

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, 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.
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
Sister of Sue Dial
Bruce: for elderly woman with cancer

Prayer need

Chet Doak, for 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
Emilee for a job, and for several family members' health
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, surgery postponed
Bev's sister, Gloria, severe pain
Esmerelda, to be free of cancer (Elaine's relative)
Patty, for Mike's family in their grief

Thank you for your faithful giving.

Giving for August 11: \$2,403

Giving to date in August; \$6,562

Pray for Annette Mathers, in her grief of the home-going of her dear husband, Mike, on August 5.

Heidelberg Catechism. Q. 35. What does it mean that He "was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary"? **A.** That the eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal took to himself, through the working of the Holy Spirit, from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, a truly human nature, so that he might become David's true descendant, in all things like us his brothers, except for sin.



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Welcome to Worship

August 18, 2024

Gathering Song : I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry (page 6)

†Call to Worship (Psalm 116:1,2,5,7)

Pastor: I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.

People: Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.

Pastor: The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

People: The Lord protects the unwary; when I was brought low, he saved me.

Unison: Return to your rest, my soul, for the Lord has been good to you.

† Hymn: Great Is Thy Faithfulness (page 7)

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

†Standing as you are able

First Scripture Readings

Today's Reader: Cathie Cheslak

Psalm 147:1-11 Responsive

Notes and Needs

¹ Praise the Lord.

How good it is to sing praises to our God,
how pleasant and fitting to praise him!

² **The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the exiles of Israel.**

³ **He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.**

⁴ He determines the number of the stars
and calls them each by name.

⁵ Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
his understanding has no limit.

⁶ The Lord sustains the humble
but casts the wicked to the ground.

⁷ **Sing to the Lord with grateful praise;
make music to our God on the harp.**

⁸ **He covers the sky with clouds;
he supplies the earth with rain
and makes grass grow on the hills.**

⁹ **He provides food for the cattle
and for the young ravens when they call.**

¹⁰ His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his delight in the legs of the warrior;

¹¹ the Lord delights in those who fear him,
who put their hope in his unfailing love.

1 John 4:7-19 Responsive

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. >>>>>>

Officer Nominations for the 2024 Election Cycle

¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

¹³ This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. ¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. ¹⁷ This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

¹⁹ We love because he first loved us.

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: To God Be the Glory** (Page 8)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: “Blessed Assurance”

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 (next page, please)

Romans 8:26-39 Responsive

²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

²⁸ **And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.** ²⁹ **For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.** ³⁰ **And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified, those he justified, he also glorified.**

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

³³ **Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.**

³⁴ **Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.** ³⁵ **Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?**

³⁶ As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷ **No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.** ³⁸ **For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,** ³⁹ **neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

1 Corinthians 3:16-23 Responsive

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

¹⁸ **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.** ¹⁹ **For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's sight. As it is written: "He catches the wise in their craftiness; and again, "The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are futile."** ²¹ **So then, no more boasting about human leaders! All things are yours,** ²² **whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours,** ²³ **and you are of Christ, and Christ is of God.**

What Wondrous Love Is This?

To God Be the Glory

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon: Where is God's Temple?

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: What Wondrous Love Is This? (page 9)

Responsive Litany (Philippians 2:5-11 ESV)

Pastor: Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,

People: who though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God, a thing to be grasped,

Pastor: but emptied himself by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

People: And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Unison: Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him, the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, in heaven and earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers.

Pastor: Dr. James N, McGuire

Musician: Yuta Sugano

I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry

Great is Thy Faithfulness