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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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Gathering Song: Listen to My Cry, Lord

† Call to Worship (Psalm 9:1,2; 7-10)

Pastor: I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

People: I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praises of your name, O Most High.

Pastor: The LORD reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment. He rules the world in righteousness and judges the people with equity.

People: The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in time of trouble.

Unison: Those who know your name trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.

† Hymn: My Soul, Praise the LORD!

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

Exodus 32:1-14 Responsive

¹ When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him."

² **Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me."** ³ **So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron.** ⁴ **He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt."**

⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, "Tomorrow there will be a festival to the LORD." ⁶ So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.

⁷ **Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. ⁸ They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, 'These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.'**

⁹ "I have seen these people," the LORD said to Moses, "and they are a stiff-necked people. ¹⁰ Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation."

¹¹ **But Moses sought the favor of the LORD his God. "LORD," he said, "why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people.**

¹³ Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.'" ¹⁴ Then the LORD relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Isaiah 25:1-9 Responsive

¹ LORD, you are my God;
I will exalt you and praise your name,
for in perfect faithfulness
you have done wonderful things,
things planned long ago.

² **You have made the city a heap of rubble,
the fortified town a ruin,
the foreigners' stronghold a city no more;**

it will never be rebuilt.

³Therefore strong peoples will honor you;
cities of ruthless nations will revere you.

**⁴You have been a refuge for the poor,
a refuge for the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the storm
and a shade from the heat.**

For the breath of the ruthless
is like a storm driving against a wall
⁵ and like the heat of the desert.
You silence the uproar of foreigners;
as heat is reduced by the shadow of a cloud,
so the song of the ruthless is stilled.

**⁶On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine—
the best of meats and the finest of wines.**

⁷ On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;
⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

**The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears
from all faces;
he will remove his people's disgrace
from all the earth.
The LORD has spoken.**

⁹In that day they will say,
"Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.
This is the LORD, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

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: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: You Are Crowned with Many Crowns

arr. Mark Hayes

Musician: 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

Colossians 1:13-23 Responsive

¹³For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵**The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.** ¹⁶**For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.** ¹⁷**He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.**

¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰and 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.

²¹**Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior.** ²²**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—** ²³**if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.**

Philippians 4:1-9 Responsive

¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

² **I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.**

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ **Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.**

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: In the Lord

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: Rejoice, the Lord is King

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

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

Yuta Sugano, Musician

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

Rosie, Linda's daughter, grieving
Brenda, for recovery from Covid
Ed, for mobility, back pain
Nancy, health
Darlene, heart and dialysis, home
Maureen, dear friend of Lisa
Kay, continued faith, poor prognosis
Raven, child with seizures
Pray for caregivers of those who are ill
Jack W, deep grief, loss of wife
Brenda's nephew and his friends for encouragement and better jobs, and
For nephew Glenn: serious illness
Richard, recent stem cell transplant
successful, home and improving!
Caroline M's mother, failing
College students, for continuing faith
Jennet family, illness and deaths
Linda S, breathing concerns
Janet Evans, confusion (in AZ)
Elaine's friend, Pat, death of grandson
Alicia, niece of Carolyn, cancer diagnosis

In Need of Prayer

Debbie T, blood clot in leg
Enrique, continues hospital care in Korea
Lisa, Pastor's niece, newly discovered cancer
Glad, for restored strength
Benita, improved blood counts and strength
Jalene, MS flare-up and heart attack, husband caring for her
Domingo, needs transplants; LaShell, cancer
Sean's aunt & uncle, heavy caregiving
Debbie, Pam's friend, improved, more chemo
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
Sarah, for strength to carry her load
Ryan, age 16, recent kidney transplant, also the family donor
Donna's friends, Janene & Sam, who has a bad infection
Tom & Carol's son, back surgery, needs care of family
Pastor Scott McKee, serious cancer
Family of Rusty, dear friend of Ron I, sudden death
Willy, 76, needs Jesus
Steve, Regenia's son, strep throat to respond to treatment
Pray for Israel

General Fund giving last week: \$4,541
Total giving in October: \$9,741

Moment for Missions: Please pray for the ministries of Barnabus International—for staff, travel safety, missionaries being encouraged by the staff, and wisdom and understanding as these shepherds tend their flocks.

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 125. What does the fourth request mean? **A. Give us this day our daily bread** means: Do take care of all our physical needs so that we come to know that you are the only source of everything good, and neither our work and worry nor your gifts can do us any good without your blessing. And so help us to give up our trust in creatures and to put trust in you alone.

Notice of Congregational Meeting

The congregational meeting for the purpose of approval of the proposed budget for 2024 will be held today October 15, 2023, following the worship service. Members are encouraged to attend. Non-members are welcome to observe, but may not vote.

Church Directory News

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

Anna, our volunteer photographer is feeling better and expects to be here today to photograph those who still wish to have a recent photo in the upcoming directory.

If you are happy with your old photo, we can use that again, but please fill out the form. You may also choose to submit a nice photo you may have at home. We will keep you informed on the progress of this much needed update.

Ladies' Bible Study

The Ladies' Bible study continues to meet every Tuesday at 10 am at the church. The current study is the book of Second Corinthians. For more information, you may speak to Judy D.