

To Our Visitors

We welcome you and hope our worship enables you to draw near to God through Christ Jesus, and that you feel welcome among us. Please sign our guest book in the Narthex.

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

Prayer needs

Brenda, very long work hours, and for improved lab results
Ed, for mobility with less pain
Jen, for healing of ankle, chest concerns
Sherrie, Jen's friend, kidney tumor
Marcus Liew, for restoration of vision
Kay, continued faith, poor prognosis
Maureen, dear friend of Lisa
Jean, friend of Cheri, breast cancer
Justin, wisdom re: job
Shiv and NamHui moving soon, details
Judy Carr's sister-in-law, terminal illness
Linda S: for improved health, joy
Sean's God-daughter, Brittany.
Pastor Scott McKee
Premature twins at 24 weeks, that they will thrive, friends of Bodnar family
All who hate their neighbors to be restrained.
Shiv for employment in Seattle
Leona, 4th grader, for confidence

Thank you for your faithful giving.

Giving on April 7: \$3,019
Giving to date in April: \$12,393

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 22. What then must a Christian believe? **A.** Everything that God promises us in the gospel. That gospel is summarized for us in the articles of our Christian faith—a creed beyond doubt, and confessed throughout the world.

Prayer need

Mike Mathers, poor health, and Annette, strength to help
Elder Ray B, painful legs, disturbed sleep
Benita, for continued normal blood counts
Glad, getting stronger
Bunny, for continued strength
Bryan, nephew of Terras family, cancer diagnosis
Lance, liver failure, and Sue, cancer: concerns for care of son with Downs syndrome.
Krystal's friend, Lolita, esophageal cancer
Noah, age 14, strong faith as he transfers to public school
Lisa, Pastor's niece, multiple cancers
Janet Evans, in AZ, deterioration in health
College students for continuing faith and clear witness
Pray for strength for caregivers in families of the ill
Pray for our military as they serve in dangerous places
Rene, age 53, breast cancer, receiving chemo
Sue Work, continued lung problems
Family (3 members) of Carolyn K, health issues
Dan, local firefighter, rare kidney disease, friend of Nate
Michael, discovery of bladder cancer
Johnny, injury in a fall, not doing well, and wife, Betty
Our children's Sunday school teachers

Pray for faithful Pastors and Christians in Central Asia who are often in danger in these difficult places. Pray for Dave and Carol Fogleboch as they uphold and encourage these believers in the Lord Jesus.



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Welcome to Worship

April 28, 2024

Gathering Song: **This is My Father's World** (page 6)

† **Call to Worship** (Psalm 105:1-5a, 45b)

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

People: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

Pastor: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

People: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!

Unison: Remember the wondrous works that he has done. Praise the Lord!

† **Hymn: O Worship the King** (page 7)

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

† Standing as you are able

First Scripture Readings

Today's Reader: Pam Paglino

2 Timothy 2:1-13 Responsive

¹You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ² And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.

³ Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴ No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer.

⁵ Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown except by competing according to the rules. ⁶ The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. ⁷ Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, ⁹ for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

¹¹ Here is a trustworthy saying:

If we died with him,
we will also live with him;
¹² if we endure,
we will also reign with him.
If we disown him,
he will also disown us;
¹³ if we are faithless,
he remains faithful,
for he cannot disown himself.

Acts 16:1-5 Responsive

¹⁶ Paul came to Derbe and then to Lystra, where a disciple named Timothy lived, whose mother was Jewish and a believer but whose father was a Greek. ² The believers at Lystra and Iconium spoke well of him. ³ Paul wanted to take him along on the journey, so he circumcised him because of the Jews who lived in that area, for they all knew that his father was a Greek.

⁴ As they traveled from town to town, they delivered the decisions reached by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem for the people to obey. ⁵ So the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers.

The Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study

This eager group of women has recently started a new study: The Book of James.

Meeting Tuesday mornings at 10 am at the church, they welcome others who may be interested. If you would like to come to see what it is like, just come. If you want to continue, they can help you secure a guide book to prepare for each week. Learning more of the Word can be an exciting adventure. Contact Judy Dellinger for more information at 734-386-6449.

If you can't come out on Tuesday, there is a comparable study available on Zoom, on Thursdays. Contact Brenda Cook at 248-470-9104.

Spring Is Here!

Do you love to garden? Would you like to help with planting the large standing pots that greet us as we come to worship each week. The pots have been put in place and are ready to plant.

If you would like to participate, please contact Karen Isles or Donna Whiting.

Thank you to the Isles family for cleaning the beds around the parking lot.

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: All Things Bright and Beautiful (page 8)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: It Is Well With My Soul

Arr. 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.

Second Scripture Readings

Acts 18:1-8 Responsive

¹After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ²There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome.

Paul went to see them, ³and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. ⁴Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.

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⁵ When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah.

⁶ **But when they opposed Paul and became abusive, he shook out his clothes in protest and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent of it. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.”**

⁷ Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. ⁸ Crispus, the synagogue leader, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptized.

Philippians 2:19-30 Responsive

¹⁹ I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you. ²⁰ I have no one else like him, who will show genuine concern for your welfare.

²¹ **For everyone looks out for their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. ²² But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel.**

²³ I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me. ²⁴ And I am confident in the Lord that I myself will come soon.

²⁵ **But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, co-worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs.**

²⁶ For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill. ²⁷ Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow.

²⁸ **Therefore I am all the more eager to send him, so that when you see him again you may be glad and I may have less anxiety.**

²⁹ So then, welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor people like him, ³⁰ because he almost died for the work of Christ. He risked his life to make up for the help you yourselves could not give me.

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Thanks be to God

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Sermon: Key Characteristics of All Who Are Working Out Their Own Salvation

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds (page 9)

Responsive Litany (Hebrews 4:14-16)

Pastor: Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

People: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

Unison: Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need.

Benediction

Welcome, Announcements and Prayers

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

Musician: Yuta Sugano

This Is My Father's World

O Worship the King