¹⁰Cross over to the coasts of Cyprus and look,
send to Kedar and observe closely;
see if there has ever been anything like this:

¹¹**Has a nation ever changed its gods?
(Yet they are not gods at all.)**

**But my people have exchanged their glorious God
for worthless idols.**

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¹²Be appalled at this, you heavens,
and shudder with great horror,"
declares the LORD.

¹³**"My people have committed two sins:
They have forsaken me,
the spring of living water,
and have dug their own cisterns,
broken cisterns that cannot hold water.**

Psalm 81:1,10-16 Responsive

¹Sing for joy to God our strength;
shout aloud to the God of Jacob!

¹⁰**I am the LORD your God,
who brought you up out of Egypt.
Open wide your mouth and I will fill it.**

¹¹"But my people would not listen to me;
Israel would not submit to me.

¹²So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts
to follow their own devices.

¹³**"If my people would only listen to me,
if Israel would only follow my ways,
¹⁴how quickly I would subdue their enemies
and turn my hand against their foes!**

¹⁵Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him,
and their punishment would last forever.

¹⁶**But you would be fed with the finest of wheat;
with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."**

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: Face to Face

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

(Reader: Pam Paglino)

Isaiah 5:1-7 Responsive

¹I will sing for the one I love
a song about his vineyard:

**My loved one had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.**

**²He dug it up and cleared it of stones
and planted it with the choicest vines.**

**He built a watchtower in it
and cut out a winepress as well.**

**Then he looked for a crop of good grapes,
but it yielded only bad fruit.**

³“Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.

⁴What more could have been done for my vineyard
than I have done for it?

When I looked for good grapes,
why did it yield only bad?

**⁵Now I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:**

**I will take away its hedge,
and it will be destroyed;**

**I will break down its wall,
and it will be trampled.**

⁶I will make it a wasteland,
neither pruned nor cultivated,

and briars and thorns will grow there.
I will command the clouds
not to rain on it.”

**7The vineyard of the LORD Almighty
is the nation of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are the vines he delighted in.
And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed;
for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.**

Luke 13:1-9 Responsive

¹Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices.

²Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? ³I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.

⁴Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.”

⁶Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. ⁷So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’

⁸“‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’”

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

Sermon: Are You a Good or Bad Investment for God?

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: Because He Lives

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 whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Nomination of Officers

Today is the final day to submit nominations.

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Up-Coming Congregational Meeting

Members of Christ Presbyterian will meet for the purpose of electing officers for the next three years. The meeting will follow our worship service on September 11, 2022. All members are encouraged to attend.

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

Brenda's brother, Bernard, home oxygen
 Bill Rector, home
 Care of Bunny Rector
 Brenda Cook, blood pressure, kidney poor
 Jen Freese, recovering from surgery
 Janet Young, assisted living
 Alberta Weaver, home
 Reginia Higgs as caregiver to Alberta
 Ed Steele for mobility, back pain
 Son of Jim and Patty MacKenzie
 Benita, back pain. Her friend, Ann, Cancer?
For those who grieve:
 Kelly Rende, wife
 Ellen Dorman, husband
 Sam Hutson, wife
 Linda Szczepanek, multiple deaths in family
 Engebretsons, daughter, sister
 Hartigs, son
 Teresa Lisowski, mother
 Electrica Woods, sister
 Bill Sackett, grief for Marylyn

In Need of Prayer

Linda Szczepanek, Injuries in a fall
 Donna Whiting's sister, Judy, and brother-in-law Dan, in AL.
 Joanna, niece of Lucy McGuire, young mom, cancer
 Ray Boone
 Patty Bodnar, shoulder and knee pain
 Felicia, new breast cancer, relative of Sean Murphy
 Marlene, eye cancer, relative of Gail Nastwold
 Chris, stage 4 cancer, neighbor of Linda Szczepanek
 Dan, friend of Linda Szczepanek
 Keely, young mom, husband at sea, L. Johnson's daughter
 Linda Johnson's mother, advanced dementia
 Wilsons' friend, Margaret, with brain tumor
 Darlene Little, heart and dialysis
 Vince, dialysis, friend of Judy Carr
 Delilah, young relative of Isles family
 Domingo, needs transplants, LaShell, cancer.
 Emily, friend of Isles, salvation, employment
 Grace, 15, mental health, friend of Eric/Karen Roth
 Cheri Boone's friend Dot, fall injuries
 Don Rende's brother, Bob, failing health
 Hout family, recent loss his mother, adopting baby

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

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

Giving to General Fund last week: \$5,530
 Giving to date in August: \$12,685

Pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ as the Persecuted Church throughout the world. Many face beatings, lack of housing and food, alienation from family and more. In some countries, churches are burned, pastors jailed.

Heidelberg Catechism: Q. 76. What does it mean to eat the crucified body of Christ and to drink his poured-out blood? **A.** It means to accept with a believing heart the entire suffering and death of Christ and by believing to receive the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. But it means more. Through the Holy Spirit, who lives both in Christ and in us, we are united more and more to Christ's blessed body. And so, although he is in heaven and we are on earth, we are flesh of his flesh and bone of his bone. And we forever live on and are governed by one Spirit, as members of our body are by one soul.