

THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER

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Jesus Christ, the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and end, has invited you here - and into his eternal kingdom. To the spiritually thirsty, he gives the water of life. Come, drink, quench your thirst.

5th Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

11:00 AM

Silent Preparation for Worship

*The childhood rhyme says "April showers bring May flowers."
May God transform the showers in our lives into glorious blooms,
starting now, through this time of worship.*

Welcome

** Hymn of Praise #520 - "O How I Love Jesus"*

** Call to Worship: (responsively)*

Let us speak with our lips and proclaim with our mouths God's greatness.

GOD IS, INDEED, A GREAT GOD WHO HOLDS ALL CREATION.

The praise of God is a worthy task for our tongues.

WE GLADLY EMPLOY THEM IN WORSHIP OF THE HOLY ONE.

The tongue was meant to bless God.

BLESSING AND POWER AND MIGHT BE TO OUR GOD FOREVER.

May the voices that speak God's blessings always speak in ways pleasing to God.

MAY IT BE SO IN US, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN

** Prayer of Praise and Adoration*

** Confession of Faith - Apostles' Creed (#622 in hymnal), page 5 on this PDF*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

WE CONFESS, O GOD, THAT WE ARE TOO EASILY CONTENT WITH THE LITTLE THAT WE ACCOMPLISH. WE THINK IF WE ARE REASONABLY GOOD PEOPLE, OR AT LEAST, BETTER THAN THE WORST, THAT WE SHOULD BE SATISFIED. YOU CALL US TO PERFECTION. YOU CALL US INTO THE LIKENESS OF YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST. HELP US NOT TO SETTLE FOR 'GOOD ENOUGH', BUT TO RUN THE RACE WITH CONFIDENCE TOWARD THE GOAL OF FINDING IN YOU OUR COMPLETE SALVATION. SO FILL US WITH YOUR HOLY SPIRIT THAT WE WILL JOYFULLY BRING OTHERS WITH US ON THE GREAT ADVENTURE. AMEN.

Announcements

* *Hymn of Preparation #214 - "O How He Loves You and Me!"*

Easter Theme: "Resurrection Hope!"

Scripture: Psalm 136:1-9,23-26 (vv.1-3,4-6,7-9,23-24)

1 John 3:16-24 (vv.16-18,23-24)

Sermon- "Resurrection Hope and God's Steadfast Love Endures Forever!"

Lord's Prayer

* *Doxology (#39)*

* *Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings*

* *Prayer*

* *Closing Hymn #519 - "Love Lifted Me"*

* *Choral Benediction: "Shalom to You"* (congregation)

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.

In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

* *Benediction (Pastor)*

* Please stand if able

Church of the Master Ministries

Sunday	11:00 AM	Worship Service (Holy Communion celebrated on the 1 st Sunday of each month)
Monday	5:00-9:00 PM	Bushiken Karate
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Online Bible study: Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining
	5:00-9:00PM	Bushiken Karate
Thursday	7:30 PM	Women's Alcoholic Anonymous
Friday	7:00 PM	"Hour of Prayer Power" virtual meeting The conference call-in number is 605-475-4860, code - 371231#
Saturday	12:00 noon	Online Bible study: Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining
	9:30AM-1:00PM	Bushiken Karate

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

“Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer”

The Prayer List

Our prayers reflect a wonderful and whole-hearted commitment to intercessory prayer by this congregation. Each name will remain on the prayer list for 3 weeks.

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Prayers for Those with Special Needs:

Diane * Anne Dowling * Jerry Kempf * Jane Maze * Donald Zuvich

Prayers for Those Who Are Ill or have Medical Concerns:

Beth * Friend of Dirk * Barbara * Erin * Melanie Muzsik * Connie * Pat Lynam * Mr. Lacosia * Marva Taitt * Sandra McPherson * Carole Mahon * Naomi Shapiro * Loretta Byrd & Wendy * Diante * Ellen McCullough * Peter Koys * Ethan * Damon George Hayden * Allen Ford * Alice & Alex Rivera * Arlene 'Auntie' Mayers * Rosa Stewart * LouEllen Crowley * People with COVID

Prayers for Those Dealing with Turmoil or Family Difficulties:

Morrison family * Close friends of the Bungerts * Stephanie * Jessica and Julian * Shapiro family * Dorothy * Sharon Alexander * Damon & Alex and family * Jay & family * Delgado family * Wintress * Domina * Denise Waldron * Byrd family * Kiera & Avery & Martz family * Tyler, Nicole & Jackson * Ed Reidy & family * All caregivers * everyone battling addictions

Prayers For Those Seeking Direction:

Zechariah * Diante Stinson * Corey Streeter * young adults

Prayers for Those Seeking Employment:

Nick * Alex Ingram * Terry Mahon

Prayers for World Concerns:

An end to the war between Russia & Ukraine and the Middle East conflict * An end to all the violence * Peace and healing in our community and the nation * COVID patients, families & all healthcare workers * All first responders * Our country's safety * The future of our churches * Our President and his administration * Pastor Sohail Latif and his congregation in Pakistan * Worldwide conflicts * Sean Reidy & Katie Mahon and all active duty members & their families

Prayers for the families & friends of those who have died:

Rita Piri

PRAYERS FOR THE GROWTH OF CHURCH OF THE MASTER:

Lord, please send people through our doors with whom we can share the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We have been advised by Classis that the General Synod has increased their portion of our assessment amount by over \$500 dollars. This makes our member assessment fee \$141.00, an increase of \$31.00 for the year or \$7.75 if you pay quarterly. If you have already paid your assessment and can help us by making this additional amount, there are brown envelopes on the table in the narthex marked "Additional Assessment payment". Please put your name and envelope number on the front.

CHURCH OF THE MASTER MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Christ-centered community church united in prayer and loving Christian fellowship, Bible teaching and preaching Christ crucified, risen and coming again.

Ó How I Love Jesus — 520

FREDERICK WHITFIELD

American melody
Arr. by John W. Peterson

1. There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
2. It tells me of a Sav-ior's love, Who died to set me free;
3. It tells me what my Fa-ther hath In store for ev-'ry day,
4. It tells of One whose lov-ing heart Can feel my deep-est woe,

It sounds like mu-sic in mine ear, The sweet-est name on earth.
It tells me of His pre-cious blood, The sin-ner's per-fect plea.
And, tho I tread a dark-some path, Yields sun-shine all the way.
Who in each sor-row bears a part That none can bear be-low.

CHORUS

O how I love Je-sus, O how I love Je-sus,

O how I love Je-sus— Be-cause He first loved me!

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WITNESS AND TESTIMONY

The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
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 Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

214 — O How He Loves You and Me!

KURT KAISER

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1. O how He loves you and me, O how He loves you and
2. Je - sus to Cal - v'ry did go, His love for man-kind to

me; He gave His life— what more could He give? O how He
show; What He did there bro't hope from de - spair: O how He

loves you, O how He loves me, O how He loves you and me!
loves you, O how He loves me, O how He loves you and me!

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the upper staff and a piano accompaniment in the lower staff. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The first system contains the first two lines of the two verses. The second system contains the third and fourth lines. The third system contains the fifth and sixth lines. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

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Psalm 136: 1-9, 23-26 (vv. 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 23-24) 1 John 3:16-24 (vv. 16-18, and 22-24)

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

² O give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

³ O give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁴ who alone does great wonders,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁵ who by understanding made the heavens,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁶ who spread out the earth on the waters,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁷ who made the great lights,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁸ the sun to rule over the day,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁹ the moon and stars to rule over the night,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

²³ It is he who remembered us in our low es-
tate, for his steadfast love endures forever;

²⁴ and rescued us from our foes, for his
steadfast love endures forever;

²⁵ who gives food to all flesh,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

²⁶ O give thanks to the God of heaven,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

¹⁶ We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷ How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister^[a] in need and yet refuses help? ¹⁸ Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

¹⁹ And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰ whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God;

²² and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

519 — Love Lifted Me

JAMES ROWE

HOWARD E. SMITH

1. I was sink-ing deep in sin, Far from the peace-ful shore, Ver-y deep-ly
 2. All my heart to Him I give, Ev-er to Him I'll cling, In His bless-ed
 3. Souls in dan-ger, look a-bove, Je-sus com-plete-ly saves; He will lift you

stained with-in, Sink-ing to rise no more; But the Mas-ter of the sea
 pres-ence live, Ev-er His prais-es sing. Love so might-y and so true
 by His love Out of the an-gry waves. He's the Mas-ter of the sea,

Heard my de-spair-ing cry, From the wa-ters lift-ed me—Now safe am I.
 Mer-its my soul's best songs; Faith-ful, lov-ing serv-ice too To Him be-longs.
 Bil-lows His will o-bey; He your Sav-ior wants to be—Be saved to-day.

CHORUS

Love lift-ed me, Love lift-ed me; When noth-ing
 e-ven me, e-ven me;

else could help, Love lift-ed me. Love lift-ed me,
 e-ven me,

Love lift-ed me; When noth-ing else could help, Love lift-ed me.
 e-ven me;