CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

July 20, 2025

Gathering Song: "At the Name of Jesus" (Page 6)

† Call to Worship (From Isaiah 12, NKJV)

Pastor: "Praise the LORD, call upon His name; declare His deeds among the peoples, make mention that His name is exalted.

People: Sing to the LORD, for He has done excellent things; this is known in all the earth.

Unison: Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel in your midst!"

† Hymn: "Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending" (Page 7)

† Invocation
The Lord's Prayer

† Standing as you are able

First Scripture Readings
Cathie Cheslak

Amos 8:1-12 (NKJV) Responsive

1 Thus the Lord GOD showed me: behold, a basket of summer fruit. 2 And He said,
"Amos, what do you see?" So I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the LORD said
to me: "The end has come upon my people Israel; I will not pass by them anymore.
3 And the songs of the temple shall be wailing in that day," Says the Lord God—
"Many dead bodies everywhere, they shall be thrown out in silence."

**4 Hear this, you who swallow up the needy, and make the poor of the land fail,
5 Saying: "When will the New Moon be past, that we may sell grain? And the
Sabbath, that we may trade wheat? Making the ephah small and the shekel
large, falsifying the scales by deceit, 6 That we may buy the poor for silver,
and the needy for a pair of sandals—even sell the bad wheat?"**

7 The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: "Surely I will never forget any of their
works. 8 Shall the land not tremble for this, and everyone mourn who dwells in it?
All of it shall swell like the river, heave and subside like the river of Egypt.

**9 "And it shall come to pass in that day," says the Lord GOD, "That I will make
the sun go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in broad daylight; 10 I will
turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will
bring sackcloth on every waist, and baldness on every head; I will make it like
mourning for an only son, and its end like a bitter day.**

11 "Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord GOD, "That I will send a famine on
the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of
the LORD.

**12 They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to
and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, but shall not find it.**

Psalm 15 (NKJV) Responsive

1 LORD, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill? 2 He
who walks uprightly, and works righteousness, and speaks the truth in his heart;

**3 He who does not backbite with his tongue, nor does evil to his neighbor,
nor does he take up a reproach against his friend;**

4 In whose eyes a vile person is despised, but he honors those who fear the LORD;
he who swears to his own hurt and does not change;

**5 He who does not put out his money at usury, nor does he take a bribe
against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved.**

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: "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" (Page 8)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Be Thou My Vision" **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 10:38-42 (NIV) Responsive

38 As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. 39 She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said.

40 But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

41 "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "You are worried and upset about many things, 42 but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Hebrews 4:13-5:10 (NIV) Responsive

13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.
14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. 16 Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

1 Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. 2 He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. 3 This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people.

4 And no one takes this honor on himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was. 5 In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father." 6 And he says in another place, "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek."

[7] During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

[8] Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered [9] and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him [10] and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Let Us Come Boldly

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: "Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed" (Page 9)

Responsive Litany (from Matthew 6, NKJV)

Pastor: "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

People: But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Unison: Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Benediction

Announcements and Prayer Requests

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

Sermon Notes

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Morning 9:30am

2 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 20: Session meets with reps from Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) and Presbyterian Church of America (PCA).**

- **July 29: Session meets with PCA's Mission to North America.**

- **August 10: 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

Chris, Bruce's co-worker's husband - cancer surgery on Monday

Donna's sister-in-law Mary passed on Friday night due to Covid

Elaine's friend Charlene diagnosed with breast cancer

Westminster Shorter Catechism #12

Q. What did God's providence specifically do for man he created?

A. After the creation God made a covenant with man to give him life, if he perfectly obeyed; God told him not to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil or he would die.

Gal. 3:12, Gen. 2:16-17, Rom. 5:12-14, 10:5, Lk. 10:25-28, Gen. 2:17

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