

### 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, possible job loss. And for brother, Bernard with health issues  
Kay, continued faith, poor prognosis  
Maureen, dear friend of Lisa  
Jean, friend of Cheri, breast cancer  
Justin, discernment re: job location  
Pastor Scott McKee, new suffering  
All who hate their neighbors, to be restrained.  
Shiv for employment in Seattle  
Leona, 5th grader, for confidence  
Elder Jack E, severe vision problems  
Senie E, severe pain in back  
Our children who are learning about Jesus at home and in Sunday School.  
Our children's Sunday school teachers  
Claudine Sordyl's uncle, Richard  
Ellen Dorman, low iron, treatment  
Cheri's friend, Nancy, in hospice  
Elaine's Aunt, age 90, fall

#### Thank you for your faithful giving.

Giving on July on July 21: \$6,835.72  
Giving to date in July: \$19,550.72

#### Prayer need

Mike Mathers, in hospice. Annette for comfort, peace  
Patty Bodnar, continued breathing problems  
Chet Doak, for infection and respiratory improvement  
Carolyn Krueger, moved to senior facility  
Bunny, for continued strength  
Lance, liver failure, relative of Isles family  
Krystal's friend, Lolita, esophageal cancer  
Lisa, Pastor's niece, multiple cancers  
Pray for strength for caregivers in families of the ill  
Pray for our military as they serve in dangerous places  
Family (3 members) of Carolyn K, health issues  
Johnny, injury in a fall, not doing well, and wife, Betty  
Marie, respect in her new job  
Emilee for a job, and for several family members' health  
Patrick's daughter, Marie, hospitalized, alcoholism  
For Alan, brother recently committed suicide  
Diane, friend of Cheri, fall with injury,  
Karen's aunt Rose, age 87, a fall and hip fracture  
Kadyjah's family, for peace  
Pam's father, Nathan, in pain, for surgery on 7/30

**We share in our grief with Annette Mathers in the home-going of her dear husband, Mike, on August 5 .**

**Heidelberg Catechism. Q. 34.** Why do you call him "our Lord"? **A.** Because—not with gold or silver, but with his precious blood—he has set us free from sin and the tyranny of the devil, and has bought us body and soul to be his very own.



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## Welcome to Worship

August 11, 2024

**Gathering Song : Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim (page 6)**

†Call to Worship (Isaiah 25:1,4,6.)

Pastor: 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.

**People: You 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.**

Pastor: On 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.

**People: He will swallow up death forever: and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces.**

**Unison: In 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."**

† Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (page 7)

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

†Standing as you are able

## First Scripture Readings

Today's Reader: Bruce Terras

Notes and Needs

### Matthew 24:30-41 Responsive

<sup>30</sup> "Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory.

<sup>31</sup> **And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.**

<sup>32</sup> "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. <sup>33</sup> Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door. <sup>34</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. <sup>35</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

<sup>36</sup> **But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.** <sup>37</sup> **As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.**

<sup>38</sup> **For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; <sup>39</sup> and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away.**

That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

### Ephesians 4:1-13 Responsive

<sup>1</sup> As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. <sup>2</sup> Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. <sup>3</sup> Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

<sup>4</sup> **There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.**

<sup>7</sup> But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. <sup>8</sup> This is why it<sup>l</sup> says:

When he ascended on high,  
he took many captives  
and gave gifts to his people.

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## Reminder

As we approach the date to elect officers of the church, please consider those who may be nominated to serve the Lord and His church in the coming year(s).

We will be electing several new elders, deacons, and trustees,

You will find forms for nomination on the table in the Narthex. Be sure to ask permission of those you wish to nominate. Submit your nomination to the pastor or current elders. This week is a good one to ask and submit your form.

<sup>9</sup> (What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? <sup>10</sup> He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.)

<sup>11</sup> So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers<sup>12</sup> to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup> until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

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 (page 8)

## Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: “Be Thou My Vision”

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

### 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12 Responsive

<sup>3</sup> We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing. Therefore, among God’s churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring.

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**<sup>5</sup> All this is evidence that God’s judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering. <sup>6</sup> God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you <sup>7</sup> and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well.**

This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. <sup>8</sup> He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

**<sup>9</sup> They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might <sup>10</sup> on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.**

<sup>11</sup> With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith. <sup>12</sup> We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **1 Corinthians 3:8-23; 4:1 Responsive**

<sup>8</sup> The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. <sup>9</sup> For we are co-workers in God’s service; you are God’s field, God’s building.

**<sup>10</sup> By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. <sup>11</sup> For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.**

<sup>12</sup> If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, <sup>13</sup> their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person’s work.

**<sup>14</sup> If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.**

<sup>16</sup> Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in your midst? <sup>17</sup> If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy that person; for God’s temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.

**<sup>18</sup> Do not deceive yourselves. If any of you think you are wise by the standards of this age, you should become “fools” so that you may become wise. <sup>19</sup> For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God’s sight.**

## The Apostle's Creed

As it is written: "He catches the wise in their craftiness"<sup>1</sup> <sup>20</sup> and again, "The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are futile."

<sup>21</sup> So then, no more boasting about human leaders! All things are yours, <sup>22</sup> whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, <sup>23</sup> and you are of Christ, and Christ is of God.

### Sermon: The Foundation and the Builders

Dr. James N. McGuire

### Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: Fairest Lord Jesus (page 9)

### Responsive Litany (Colossians 1:15-19)

Pastor: The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

**People: For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.**

Pastor: An he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that in everything he might be preeminent.

**Unison: For in him all the fulness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace by the blood of his cross.**

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers.

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Musician: Yuta Sugano

**Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty