

**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 and co-worker Pat, very long work hours, for sustaining grace  
Rob, homeless in FL, depressed  
Karen's sister's son, John, Down's, for gov't compassion for insurance, etc.  
Rosie, Linda's daughter, grieving  
Ed, for mobility with less pain  
Jen, for healing of ankle, mobility  
Emilee, for employment  
Marie J, for employment ad comfort  
Marcus Liew, for restoration of vision  
Kay, continued faith, poor prognosis  
Maureen, dear friend of Lisa  
Jean, friend of Cheri, breast cancer  
Brenda for wisdom to start a Bible study at her job  
Lydia, teen and family, emotional health  
Justin, wisdom re: job  
Janet E, deterioration in health  
Guidance re: new website host

**Prayer needs**

Benita for normal blood counts, and encouragement  
Glad, home, getting stronger  
Nancy H. for continued strength  
Bunny for continued strength  
Bryan, nephew of Terras family, cancer diagnosis  
Lance and Sue, Isles family with cancers  
Krystal's friend, Lolita, esophageal cancer  
Karen's friend, home alone after back surgery  
Sean's aunt, fresh grief, his uncle died recently  
Noah, age 14, success in his work  
Lisa, Pastor's niece, newly discovered cancers  
Donna's family, Dan, heart surgery, slow recovery  
Pastor Scott McKee  
Former member, Judy V. and family in FL, recurrent cancer  
Janet Evans, in AZ, confusion  
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  
Andrew, son of Craig, deployed to Qatar

**Thank you for your faithful giving.**

Giving to date in Feb: \$5,742

Please continue to pray for our ministry partners in other countries being impacted by war. Pray for safety and creative ways to spread the Gospel in difficult times.

**Heidelberg Catechism Q. 12.** According to God's righteous judgment we deserve punishment both in this world and forever after: How then can we escape this punishment and return to God's favor?

**A.** God requires that his justice be satisfied. Therefore the claims of his justice must be paid in full, either by ourselves or by another.



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## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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**Gathering Song: The Wonder of It All (Page 6)**

**† Call to Worship (Psalm 28:6-9 ESV)**

Pastor: Blessed be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

**People: The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped.**

Pastor: My heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

**People: The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.**

**Unison: O save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**

**† Hymn: Like a River Glorious (Page 7)**

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

**† Standing as you are able**

## First Scripture Readings

Reader: Sean Murphy

### John 14:1-7, 23-27 Responsive

<sup>1</sup>“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.

<sup>2</sup> **My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. <sup>4</sup> You know the way to the place where I am going.”**

<sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

<sup>6</sup> **Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”**

<sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

<sup>24</sup> **Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.**

<sup>25</sup> “All this I have spoken while still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

<sup>27</sup> **Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.**

### Ephesians 2:11-22 Responsive

<sup>11</sup> Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (which is done in the body by human hands)—

<sup>12</sup> remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.

<sup>13</sup> **But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.**

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<sup>14</sup> For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility,<sup>15</sup> by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations.

**His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace,<sup>16</sup> and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.**

<sup>17</sup> He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

**<sup>19</sup> Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household,<sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.**

<sup>21</sup> In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

**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: Peace, Perfect Peace (Page 8)**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory: A Mighty Fortress Medley**

**Yuta Sugano, Musician**

**arr: Suzette Jamy**

**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

## Grace Greater than Our Sin

### Romans 5:1-11 Responsive

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

<sup>3</sup>**Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup>perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup>And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.**

<sup>6</sup>You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

<sup>9</sup>**Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! <sup>10</sup>For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! <sup>11</sup>Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.**

### 2 Thessalonians 3:16-18 Responsive

<sup>16</sup>Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.

<sup>17</sup>**I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand, which is the distinguishing mark in all my letters. This is how I write.**

<sup>18</sup>The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**Peace, Perfect Peace**

**Sermon: Peace with God and All Others**

Dr. James N. McGuire

**Pastoral Prayer**

**† Hymn: Grace Greater than Our Sin (Page 9)**

**Responsive Litany (Philippians 4:4-7)**

Pastor: Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again; Rejoice!

**People: Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.**

Pastor: Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God

**Unison: And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**

**Benediction**

**Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers**

**Pastor: Dr. James N. McGuire**

**Musician: Yuta Sugano**

**The Wonder of It All**

**Like a River Glorious**