

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

Chet D. respiratory problems
Brenda, very long work hours, and for improved lab results
Ed, for mobility with less pain
Jen, for healing of ankle, chest concerns
Sherrie, Jen's friend, kidney tumor
Marcus Liew, for restoration of vision
Kay, continued faith, poor prognosis
Maureen, dear friend of Lisa
Jean, friend of Cheri, breast cancer
Justin, wisdom re: job
Pastor Scott McKee
Premature twins at 24 weeks, that they will thrive, friends of Bodnar family
All who hate their neighbors to be restrained.
Shiv for employment in Seattle
Leona, 4th grader, for confidence
Jack E, severe vision problems
Senie E, pain in hips, legs, back

Thank you for your faithful giving.

Giving on May 12: \$5,039
Giving to date in May: \$10,045

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 23. (Continued) **Question:** What are the articles a Christian must believe?

A. (part 3) I believe in the Holy Spirit: I believe in a holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Prayer need

Carolyn Krueger, recent heart attack
Cindy Koziol, Carston's mother, recent surgery
Mike Mathers, poor health, and Annette, strength to help
Elder Ray B, painful legs, disturbed sleep
Anna's friend Shawn, divorcing, separation from child.
Bunny, for continued strength
Lance, liver failure, and Sue, cancer: concerns for care of son with Downs syndrome.
Krystal's friend, Lolita, esophageal cancer
Noah, age 14, strong faith as he transfers to public school
Lisa, Pastor's niece, multiple cancers
Pray for strength for caregivers in families of the ill
Pray for our military as they serve in dangerous places
Rene, age 53, breast cancer, receiving chemo
Sue W. continued lung problems
Family (3 members) of Carolyn K, health issues
Dan, local firefighter, rare kidney disease, friend of Nate
Johnny, injury in a fall, not doing well, and wife, Betty
Our children's Sunday school teachers
Marie, respect in her new job
Lynn's friend's mother, age 97
Sue D for a family in conflict

Pray for faithful Pastors and Christians in Central Asia who are often in danger in these difficult places. Pray for Dave and Carol Fogleboch as they uphold and encourage these believers in the Lord Jesus.
Remember also to pray for Tim North also in harm's way in the Middle East.



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Welcome to Worship

May 19, 2024

Gathering Song: Am I a Soldier of the Cross? (page 6)

† Call to Worship (from Psalm 119)

Pastor: May my cry come before you, LORD; give me understanding according to your word.

People: May my lips overflow with praise, for you teach me your decrees.

Pastor: May my tongue sing of your word, for all your commandments are righteous.

People: May your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts.

Pastor: I long for your salvation, LORD, and your law gives me delight.

Unison: Let me live that I may praise you, and may your laws sustain me.

† Hymn: My Savior's Love (page 7)

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

†Standing as you are able

First Scripture Readings
Today's Reader: Bruce Terras

Romans 6:15-23 Responsive

¹⁵ What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means!

¹⁶ Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?

¹⁷ **But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. ¹⁸ You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.**

¹⁹ I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness.

²⁰ **When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. ²¹ What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death!**

²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 4:17-32 Responsive

¹⁷ So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. ¹⁹ Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed.

²⁰ **That, however, is not the way of life you learned ²¹ when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. ²² You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.**

Save the Date! Sunday, June 9



Our Annual Church Indoor Picnic!
Following our Worship Service

**Rocky's of Northville will cater our main dish,
AND
Here is your opportunity to make your best side dish to share.**

1. Sign up in the Narthex to reserve your place.

2. Sign up to bring a side dish.

**This can be hot or cold dishes like scalloped potatoes, salads,
pies, brownies/cookies, soft drinks, etc.**

Be Still, My Soul

²⁵Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. ²⁶“In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷and do not give the devil a foothold. ²⁸Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

²⁹**Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³²Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.**

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: Day by Day (pages 8-9)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: The Love of God

arr. by 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
Hebrews 11:8-16 Responsive

Day by Day—2

⁸By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.

¹¹**And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise.** ¹²**And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.**

¹³All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth.

¹⁴**People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own.** ¹⁵**If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return.** ¹⁶**Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.**

Philippians 3:17-21 Responsive

¹⁷Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do.

¹⁸**For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ.** ¹⁹**Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things.**

²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon: Remembering Who You Are

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: **Be Still My Soul** (page 10)

Responsive Litany (from Hebrews 10)

Pastor: Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus,

People: and since we have a great priest over the house of God,

Pastor: let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

Unison: And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Benediction

Welcome, Announcements and Prayers

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

Musician: Yuta Sugano

Am I a Soldier of the Cross?

My Savior's Love