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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Please use this time to silently prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

CALL TO WORSHIP

O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whose compassion embraces everyone, gather the outcast and the lost heal the wounds of fear and distrust, and make us a community of reconciliation and love. May we practice your mercy with one another and the world, and always rejoice in your astounding grace.

Amen.

HYMN 464 JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!

Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

**All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music lead us sunward in the triumph song of life.**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Our Lord hears our cries for mercy. Confident of God's amazing grace, let us confess our sins with hearts and voices.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of justice and love, we confess to you and to each other that we have not always offered food to the hungry or satisfied the needs of the afflicted. We have spoken evil of others and pointed fingers in blame. We have turned away from you and your call to become your faithful servants, pursuing instead our own self interests. We cry out for your help. Forgive us, God, and teach us your ways, that we may be renewed and restored.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The love of The Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Hear the good news: we are a forgiven people, loved and called to be witnesses of the kingdom of God.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open our hearts and minds, O loving God, to hear what the Spirit is saying to the church through your holy word. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 CORINTHIANS 4:13 - 5:1

¹³ But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴ because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵ Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸ because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

5 For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

PSALM 138

¹I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

²**I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.**

³On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

⁴**All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶**For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.**

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

⁸**The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands**

MARK 3:20-35

Then Jesus went home; ²⁰ and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹ When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind."

²² And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." ²³ And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶ And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷ But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸ "Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— ³⁰ for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

³¹ Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³² A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters^[c] are outside, asking for you." ³³ And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴ And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

SERMON WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

SONG YOU ARE PART OF THE FAMILY James K. Manley

**You know the reason why you came yet no reason can explain,
So share in the laughter and cry in the pain, for we are a part of the family.
God is with us in this place like a mother's warm embrace,
We're all forgiven by God's grace for we are a part of the family.**

**Children and elders, middlers and teens, singles and doubles and in-betweens,
Strong eight fivers and streetwise sixteens, we are part of the family.
Greeters and shoppers, long time and new, nobody here has a claim on a pew.
And whether we're many or only a few we are a part of the family.**

**There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine, we are the branches,
Christ is the vine,
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine, but we are a part of the family.
There's rest for the weary, and health for us all, there's a yoke that is easy
and a burden that's small,
So come in and worship and answer the call for we are a part of the family.**

Refrain

**Come in, come in and sit down. You are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found, and we are a part of the family.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom
come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN 533

IN THE SINGING

**In the singing, in the silence, in the hands expectant, open,
In the blessing, in the breaking, in the Presence at this table.
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace.
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.**

**In the question, in the answer, in the moment of acceptance,
In the heart's cry, in the healing, in the circle of your people.
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace.
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The table of bread and cup is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a while you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to The Lord.

Let us give thanks to The Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high, for in the communion of your love Christ comes close to us and we come close to Christ. Therefore, with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea, and sky, we praise you. With the angels of light who envelop us, with all the saints before and beside us, with brothers and sisters, east and west, we worship you. And with our loved ones, separate from us now, who yet in this mystery are close to us, we join in the rejoicing of your unending greatness.

Blessed is our brother Jesus, who walks with us the road of our world's suffering, and who is known to us in the breaking of bread.

Hear us, O Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and cup. May they become for us your body, vibrant with your life, healing, renewing, and make us whole. And as the bread and grape which we now eat and drink are changed into us, may we be changed again into you, bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh, loving and caring in the world. Amen.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN 316 WHERE CHARITY AND LOVE PREVAIL
Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found,
Brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God's holy Son.
As members of each body joined, in him we are made one.

Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease.
Be God's the glory that we seek; be his our only peace.

Let us forgive each other's faults as we our own confess,
That we may love each other well in Christian gentleness.

Love can exude no race or creed if honored be God's name;
Our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Please remain seated and give thanks to God.

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Offering plates are available in the narthex and at the exit door.

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SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY is not meeting during the summer.

Wait for more information about what is coming next!

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TUESDAY MORNING STUDY: LOVE WINS by Rob Bell

Tuesdays, 9:30 am

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In case you did not see the Report from Session last week, it is on the following page!

Report to the Congregation from Session

Session met on May 18 for their monthly meeting.

Kathy Shuey, Chairman of the PNC, presented the MIF (Ministry Information Form) that they have completed that must be presented to Presbytery. The PNC has met weekly for 19 weeks. During that time the members of the PNC were assigned to gather information needed to complete the MIF and report their finds at the meetings. Many hours were spent to have this report be accurate and complete.

Motion to approve the MIF as presented by the PNC with the exception of the pastor's compensation/terms of call was approved. It was decided not to submit the MIF to Presbytery for their approval until our congregation has prayerfully considered the importance of continuing to support the life of our church both financially and with our time and talents. PNC cannot begin the interview process for a pastor until the MIF is approved by Presbytery.

There was discussion about the Stewardship Campaign for 2022 being started as soon as possible. This budget effects the hiring of a new pastor. Stewardship is the foundation for balancing a budget which includes a full time pastor position. Volunteers for that committee are needed. If you are willing to work on this committee, please contact Laurie Morse Chairman of the committee as soon possible.

Finance reported that we are running a deficit budget for 2021. Motion to use the net in the checking account to cover expenses and when the checking account balance is zero to take the money from the Smith Barney Account to cover expenses was approved. Included in our budget are the operating expenses of the church and the salaries for Music Director, Pastor and Cemetery Sexton.

It was decided that a Capital Funds Campaign needs to be begun as soon as possible to finance the needed repairs to the manse and church. Some of the necessary repairs are the roof on the manse, the sewer line from the manse to the street, interior repairs to the manse and carpet in the sanctuary.

Other needs will be evaluated. If you would be willing to be a part of the committee for a Capital Funds Campaign, please contact me. We need to form this committee as soon as possible.

Karen Basile

Clerk of Session