



CHRIST
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Welcome to Worship

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Gathering Song: **O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing** (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.

† **I Sing the Mighty Power of God** (page 8)

† **Invocation and the Lord's Prayer**

† Standing as you are able

First Scripture Readings

Reader: Sean Murphy

Psalm 37:1-13, 35, 36, 39 Responsive

- ¹ Do not fret because of those who are evil
or be envious of those who do wrong;
² for like the grass they will soon wither,
like green plants they will soon die away.
- ³ **Trust in the Lord and do good;
dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.**
- ⁴ **Take delight in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.**
- ⁵ Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him and he will do this:
⁶ He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn,
your vindication like the noonday sun.
- ⁷ **Be still before the Lord
and wait patiently for him;
do not fret when people succeed in their ways,
when they carry out their wicked schemes.**
- ⁸ Refrain from anger and turn from wrath;
do not fret—it leads only to evil.
⁹ For those who are evil will be destroyed,
but those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land.
- ¹⁰ **A little while, and the wicked will be no more;
though you look for them, they will not be found.**
- ¹¹ **But the meek will inherit the land
and enjoy peace and prosperity.**
- ¹² The wicked plot against the righteous
and gnash their teeth at them;
¹³ but the Lord laughs at the wicked,
for he knows their day is coming.
- ³⁵ **I have seen a wicked and ruthless man
flourishing like a luxuriant native tree,**

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³⁶ **but he soon passed away and was no more;
though I looked for him, he could not be found.**

³⁹ The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD;
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

Romans 8:1-17 Responsive

¹ Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

³ **For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.**

⁵ Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.

⁶ **The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸ Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.**

⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.

¹⁰ **But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. ¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.**

¹² Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴ **For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."**

¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gloria Patri

Gloria 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: **At the Name of Jesus, Every Knee Shall Bow** (Pages 10,11)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: "Lead Me to Calvary"

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

Galatians 5:16-26 Responsive

¹⁶ So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

¹⁹ **The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery,**
²⁰ **idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dis-**
sensions, factions ²¹ **and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did**
before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithful-
ness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

²⁴ **Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and de-**
sires. ²⁵ **Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.** ²⁶ **Let us not be-**
come conceited, provoking and envying each other.

1 Corinthians 12:1-11, 27-31 Responsive

¹ Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols.

³ **Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.**

⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

⁷ **Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.**

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. ²⁸ And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

And yet I will show you the most excellent way.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

**Sermon: Spiritual Gifts for All Believers
Dr. James N. McGuire**

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: Through the Love of God My Savior (page 9)

† Responsive Litany (Romans 15:1,2, 4-6,13)

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 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 the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Unison: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Don't forget to sign up in the Narthex for the Thanksgiving Meal next Sunday.

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, for Brenda's health and for her sister with Covid
Jean, friend of Cheri, breast cancer
Pastor Scott McKee to Mayo Clinic
Leona, 4th 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
Claudine Sordyl's uncle, Richard
Sister of Sue Dial
Diane Carr, grief, questions of future
Justin, with new employment
Maurene, close friend of Lisa, Cancer
Patti B's friend Patricia, brain cancer
Trevor, for a good job to support his family.
Julio, age 11, in foster care, family does not want him
Bella, age 11. for corrective oral surgery
Jen Freese, illness

Thank you for your faithful giving.

Giving for November: \$3,740
November giving to date: \$10,051

Prayer need

Benita, tests for recurrence of blood disease
Carolyn Krueger, senior facility
Bunny, for continued strength
Pray for our military as they serve in dangerous places
Joshua, Son-in-law of Johnsons, in the Navy, his ship has deployed to the middle east.
Sue Work, for continued improvement
Krystal's friend, Lolita, esophageal cancer has spread, declining health
Lisa, Pastor's niece, multiple cancers
Family (3 members) of Carolyn K, health issues
Johnny, injury in a fall, not doing well, and wife, Betty
Diane, friend of Cheri, fall with injury
Lila's husband, David, for end of life decisions/comfort
Kadyjah's family, for peace
Pam's father, Nathan, in pain,
Sean, laid off, needs job.
Friend of Bruce's co-worker, Elaine, stage 3 ovarian cancer
Kevin, laid off, has new job, involves move back to MI
Pray for those who are grieving the loss of loved ones
Baby Elijah, home but with many needs

Pray for the work of Rob and Joyce as they continue to minister to the children and families in Lebanon. There is much fear and many deaths. Pray also for Tim.

Heidelberg Catechism. Q 48. If His humanity is not present wherever his divinity is, then aren't the two natures of Christ separated from each other? A. Certainly not. Since divinity is not limited and is present everywhere, it is evident that Christ's divinity is surely beyond the bounds of humanity he has taken on, but at the same time his divinity is in and remains personally united to his humanity.