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## WE WELCOME YOU IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

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**Gathering Song: I Give All My Service to You**

**† Call to Worship** (Isaiah 55:6-9 ESV)

**Pastor:** Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts.

**People:** Let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

**Pastor:** For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

**Unison:** For as heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

**† Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy**

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

**First Scripture Readings**  
**Jeremiah 18:1-11 Responsive**

<sup>1</sup> This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: <sup>2</sup> “Go down to the potter’s house, and there I will give you my message.”

<sup>3</sup> **So I went down to the potter’s house, and I saw him working at the wheel. <sup>4</sup> But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.**

<sup>5</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to me. <sup>6</sup> He said, “Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?” declares the LORD. “Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel.

<sup>7</sup> **If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, <sup>8</sup> and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned.**

<sup>9</sup> And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up and planted, <sup>10</sup> and if it does evil in my sight and does not obey me, then I will reconsider the good I had intended to do for it.

<sup>11</sup> **“Now therefore say to the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem, ‘This is what the LORD says: Look! I am preparing a disaster for you and devising a plan against you. So turn from your evil ways, each one of you, and reform your ways and your actions.’**

**Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Responsive**

<sup>15</sup> See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. <sup>16</sup> For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

<sup>17</sup> **But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, <sup>18</sup> I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.**

<sup>19</sup> This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live <sup>20</sup> and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

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: Jesus Calls Us

### 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

#### 1 John 2:1-11, 15-17 Responsive

<sup>1</sup> My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. <sup>2</sup> He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

<sup>3</sup> **We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. <sup>4</sup> Whoever says, “I know him,” but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. <sup>5</sup> But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: <sup>6</sup> Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.**

<sup>7</sup> Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. <sup>8</sup> Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

<sup>9</sup> **Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. <sup>10</sup> Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. <sup>11</sup> But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.**

<sup>15</sup> Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father <sup>16</sup> is not in them. <sup>16</sup> For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world.

<sup>17</sup> **The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.**

### **Luke 13:31-35 Responsive**

<sup>31</sup>At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, “Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.”

<sup>32</sup>**He replied, “Go tell that fox, ‘I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.’ <sup>33</sup>In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!**

<sup>34</sup>“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. <sup>35</sup>Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

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**Thanks be to God**

### **Sermon: Essential Qualities for All Jesus’ Disciples**

Dr. James N. McGuire

### **Pastoral Prayer**

### **The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

### **† The Apostles Creed Unison**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

† Prayer of Confession (Psalm 51:1-7) Unison

- <sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your unfailing love;  
according to your great compassion  
blot out my transgressions.
- <sup>2</sup> Wash away all my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- <sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is always before me.
- <sup>4</sup> Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are proved right when you speak  
and justified when you judge.
- <sup>5</sup> Surely I was sinful at birth,  
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.
- <sup>6</sup> Surely you desire truth in the inward parts;  
you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.
- <sup>7</sup> Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;  
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

**Receiving the Elements of the Lord's Supper**

**Responsive Litany** (Ephesians 6:10-13 ESV)

Pastor: Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

**People: Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the scheme of the devil.**

Pastor: For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness,

**People: against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.**

**Unison: Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.**

## **Benediction**

### **Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers**

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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 next week, 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  
 Cheri Boone's friend Dot, fall injuries  
 Don Rende's brother, Bob, failing health  
 Hout family, recent loss his mother, adopting baby  
 Newborn with colic, pray for bonding with the dad

**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:**  
**\$3,716**

**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.

**Giving to date in August: \$16,401**

**Heidelberg Catechism Q.77.** Where does Christ promise to nourish and refresh believers with his body and blood as surely as they eat this broken bread and drink this cup. A. In the institution of the Lord's Supper, *as you will hear spoken today.* This promise is repeated by Paul, in these words: "The cup of blessing which we bless, is is not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of one bread."