

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, for blood pressure control
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
Marcus Liew, for restoration of vision
Kay, continued faith, poor prognosis
Maureen, dear friend of Lisa
Jean, friend of Cheri, breast cancer
Lydia, (teen) & family, emotional health
Justin, wisdom re: job
Rev. Shiv for encouragement
Judy Carr's sister-in-law, near death
Linda S: for improved health, joy
Our children's Sunday school teachers
Sean's God-daughter, Brittany.

Prayer needs

Father of Lisa Lochrie, in hospice care
Benita, for continued normal blood counts
Glad, home, getting stronger
Bunny for continued strength
Bryan, nephew of Terras family, cancer diagnosis
Lance and Sue, Isles family with cancers
Krystal's friend, Lolita, esophageal cancer
Noah, age 14, custody hearing this week
Lisa, Pastor's niece, multiple cancers
Donna's family, Dan, heart surgery, slow recovery
Pastor Scott McKee
Janet Evans, in AZ, deterioration in health
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
Rene, age 53, breast cancer
Father of Xavier, released from prison, for healthy relationship with his son.
Brenda's friend Erin, for faith in loss of her father
Family (3 members) of Carolyn K, health issues

Thank you for your faithful giving.

Giving on March 10: \$1,848
Giving to date in March: \$8,398

Pray for our elders and deacons as they serve the Lord in their various capacities, that they would have the mind of Christ in all decisions and ministry.

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 16. Why must he (Jesus) be truly human and truly righteous?
A. God's justice demands it: man has sinned, man must pay for his sin, but a sinner cannot pay for others.



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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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Gathering Song: I Sing the Mighty Power of God (Page 6)

† Call to Worship (Psalm 24:1-6 ESV)

Pastor: The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,

People: for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

Pastor: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

People: He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

Pastor: He will receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Unison: Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

† Hymn: Grace Greater Than Our Sin (page 7)

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

† Standing as you are able

First Scripture Readings

Today's Reader: Sean Murphy

Luke 11:14-23 Responsive

¹⁴Jesus was driving out a demon that was mute. When the demon left, the man who had been mute spoke, and the crowd was amazed. ¹⁵But some of them said, "By Beelzebub, the prince of demons, he is driving out demons." ¹⁶Others tested him by asking for a sign from heaven.

¹⁷Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them: "Any kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and a house divided against itself will fall. ¹⁸If Satan is divided against himself, how can his kingdom stand?"

I say this because you claim that I drive out demons by Beelzebub. ¹⁹Now if I drive out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your followers drive them out? So then, they will be your judges. ²⁰But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

²¹"When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe. ²²But when someone stronger attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armor in which the man trusted and divides up his plunder.

²³"Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

Matthew 5:1-11 Unison

¹Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ²and he began to teach them. He said:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

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Announcements and Reminders

As Easter approaches, you will want to be aware of these special days in the church calendar:

Palm Sunday, March 24, celebrates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Tenebrae Service on Thursday, March 28, at 6 pm. This service reminds us of the suffering of our Lord and is full of scripture and song. Also known as a Service of Shadows.

Easter is March 31, and we will rejoice together in celebrating the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Come and join in the joy of this day.

Easter Lilies are available to purchase for decoration of the Sanctuary. They are priced at \$10 and you may take them home after Easter, as you wish. Annette Mathers is available to take your order. Please use the enclosed order form (cash preferred).

Have you noticed?

We have children coming with their parents on Sundays!! How delighted we are! Would you consider helping us to meet the needs of these little ones?

Needed are **teachers** for Sunday School (simple curriculum provided) and **caregivers in the baby/toddler room**. You may want to serve just once a month, or more if you wish.

Please contact Donna Whiting for questions and offers to help.

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers'
for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ **Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

¹¹ **“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil
against you because of me.**

† Hymn: I Cannot Tell (Pages 8-9)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: Crown Him with Many Crowns

Arr. By 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

Proverbs 6:16-19 Unison

¹⁶ **There are six things the LORD hates,
seven that are detestable to him:**

¹⁷ **haughty eyes,
a lying tongue,**

¹⁸ **hands that shed innocent blood,
a heart that devises wicked schemes,**

¹⁹ **feet that are quick to rush into evil,
a false witness who pours out lies**

and a person who stirs up conflict in the community.

Philippians 2:1-11 Responsive

²Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

³ **Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others**

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⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ **Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;**

⁷ **rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.**

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

⁹ **Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,**

¹⁰ **that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,**

¹¹ **and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon: Are You the Problem or the Solution?

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: Jesus, Lover of My Soul (Page 10)

† Responsive Litany (from Colossians 1)

Pastor: The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. All things have been created through him and for him.

People: He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Pastor: For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

People: Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior.

Pastor: But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—

Unison: if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel.

Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Pastor: Dr. James N. McGuire

Musician: Yuta Sugano

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Grace Greater Than Our Sin