

THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER

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May this be a time of spiritual nourishment for each one of us. Let us pray for guidance as we make our political choices on Tuesday. Welcome, friends!

21st Sunday After Pentecost

November 2, 2025

11:00 AM

Silent Preparation for Worship

We come to you, O Lord, at the beginning of this important week when we choose our leaders. We need clarity of thought and your guidance in our decision making.

Welcome

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

* *Call to Worship: (responsively)*

The Word of God awaits us here. Come to worship, come to the table of life. The Holy Spirit welcomes us. Gather to pray.

FROM THE ROUTINES AND STRUGGLES OF OUR LIVES, WE COME. AMID THE STRESSES AND WORRIES OF EVERYDAY, WE GATHER.

Come to be renewed in the Spirit of Christ. God is waiting to offer us a new life in the broken bread of grace.

IN HOPE, WE SEEK GOD'S CARING PRESENCE. IN FAITH, WE DARE TO TRUST GOD'S ABIDING LOVE.

Step into the soul-refreshing waters that invigorate. Offer to one another the bread of life.

LET US BE STILL AND LISTEN TO THE WATERS THAT HE DISTURBS. LET US LISTEN TO HIS STILL VOICE. LET US LISTEN FOR HIS WORDS OF HOPE IN OUR BUSY WORLD. LET US HEAR GOD SPEAK OF LOVE. 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)

O GOD, WHOSE WAYS ARE NOT OUR WAYS, WE CONFESS THAT WE HAVE DISCOUNTED OR IGNORED YOUR COMMANDMENTS. WE HAVE CHOSEN OUR OWN STANDARDS INSTEAD OF SEEKING ULTIMATE GOOD. WE HAVE SUBSTITUTED OUR ILLUSIONS FOR YOUR TRUTH. OUR WORDS AND ACTIONS HAVE HURT OTHERS AND DIMINISHED US. WE HAVE BEEN SO COMFORTABLE WITH OUR OWN SIN THAT WE FIND IT HARD TO RECOGNIZE. WE HAVE BEEN SO UNFORGIVING OF OTHERS' SINS THAT THEY CANNOT DESCERN THE CHRIST IN US. BEFORE WE COME TO THIS TABLE OF YOUR BREAD OF LIFE, WE COME TO OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND ASK FORGIVENESS. PLEASE, GOD, WILL YOU FORGIVE US AGAIN? AMEN

Announcements

- * *Hymn of Preparation #519 - "Love Lifted Me"*

Pentecost Theme: "Pentecost Power from On High!"

Scripture: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 (vv.1-3; 2:1-3,4)

2 Thess. 1:1-4,11-12 (vv.1-3,4,11-12)

Sermon- "Pentecost Power from On High Reminds Us the Righteous Live by Their Faithfulness and Empowers Us to Keep Our Faith and Love in the Midst of Adversity!"

- * *Doxology (#39)*

- * *Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings*

- * *Prayer*

Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Lord's Prayer

- * *Closing Hymn #393 - "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*

- * *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)
	12:00 PM	"Hour of Prayer Power" in Hahn Hall.
Monday	5:00-9:00 PM	Bushiken Karate
Tuesday:	6:45 PM	Bible Study Fellowship (Men's Group) - contact Ed Bungert, zajdml@optimum.net
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
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 * Elena Caldera * Anne Dowling * Jerry Kemps * Jane Maze * Donald Zuvich

Prayers for Those Who Are Ill or have Medical Concerns:

Jack McCarrick * Rosa Stewart * Carole Mahon * Terry Mahon * Patty * Dr. Angela * Carol & Wally Cintron * Ralph * Sonia * Raymond * Donny Rosemond * Jeff Sturgis * Gene Peterson * Damon Hayden * Janet (friend of Mahon family) * Beverly Morrison * Patti Zeig * Rev. Singletary * Connie * Loretta Byrd & Wendy * Diante * Allen Ford * Alice & Alex Rivera * Arlene 'Auntie' Mayers *

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 & Alex and 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:

Zachariah Bungert * Ed & Marnie Reidy and their sons * Elvis Frias Sr. & Theresa * 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

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,

Glory to His Name — 548

ELISHA A. HOFFMAN

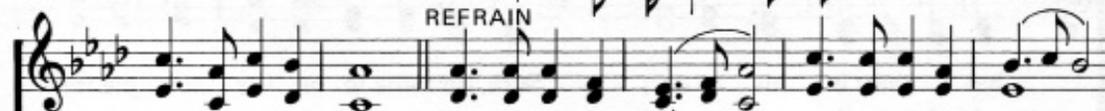
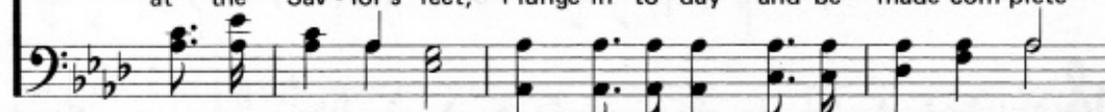
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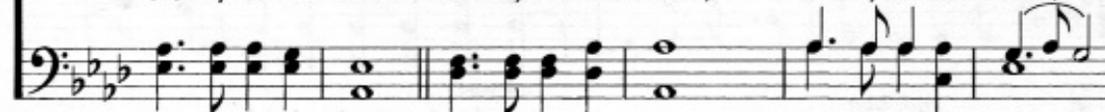
1. Down at the cross where my Sav - ior died, Down where for cleans -
2. I am so won - drous - ly saved from sin, Je - sus so sweet -
3. O pre - cious foun - tain that saves from sin, I am so glad
4. Come to this foun - tain so rich and sweet, Cast thy poor soul



ing from sin I cried, There to my heart was the blood ap - plied—
ly a - bides with - in; There at the cross where He took me in—
I have en - tered in; There Je - sus saves me and keeps me clean—
at the Sav - ior's feet; Plunge in to - day and be made com - plete—



Glo - ry to His name. Glo - ry to His name, Glo - ry to His name;



There to my heart was the blood ap - plied— Glo - ry to His name.



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.**

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;

Habakkuk 1: 1-4; 2: 1-4 (vv. 1-3, 2: 1-3, 4)

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 (vv. 1-3, 4, 11-12)

1 The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

2 O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you “Violence!”
and you will not save?

3 Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

4 So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous—
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

2 I will stand at my watchpost,
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to
me, and what he will answer concerning my
complaint.

2 Then the LORD answered me and said:
Write the vision; make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

3 For there is still a vision for the appointed
time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely
come, it will not delay.

4 **Look at the proud! Their spirit is not
right in them, but the righteous live by
their faith.**

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

2 Grace to you and peace from God our^[a] Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **3** We must always
give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters,^[b] as is right, because your faith is growing
abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.

4 Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and
faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

11 To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and
will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, **12** so that the name of our Lord Je-
sus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Je-
sus Christ.

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, 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.

393 — My Faith Looks Up to Thee

RAY PALMER

LOWELL MASON

1. My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2. May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3. While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,
 4. When - ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine; Now hear me when I pray, Take all my
 My zeal in - spire; As Thou hast died for me, O may my
 Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's
 Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -

sin a - way, O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
 love to Thee Pure, warm and change-less be— A liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
 trust re-move— O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul.*

Tune: OLIVET