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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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Gathering Song: All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord

† Call to Worship: (Psalm 103:1-4, 8)

Pastor: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

People: Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—

Pastor: who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

People: who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion.

Unison: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

† Hymn: Lead On, O King Eternal

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

Exodus 12:1-14 Responsive

¹ The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, ²“This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. ³ Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household.

⁴ If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat.

⁵ The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. ⁶ Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight.

⁷ Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. ⁸ That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. ⁹ Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire—with the head, legs and internal organs.

¹⁰ Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. ¹¹ This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD’s Passover.

¹² “On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. ¹³ The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

¹⁴ “This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance.

1 Corinthians 5:1-12 Responsive

¹ It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that even pagans do not tolerate: A man is sleeping with his father’s wife. ² And you are proud! Shouldn’t you rather have gone into mourning and have put out of your fellowship the man who has been doing this?

³ For my part, even though I am not physically present, I am with you in spirit. As one who is present with you in this way, I have already passed judgment in the name of our Lord Jesus on the one who has been doing this.

So when you are assembled and I am with you in spirit, and the power of our Lord Jesus is present, ⁵ hand this man over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved on the day of the Lord.

⁶ Your boasting is not good. Don’t you know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? ⁷ Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. ⁸ Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old bread

leavened with malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

⁹I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— ¹⁰not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world. ¹¹But now I am writing to you that you must not associate with anyone who claims to be a brother or sister but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or slanderer, a drunkard or swindler. Do not even eat with such people.

¹²What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside?

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: Face to Face

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: “Minute Waltz”

by F. Chopin

Pianist: 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. Amen.

Second Scripture Readings

Hebrews 10:5-10 Responsive

⁵Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said:

“Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,
but a body you prepared for me;

⁶with burnt offerings and sin offerings
you were not pleased.

⁷Then I said, ‘Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll—
I have come to do your will, my God.’”

⁸**First he said, “Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them”—though they were offered in accordance with the law. ⁹Then he said, “Here I am, I have come to do your will.”**

He sets aside the first to establish the second. ¹⁰And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Luke 22:7-13 Responsive

⁷Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed.

⁸**Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover.”**

⁹**“Where do you want us to prepare for it?” they asked.**

¹⁰ He replied, “As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, ¹¹ and say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ¹²He will show you a large room upstairs, all furnished. Make preparations there.”

¹³ **They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.**

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Christ Our Passover

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Apostles Creed

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 Ghost, 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)

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to you 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 inward 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.

Receive the Elements of the Lord's Supper

† Hymn: Because He Lives

† Responsive Litany (Romans 8:31-34b)

Pastor: What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

People: He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

Pastor: Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.

Unison: Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

Yuta Sugano, Musician

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

In Need of Prayer

Brenda, for improved health
Jen's father, chemo treatment
Jen, serious ankle injury/Covid
Ed, for mobility, back pain
Nancy, health
Jane, encouragement
Darlene, heart and dialysis
Maureen, dear friend of Lisa
Raven, child with seizures
Kay, hospice, for peace and pain relief
Kimi, for suffering
Pray for caregivers of the ill
Isaiah, age 17, brain injury, improving
Liz, Clay's daughter, successful meds
Jack W, deep grief, loss of wife
Maui devastation, comfort and care
Brenda's nephew and his friends for encouragement and better jobs, and nephew Glenn: Serious illness
Richard, expecting stem cell transplant and long hospitalization (Hartig family)

In Need of Prayer

Andy, home, greatly improving
Patty, strength and endurance caring for Andy
Glad, for restored strength
Ray, continued recovery of strength
Benita, improved blood counts
Jalene, MS flare-up and heart attack, husband caring for her
Domingo, needs transplants; LaShell, cancer
Sean's aunt & uncle, heavy caregiving
Debbie, Pam's friend, hospitalized
Judy V. and family in Florida
Lance, brother-in-law of Isles family
Sue, sister-in-law of Isles family
Ron, age 34, heart failure, needs heart transplant
Katalee, for full healing of lymphoma
Alicia, niece of Carolyn, cancer diagnosis
Beth, fresh grief over death of husband
Sarah, for strength to carry her load
Ryan, age 16, recent kidney transplant, also family donor
Donna's friends, Sam, a bad infection, wife Janene
Mike & April in the death of his mother

General Fund giving last week: \$2,910
Total giving in August: \$11,983
Thank you for giving to the Lord.

Please continue to pray for our friend, missionary **Enrique Cepeda**, who required surgery to save his life, while ministering in Korea. Pray that he will recover quickly and return home to his family.

Heidelberg Catechism Q 118. What does God command us to pray for?

A. Everything we need, spiritually and physically, as embraced in the prayer Christ our Lord himself taught us.

Q. 119. What is this prayer? **A.** It is commonly called "The Lord's Prayer."