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

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Brenda, very long work hours, and for blood pressure control with new meds Rob, homeless in FL, depressed 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 Justin, wisdom re: job Shiv and Nahua 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. Pastor Scott McKee Premature twins at 24 weeks, that they will thrive.

Elder Ray B, painful legs, disturbed sleep 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, success in his first job Lisa, Pastor's niece, multiple cancers Donna's family, Dan, heart surgery, slow recovery 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, for surgery soon Sue Work, continued lung problems Family (3 members) of Carolyn K, health issues Dan, local firefighter, rare kidney disease, friend of Nate Michael, discovery of bladder cancer Brother of Brenda's co-worker, possible cancer-

Thank you for your faithful giving.

Giving on March 24: \$3,973 Giving to date in March: \$15,976 Our sympathy to the family of Jane Kirkpatrick who died in hospice on March 27. Plans for a funeral are incomplete.

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 18. And who is this mediator—true God and at the same time truly human and truly righteous? **A.** Our Lord Jesus Christ, who was given to us to set us completely free and to make us right with God.

FOR what I received 1 passed on to you as of first importance THAT according to the Scriptures THAT according to the Serio 1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-4

> Resurrection Sunday HE IS RISEN



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Welcome to the Worship of God

Gathering Song: I Danced in the Morning (pages 10-11)

†Call to Worship (1 Corinthians 15:20,21,56,57)

Pastor: But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

People: For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead also comes through a man.

Pastor: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

Unison: But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁺ Hymn: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (page 9)

+ Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

Thank you to all those who donated the cheerful Easter lilies to grace our sanctuary. You may take them home today, or leave them another week, if you wish.

†Standing as you are able

Because He Lives—1

The Nicene Creed

First Scripture Readings Reader: Bruce Terras Colossians 1:15-20

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ 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.

John 1:1-18

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John.⁷He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵ (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me."")

⁶ Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

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: Who Is He in Yonder Stall? (page 13)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: Because He Lives

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

Hebrews 1:1-13 Responsive

¹ In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.

³ The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. ⁴ So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

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⁵ For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father"?

Or again,

"I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"?

⁶ And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

⁷ In speaking of the angels he says,

"He makes his angels spirits, and his servants flames of fire."

⁸ But about the Son he says,

"Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom. ⁹ You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy."

¹⁰ He also says,

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"In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. ¹¹ They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. ¹² You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed.

But you remain the same, and your years will never end."

¹³ To which of the angels did God ever say,

"Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"?

I Danced in the Morning-1

Philippians 2:5-11 Responsive

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.

> Sermon: The Humiliation and Exaltation of Jesus Christ Dr. James N. McGuire

> > **Pastoral Prayer**

†Hymn: Because He Lives (Pages 14-15)

+ Closing Litany (Colossians 1:9b-14)

- Pastor: We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives,
- People: so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,
- Pastor: being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience,
- People: and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.
- Unison: For he has recused us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers