

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 brother, Bernard with health issues
Marcus Liew, for restoration of vision
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 Bodnars
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
Jen, for medication availability

Thank you for your faithful giving.

Giving on June 30 2024: \$5,004
Giving to date in June: \$18,486

Prayer need

Chet Doak, for infection and respiratory improvement
Carolyn Krueger, moved to senior facility
Mike Mathers, moved to care facility, Annette for comfort
Elder Ray B, painful legs, improving
Anna's friend Shawn, divorcing, separation from child.
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
Sue W. continued lung problems
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
Lynn's friend's mother, age 97
Sue D for a family in conflict, and Diedre
Emilee for a job, and for several family members' health
Patrick's daughter, Marie, hospitalized, alcoholism
Hester Family, 2 in hospital

Community prayer requests: Chris and Corine, grieving their 4 year old son killed in Livonia tornado.
Also, missing elderly man in Westland: Kadyjah's neighbor.

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 30. Do those who look for their salvation and security in saints, in themselves, or elsewhere really believe in the only savior, Jesus? **A.** No. Although they boast of being his, by their deeds they deny the only savior and deliverer, Jesus. Either Jesus is not a perfect savior, or those who in true faith accept this savior have in him all they need for their salvation.



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Welcome to Worship

July 7, 2024

Gathering Song: The Church's One Foundation (Page 6)

†Call to Worship (from Psalm 146)

Pastor: Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, my soul.

People: I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Pastor: Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save.

People: Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, who hope is in the Lord their God.

Pastor: He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—He remains faithful forever.

Unison: The Lord reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord.

† Hymn: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (page 7)

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

†Standing as you are able

First Scripture Readings

Today's Reader: Justin Isles

The Love Lord's Prayer—2

Matthew 24:36-44 Responsive

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

³⁸ **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; ³⁹ 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. ⁴⁰ Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

⁴² **“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ⁴³ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.**

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Responsive

¹³ Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.

¹⁴ **For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.**

¹⁵ According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.

¹⁶ **For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.**

¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

¹⁸ **Therefore encourage one another with these words.**

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Love Lord's Prayer—1

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 Love of God** (pages 8-9)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: "God of Our Fathers"

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 Peter 3:8-14 Responsive

⁸ But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

¹⁰ **But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.**

¹¹ Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives ¹² as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming.

That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. ¹³ But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

¹⁴ So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.

1 Corinthians 1:4-9 Responsive

The Love of God—2

⁴ I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. ⁵ For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge—

⁶ God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you.

⁷ **Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.** ⁸ **He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

⁹ God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon: The Evidence of God's Grace in Those Who Believe the Gospel

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: The Lord's Prayer (pages 10-11)

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (see page 5)

† Responsive Litany (Hebrews 9:23-28)

Pastor: For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence.

People: Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the ways the high priest enters the Most Holy place every year with blood that is not his own.

Pastor: Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Unison: Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sins, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

Musician, Yuta Sugano

The Love of God—1

Communion Litany
Will add, as I do, for the hymns.

The Church's One Foundation

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name