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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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Gathering Song: Come, Let Us Praise the Lord

† Call to Worship: (from Psalm 95)

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: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

People: Come, let us bow down before the Lord our Maker;

Unison: for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

† Hymn: The Lord's My Shepherd

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings
1 Corinthians 11:23-31 Responsive

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

²⁵ **In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”** ²⁶**For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.**

²⁷ So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.

²⁸ **Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.** ²⁹ **For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves.**

³⁰ That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. ³¹ But if we were more discerning with regard to ourselves, we would not come under such judgment.

Romans 3:19-28 Responsive

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.

²⁰ **Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God’s sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.**

²¹ But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²² This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

²⁵ God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— ²⁶he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

²⁷ **Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith.** ²⁸ **For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.**

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: How Great Thou Art

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: Amazing Grace

Arr: Yuta Sagano

† 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

Romans 6:1-14 Responsive

¹What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ²By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?

³**Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.**

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— ⁷because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

⁸**Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

¹¹In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. ¹²Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. ¹³Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness.

¹⁴**For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.**

Luke 22:14-23 Responsive

¹⁴When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. ¹⁵And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

¹⁷**After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. ¹⁸For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."**

¹⁹And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

²⁰**In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. ²¹But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. ²²The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed. But woe to that man who betrays him!"**

²³They began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Freedom and Safety

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: It is Well with My Soul

† Responsive Litany (from Ephesians 2)

Pastor: As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world.

People: We were by nature deserving of wrath.

Pastor: But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

People: God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.

Unison: For it is by grace you have been saved through faith—and this is not of yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

Yuta Sugano, Musicia

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, home
Jack W, deep grief, loss of wife
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)
Newborn boy (twin) in NICU

General Fund giving last week: \$5,513
Total giving to date in Sept: \$8,523
Thank you for giving to the Lord.

In Need of Prayer

Weston, 20 year old grandson, with chest pain
Lisa, Pastor's niece, newly discovered cancer
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
Tom & Carol's son, back surgery, needs care of family

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

Heidelberg Catechism Q 120. Why did Christ command us to call God "Our Father"?

A. At the very beginning of our prayer Christ wants to kindle in us what is basic to our prayer— the childlike awe and trust that God through Christ has become our Father. Our fathers did not refuse us the things of this life; God our Father will even less refuse to give us what we ask him in faith.

