THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER

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This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!"
(Psalm 118:24). Welcome!

12th Sunday After Pentecost

August 31 2025

10:00 AM

Silent Preparation for Worship

As this long, warm month draws to a a close, I'm both grateful for the rejuvenating summer and eager for fall's new energy.

Thank you for seasons, Lord.

Welcome

* Hymn of Praise #354- "Where Could I Go?"

* Call to Worship: (responsively)

Those who have ears, let them hear. Those who take heart in the Lord, let them rise in faith.

WE SHALL PROCLAIM OUR HOPE IN THE LORD AND NEVER FORGET THE WORKS OF OUR GOD.

The miracles of the Lord are beyond compare, too many to count, and too great to consider. GOD DIVIDES THE SEA SO WE CAN PASS THROUGH, LEADING US INTO DAY AND NIGHT.

The Lord commanded the skies above to rain down food for us to eat. God attends our every need.

EVEN WHEN WE TEST GOD, WE ARE DELIVERED. PRAISE THE LORD OF RIGHTEOUSNESS. PRAISE THE 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)

HAVE MERCY ON ME, O GOD, ACCORDING TO YOUR STEADFAST LOVE; ACCORDING TO YOUR ABUNDANT MERCY, BLOT OUT OUR TRANSGRESSIONS. WASH ME THOROUGHLY FROM MY INIQUITY, AND CLEANSE ME FROM MY SIN. FOR I KNOW MY TRANSGRESSIONS AND MY SIN IS EVER BEFORE ME. AGAINST YOU, YOU ALONE, HAVE I SINNED AND DONE WHAT IS EVIL IN YOUR SIGHT, SO THAT YOU ARE JUSTIFIED IN YOUR SENTENCE AND BLAMELESS WHEN YOU PASS JUDGEMENT. YOU DESIRE TRUTH IN THE INWARD BEING. THEREFORE, TEACH ME WISDOM IN MY SECRET HEART. HIDE YOUR FACE FROM MY SINS AND BLOT OUT ALL MY INIQUITIES. CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD, AND PUT A NEW AND RIGHT SPIRIT WITHIN ME. DO NOT CAST ME FROM YOUR PRESENCE AND DO NOT TAKE YOUR HOLY SPIRIT FROM ME. AMEN.

Announcements

* Hymn of Preparation #35 - "Come, Thou Fount"

Pentecost Theme: "Pentecost Power from On High!"

Scripture Psalm 112:1-10 (vv.1-3,4-6,7-9)

Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16 (vv.1-3,4-6,7-8,15-16)

Sermon "Pentecost Power from On High: Reminds Us the Righteous are Merciful, as Jesus Christ is Merciful and He is the Same Yesterday and Today and Forever!"

Lord's Prayer

- * Doxology (#39)
- * Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings
- * Prayer
- * Closing Hymn #363 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"
- * 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

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

^{*} 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 * Elena Caldera * Anne Dowling * Jerry Kemps * Jane Maze * Donald Zuvich

Prayers for Those Who Are Ill or have Medical Concerns:

Dr. Angela * Carol & Wally Cintron * Terry Mahon * Lolly * Ralph * Sonia * Raymond * Donny Rosemond * Jeff Sturgis * Marie Christian * Regina * Gene Peterson * Jean * Don's neighbor * Nancy * Damon Hayden * Nicky * Tommy * Cynthia * Janet (friend of Mahon family) * Beverly Morrison * Michael Campinello * Patti Zeig & John * Stephanie * Rev. Singletary * Connie * Pat Lynam * Carole Mahon * Loretta Byrd & Wendy * Diante * Allen Ford * Alice & Alex Rivera * Arlene 'Auntie' Mayers * Rosa Stewart

Prayers for Those Dealing with Turmoil or Family Difficulties:

Ingram family* Cintron family * Donny & Carolyn Rosemond * Nancy & Gene Peterson * Barbara * Jay Escobar & family * Close friends of the Bungerts * Sharon Alexander * Damon & Alexand family * Wintress * Kiera & Avery & Martz family * Tyler, Nicole & Jackson * All caregivers * everyone battling addictions

Prayers For Those Seeking Direction/Needing God's Presence in Their Lives:

Elvis Frias Sr. & Theresa * Devell * Zachariah Bungert * Diante Stinson * Corey Streeter * young adults

Prayers for Those Seeking Employment:

Zachariah Bungert

Prayers for World Concerns:

Concerns for job security for Federal workers * 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 * All first responders * Our country's safety * The future of our churches * The 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

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

Our Sunday Worship service will return to 11:00AM on Sunday, September 14th

Consistory will meet Sunday, September 14th following the service.

Homecoming Sunday Worship, September 21st, followed by a covered dish luncheon. Please speak to Sandra to let her know what you will bring to share.

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,



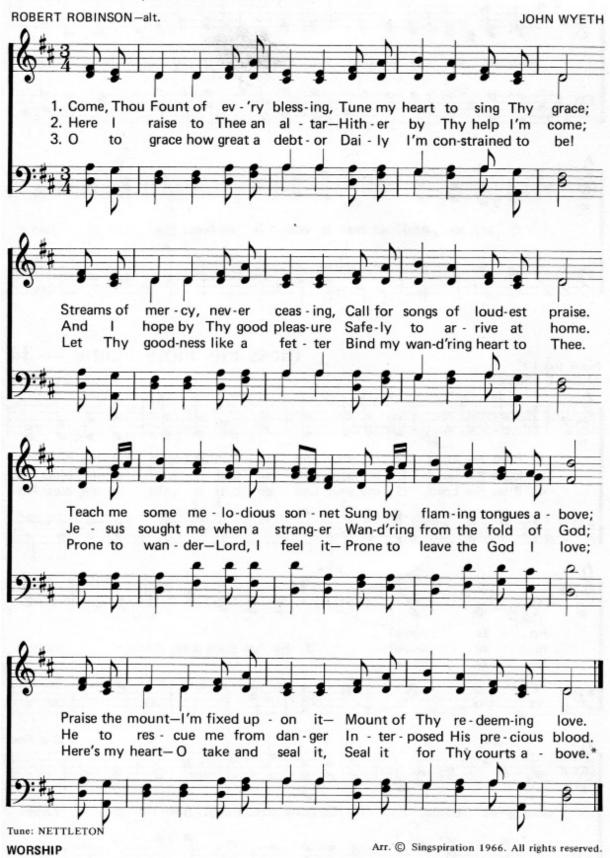
The Apostle's Creed

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.

35 — Come, Thou Fount



Psalm 112: 1-10 (vv.1-3, 4-6, 7-9) Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16 (vv. 1-3, 4-6, 7-8, and 15-16)

Praise the LORD!

Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments.

Let mutual love continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.

² Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

³ Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

⁴They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

⁵ It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

⁶ For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.

⁷ They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.

⁸ Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

⁹ They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

¹⁰ The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶ So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. hat can anyone do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever

¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

