



CHRIST  
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# Welcome to Worship

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† **Gathering Hymn: Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim**

† **Call to Worship** (from Psalm 57)

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me, for in you my soul takes refuge.

**People: I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings, until the disaster has passed.**

Pastor: I cry out to God Most High, to God, who vindicates me.

**People: I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples. For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.**

**Unison: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.**

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

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

## First Scripture Readings

(Reader: Pia Klein)

### Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Responsive

<sup>1</sup> Jacob lived in the land where his father had stayed, the land of Canaan.

<sup>2</sup> This is the account of Jacob's family line.

**Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them.**

<sup>3</sup> Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him. <sup>4</sup> When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.

**<sup>12</sup> Now his brothers had gone to graze their father's flocks near Shechem, <sup>13</sup> and Israel said to Joseph, "As you know, your brothers are grazing the flocks near Shechem. Come, I am going to send you to them."**

"Very well," he replied.

**<sup>14</sup> So he said to him, "Go and see if all is well with your brothers and with the flocks, and bring word back to me." Then he sent him off from the Valley of Hebron.**

When Joseph arrived at Shechem, <sup>15</sup> a man found him wandering around in the fields and asked him, "What are you looking for?"

**<sup>16</sup> He replied, "I'm looking for my brothers. Can you tell me where they are grazing their flocks?"**

<sup>17</sup> "They have moved on from here," the man answered. "I heard them say, 'Let's go to Dothan.'"

**So Joseph went after his brothers and found them near Dothan. <sup>18</sup> But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him.**

<sup>19</sup> "Here comes that dreamer!" they said to each other. <sup>20</sup> "Come now, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we'll see what comes of his dreams."

**<sup>21</sup> When Reuben heard this, he tried to rescue him from their hands. "Let's not take his life," he said. <sup>22</sup> "Don't shed any blood. Throw him into this cistern here in the wilderness, but**

**don't lay a hand on him." Reuben said this to rescue him from them and take him back to his father.**

<sup>23</sup> So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe—the ornate robe he was wearing— <sup>24</sup> and they took him and threw him into the cistern. The cistern was empty; there was no water in it.

**<sup>25</sup> As they sat down to eat their meal, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead. Their camels were loaded with spices, balm and myrrh, and they were on their way to take them down to Egypt.**

<sup>26</sup> Judah said to his brothers, "What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? <sup>27</sup> Come, let's sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood." His brothers agreed.

**<sup>28</sup> So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.**

#### **I Kings 19:9-18 Responsive**

<sup>9</sup> There he went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the LORD came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

**<sup>10</sup> He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."**

<sup>11</sup> The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by."

**Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake.**

<sup>12</sup> After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. <sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

**Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"**

<sup>14</sup> He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

**15 The LORD said to him, “Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. 16 Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet.**

**17 Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu.**

**18 Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him.”**

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: The Apostle’s Creed to tune of “Austrian Hymn”**

**Offertory**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Wonderful Words of Life**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**arr: Craig Curry**

**† 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: Ralph Klein)

### Matthew 14:22-33 Responsive

<sup>22</sup> Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>23</sup> After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray.

**Later that night, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.**

<sup>25</sup> Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. <sup>26</sup> When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

**<sup>27</sup> But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."**

<sup>28</sup> "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

**<sup>29</sup> "Come," he said.**

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

**<sup>31</sup> Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"**

<sup>32</sup> And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. <sup>33</sup> Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

### Romans 10:1-15 Responsive

<sup>1</sup> Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved. <sup>2</sup> For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge.

**<sup>3</sup> Since they did not know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. <sup>4</sup> Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.**

<sup>5</sup> Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: "The person who does these things will live by them." <sup>6</sup> But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup> "or 'Who will descend into the deep?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

**<sup>8</sup> But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: <sup>9</sup> If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.**

**<sup>11</sup> As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup> For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, <sup>13</sup> for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”**

**<sup>14</sup> How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? <sup>15</sup> And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”**

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

**Sermon: Christ is the End of the Law for Righteousness**  
Dr. James N. McGuire

**Pastoral Prayer**

**† Hymn: Fairest Lord Jesus**

### † Responsive Litany (from Colossians 1)

Pastor: The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. All things have been created through him and for him.

**People: He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.**

Pastor: For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

**People: Once you were alienated from God and were his enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior.**

Pastor: But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation--

**Unison: If you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel.**

### †Benediction

### Welcome, Announcements and Prayers

Pastor: Dr. James N. McGuire

Music Director: Dr. Eric Roth

**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 the guest book in the narthex and allow us to greet you. Our normal fellowship time after the service has been postponed due to the Covid-19 restrictions.**

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**In Need of Prayer**

Cindy Bemis, Engebretson's daughter  
Kelly, Pat Grad's daughter  
Priscilla Smith, Pat's sister  
George Donoian and family  
Carolyn Krueger's son, Chuck  
Pat Grad's grandson, Luke age 12  
Gail Nastwold  
Jen Freese and family  
Jen's 100 y/o friend, Adele  
Brett Johnson, Nancy's son  
Lyndsay, daughter of the Sharpes  
Don Rende's brother, Bob  
David, friend of Cindy Taaffee  
Bruce, friend of the Clay family  
Jim, Gary, Marion, friends of Szczepanek  
Linda Szczepanek  
Cody, grandson of Carolyn Krueger  
Cheri Boone's sister's family  
Bruce Hartley, employment  
Colleen, friend of Kelly Rende  
Dr. Belinda Williams, beginning her internship in NY

**Please update this list as appropriate by alerting Bev Thompson.**

**In Need of Prayer**

Julie, dear friend of Chernenkoffs  
Gloria, sister of Bev Thompson  
Alberta Weaver, at home  
Reginia Higgs  
Avery, niece of Teresa Lisowki  
Carol, Bev Thompson's cousin  
Tracy, friend of Bunny Rector  
Andrew, friend of Bodnars, Guillain-Barré syndrome  
Randy, friend of Bodnars  
Tim, cancer, nephew of Janet Young  
Lauren, niece of Ron Lisowski  
Kelly Rende's friend Rich, family care burden  
Carolyn Schmierer, assisted living  
Yvonne Ray, assisted living  
Ella, age 10, diabetes. friend of Metzners  
Unbelieving children in our families

**Our deepest sympathy is extended to Kelly Rende and family in the death of his wife, Julia, on July 22, 2020.**

**Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Dorman family on the sudden death of Ellen's son, Chris, on July 28, 2020.**

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

**Monthly need: \$17,083.00**

**Giving to general fund last week: \$2,055**

**Giving to general fund in August: \$2,055**

**Giving to mortgage: \$1,000**

**Our Military:** Justin, deployed to Qatar; Metzners' grandson; 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.*

**Heidelberg Catechism: Q. 105.** What is God's will for us in the sixth commandment? **A.** I am not to belittle, insult, hate, or kill my neighbor—not by my thoughts, my words, my look or gesture, and certainly not by actual deeds—and I am not to be a party to this in others; rather I am to put away all desire for revenge.

I am not to harm or recklessly endanger myself either.

Prevention of murder is also why government is armed with the sword.



**We welcome all who have come today to worship the Lord together, after 21 weeks of worshiping on-line. Of course, if you are experiencing any symptoms or know that you have recently been exposed to someone with the Covid-19 virus, we ask that you do not remain.**

**Please remember to maintain the 6-foot social distancing, both indoors and outdoors, and wear a mask. Hand sanitizer is available.**

**If you are not able to come, we remind you that *Audio Sermons* are available on our website: [www.christ-presbyterianchurch.org](http://www.christ-presbyterianchurch.org)**

**Nomination forms** for Elders, Deacons and Trustees can be found in the Narthex. Please pray that God will call forth leaders for our congregation to serve in these offices. If you wish to nominate someone, you must ask their consent before handing in the nomination to a current Elder. The congregational meeting will be on September 27.

The **new church directories** were delivered just about the time the lockdown began. We plan to distribute them beginning today.

Included with our directory is the use of an online directory for your PC and/or smart phone. If you did not receive your personal code and instructions, or if you need assistance, please call Bev Thompson @ 734-664-2033.

#### **Pray for Missions**

- The church in China is under increasing stress and persecution, especially pastors.
- Central African and South American countries are experiencing severe pandemic effects w/limited resources.
- CDC (Central Detroit Christian) ministry to this neighborhood has been deeply limited, yet the needs have increased. Unemployment means no ability to pay rent, feed their children, etc. Pray for wisdom and resources for Lisa Johanan and her team.
- Pray for our missionaries: the Fogelbachs, Tim North, Marcus Liew, and Enrique Cepeda.