CHRIST
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Welcome to Worship

July 6, 2025

Gathering Song: "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" (Page 7)

† Call to Worship (From Psalm 23)

Pastor: The LORD is my Shepherd, I lack nothing.

People: He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul.

Pastor: He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

Unison: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

† Hymn: "Once in Royal David's City" (Page 8)

† Invocation

† Standing as you are able

First Scripture Readings

1 Kings 17:7-16 Responsive

7 Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land.
8 Then the word of the LORD came to him: 9 "Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food."

10 So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, "Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?" 11 As she was going to get it, he called, "And bring me, please, a piece of bread."

12 "As surely as the LORD your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die."

13 Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. 14 For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD sends rain on the land.'"

15 She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. 16 For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.

Psalm 95 Responsive

1 Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. 2 Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

3 For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. 5 The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

**6 Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;
7 for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.**

Today, if you would hear his voice, [8] "Do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah, as you did that day at Massah in the wilderness, [9] where your ancestors tested me; they tried me, though they had seen what I did.

[10] For forty years I was angry with that generation; I said, 'They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they have not known my ways.'
[11] So I declared on oath in my anger, 'They shall never enter my rest.'"

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: "See Amid the Winter's Snow" (Page 9)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "As the Deer" **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

Luke 6:46-49 Responsive

46 "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? 47 As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like.

48 They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built.

49 But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete."

Hebrews 3:16-4:11 Responsive

16 Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt? 17 And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies perished in the wilderness?

18 And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed? 19 So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.

1 Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. 2 For we also have had the good news proclaimed to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because they did not share the faith of those who obeyed.

3 Now we who have believed enter that rest, just as God has said, "So I declared on oath in my anger, 'They shall never enter my rest.'" And yet his works have been finished since the creation of the world.

4 For somewhere he has spoken about the seventh day in these words: "On the seventh day God rested from all his works." 5 And again in the passage above he says, "They shall never enter my rest." 6 Therefore since it still remains for some to enter that rest, and since those who formerly had the good news proclaimed to them did not go in because of their disobedience, 7 God again set a certain day, calling it "Today."

This he did when a long time later he spoke through David, as in the passage already quoted: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."

[8] For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day. [9] There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; [10] for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his.

[11] Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience.

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Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Getting the Rest You Need

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper **(Page 6)**

† Closing Hymn: "The Lord's Prayer" **(Insert)**

Responsive Litany **(from Romans 12)**

Pastor: Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

Unison: Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Benediction

Announcements and Prayer Requests

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor **Yuta Sugano, Pianist**

The Apostles' Creed
(Unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of Confession (Psalm 51:1-7)
(Unison)

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.
Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight;
so that you are proved right when You speak
and justified when you judge.
Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.
Surely you desire truth in the inner parts;
you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.
Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Sermon Notes

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Morning 9:30am

1 Kings

Teacher - Elder Mark T.

Wednesday Evening 6:00 - 7:30

Gospel of John

Teacher - Elder Sean M.

2 Timothy 2:15

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

Upcoming Fellowship Opportunities

- **July 13: Session Meeting**

- **August 17-19: VBS**

Contact Sue W. for information and to assist.

To Our Visitors

We 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.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Prayer Needs

Linda's relative Sarah - health issues

Ray and Cheri's friend's wife and family - pray for comfort as they lost their husband/father to cancer.

Westminster Shorter Catechism #10

Q. How did God create man?

A. God created man, male and female, in his own image and in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, to rule over the other creatures.

Gen. 1:26-28, Col. 3:10, Eph. 4:24, Gen. 1:28

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