THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER

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"Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you," declares the psalmist (Psalm 67:3)
Welcome to worship as we join "all the peoples: in praising God

6th Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

11:00 AM

Silent Preparation for Worship

The blood of Jesus has cancelled our debt and flung our sin as far as the east is from the west. Thank you, heavenly Father!

Welcome

* Hymn of Praise #548 - "Glory to His Name"

* Call to Worship: (in unison)

THE GRACE OF GOD WAS GIVEN TO US IN CHRIST JESUS BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF TIME. BUT IT HAS NOW BEEN REVEALED THROUGH THE APPEARING OF OUR SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST, WHO HAS DESTROYED DEATH AND HAS BROUGHT LIFE AND IMMORTALITY TO LIGHT THROUGH THE GOSPEL. IT IS THIS GRACE AND FAITH WE PROCLAIM AND HOLD ON TO. IT IS THIS GOD AND SAVIOR WE WORSHIP. LET US PRAISE AND ADORE OUR LIVING LORD. 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 TO YOU, GREAT LOVER OF ALL CREATION, THAT WE HAVE FAILED TO LOVE YOU WITH OUR WHOLE BEING. WE HAVE BEEN SEDUCED BY THE THINGS OF THIS WORLD AND HAVE LET THEM GUIDE OUR LIVES INSTEAD OF YOU. WE HAVE POURED OUT OUR AFFECTIONS ON THINGS THAT COULD NEVER SATISFY. WE HAVE FAILED TO LOVE AND CARE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS AS WE DO OURSELVES. WE HAVE IGNORED MANY IN NEED AND WE HAVE HATED OUR ENEMIES. WE HAVE FAILED TO UNDERSTAND THAT ALL HUMANITY IS OUR NEIGHBOR. FORGIVE US AND BY THE POWER OF YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, RESTORE IN US A NEVER-FAILING LOVE OF YOU AND OF OUR NEIGHBORS. AMEN.

Announcements

* Hymn of Preparation #456 - "Stand Up for Jesus"

Easter Theme: "Resurrection Hope!"

Scripture: Psalm 98:1-9 (vv. 1-3,4-6,7-9)

1 John 5:1-6 (vv.1-3,4-6)

Sermon "Resurrection Hope Gives Us Victory to Conquer the World!"

- * Doxology (#39)
- * Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings
- * Prayer

Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion Lord's Prayer

- * Closing Hymn #526 "Victory in Jesus"
- * 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)

Church of the Master Ministries

Sunday 11:00 AM Worship Service (Holy Communion celebrated on the

1st 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

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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

^{*} Please stand if able

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 Kemps * 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:

Zachariah Bungert * Diante Stinson * Corey Streeter * young adults

Prayers for Those Seeking Employment:

Nick * Alex Ingram

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 Buckley & 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.



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.



Psalm 98: 1-9 (vv. 1-3, 4-6, and 7-9) 1 John 5:1-6 (vv. 1-3, 4-6)

O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

- ² The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.
- ³He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- ⁴ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

- ⁵ Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.
- ⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.
- ⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.
- ⁸ Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy
- ⁹ at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth.
- He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ^[a] has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³ For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome,

⁴ for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵ Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶ This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Meaning of the Sacrament, The Invitation Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you

AND ALSO WITH YOU

Lift up your hearts!

WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

FOR IT IS HOLY AND RIGHT TO DO SO

Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty to give thanks to you at all times and in all places, O Lord our Creator, almighty and everlasting God! You created heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty. You have given us life and being, and preserve us by your providence. But you have shown us the fullness of your love in sending into the world your Son, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word, made flesh for us and for our salvation. For the precious gift of this mighty Savior who has reconciled us to you we praise and bless you, O God. With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore your glorious name.

HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD OF HOSTS! HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY, HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST! BLESSED IS HE THAT COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!

(A short period of silence and the prayer continues)

Sharing the Bread & Sharing the Cup

Thanksgiving after Communion

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

AND ALL THAT IS WITHIN ME, BLESS GOD'S HOLY NAME

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

AND FORGET NOT ALL GOD'S BENEFITS

who forgives all your iniquity,

WHO HEALS ALL YOUR DISEASES

who redeems your life from the Pit,

WHO CROWNS YOU WITH STEADFAST LOVE AND MERCY

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

SLOW TO ANGER AND ABOUNDING IN STEADFAST LOVE

God does not deal with us according to our sins,

NOR REQUITE US ACCORDING TO OUR INIQUITIES

for as the heavens are high above the earth,

SO GREAT IS GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE TOWARD THOSE WHO FEAR HIM

as far as the east is from the west,

SO FAR DOES GOD REMOVE OUR

TRANSGRESSIONS FROM US

as a father pities his children,

SO THE LORD PITIES THOSE WHO FEAR HIM

God did not spare His only son, but gave him up for us all,

and will also give us all things with Him.

THEREFORE SHALL MY MOUTH AND HEART SHOW FORTH THE PRAISE OF THE LORD, FROM THIS TIME FORTH FOREVERMORE. AMEN.

