

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 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: a job
Pastor Scott McKee, new suffering
Premature twins, about 36 weeks now, that they will thrive, friends of Bodnar's
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

Prayer need

Patty Bodnar, in hospital, breathing problems
Chet Doak, for infection and respiratory improvement
Carolyn Krueger, moved to senior facility
Mike Mathers, adjusting to care facility, Annette for comfort
Bunny, for continued strength
Lance, liver failure, and Sue, cancer: concerns for care of son with Downs syndrome.
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
Rene, age 53, breast cancer, receiving chemo
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
Hester Family, 2 in hospital
For Alan, brother recently committed suicide
Diane, friend of Cheri, fall with injury, needs admission

Thank you for your faithful giving.

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Giving to date in June: \$18,486

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 31. Why is Jesus called "Christ" meaning "anointed"? **A.** Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who perfectly reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God for our deliverance, our only high priest who has set us free by the one sacrifice of his body and who continually pleads our cause to the Father, and our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.



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Welcome to Worship

July 14, 2024

Gathering Song: In Christ There is No East or West (Page 7)

†Call to Worship (Psalm 95:1,2, 6-7)

Pastor: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

People: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

Pastor: Come, let us bow down and worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

Unison: For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

† Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (page 8)

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

†Standing as you are able

First Scripture Readings

Today's Reader: Donna Whiting

Acts 2:32-47 Responsive

³² God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. ³³ Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. ³⁴ For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

**“The Lord said to my Lord:
“Sit at my right hand
³⁵ until I make your enemies
a footstool for your feet.””**

³⁶ “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

³⁷ **When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”**

³⁸ Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

⁴⁰ **With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”** ⁴¹ **Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.**

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.

⁴⁴ **All the believers were together and had everything in common.** ⁴⁵ **They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.** ⁴⁶ **Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts.**

They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people.

And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

The Servant Song

Romans 12:3-13 Responsive

³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

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: We Have Come to Join in Worship (page 9)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: In Christ Alone

arr: Yuta Sugano

Doxology

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Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,
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We Have Come to Join in Worship

Revelation 22:12-21 Responsive

¹² “Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

¹⁴ **“Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. ¹⁵ Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.**

¹⁶ “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star.”

¹⁷ **The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let the one who hears say, “Come!” Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.**

¹⁸ I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this scroll: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this scroll. ¹⁹ And if anyone takes words away from this scroll of prophecy, God will take away from that person any share in the tree of life and in the Holy City, which are described in this scroll.

²⁰ **He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.”**

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

²¹ **The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God’s people. Amen.**

1 Corinthians 1:10-17 Responsive

¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.

¹¹ **My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe’s household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. ¹² What I mean is this: One of you says, “I follow Paul”; another, “I follow Apollos”; another, “I follow Cephas”; still another, “I follow Christ.”**

¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so no one can say that you were baptized in my name.

¹⁶ **(Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don’t remember if I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.**

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: The Fellowship of Jesus Christ

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: The Servant Song (page 10)

Responsive Litany (Romans 15: 1,2,4-6)

Pastor: We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us should please our neighbors for their good, to build them up.

People: For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

Pastor: May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had,

Unison: so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

Musician: Yuta Sugano

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