# Lord's Day Worship July 30, 2023

\*(Asterisk) indicates *Please stand as you are able.* 

Welcome, Announcements Stacey Larreau Silent Prayer

### **PRAISE**

\* Call to Worship

Psalm 67:1

Pastor Douglas: May God be gracious to us and bless us, and make his face to shine upon us.

Congregation: Let us bless our God; Let the sound of his praise be heard from our lips.

\*Song Be Thou My Vision

\*Prayer of Confession Jerome (342-420 A.D.)

O Good Shepherd, seek me out, and bring me home to your fold again. Deal favorably with me according to your good pleasure, till I may dwell in your house all the days of my life and praise you forever and ever with them that are there. Amen.

Silent Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon Psalm 40:11

Pastor Douglas: As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

\*Affirmation of Faith

New City Catechism #17

Q: What is idolatry?

Congregation: Idolatry is trusting in created things rather than the Creator for our hope and happiness, significance, and security.

#### RENEWAL

Pastoral Prayer and 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.

\*Offering Doxology

### THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Reading

Sermon Text

Romans 9:14-29

Sermon

"The Story of Your Life"

\*Song

\*Fairest Lord Jesus

\* Benediction

\*Dismissal:

Church, where are you going?

We go forth to serve God's world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Glory to God!

### **SERMON NOTES**

"The Story of Your Life" Romans 9:14-29

**I) Introduction** - If you could see your whole life laid out in front of you, would you change things? Ted Chiang, *Story of Your Life* 

## 2) The Text - Romans 9:14-29

- A) Romans 9:14-18 The Hardening of Pharaoh's Heart
- B) Romans 9:19-24 The Metaphor of the Molder and Clay
- C) Romans 9:20-29 Paul's Interpretation of Hosea 2:14-23
- 3) The Problem? We Live in a World of No Responsibility.
- 4) Application A Glimpse Into the Essence of God
  - A) God's Purpose What is God's will?
  - B) God's Power God demonstrates his saving power throughout history.
  - C) God's Gift of Mercy What does this mean for Christians?
- **5) Conclusion** If we know where we are going (heaven bound for the Christian), shouldn't that change how we live and our perspective on life?

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER REQUESTS

**AUGUST CPW**: Christ Presbyterian women mark your calendars for Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> and come enjoy time together learning about Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and problem solving! Millie Tikker and Claudia Kappel, both retired Social Workers, will demonstrate how CBT can be used to define a problem in a changeable way as the first step to solution! It will be a potluck luncheon so please bring a side, salad or dessert to go with oven baked chicken! Sign up @ the Information Table.

**REQUEST:** We are looking for Floppy Disks for the donated organ. We can purchase them, but first we're wondering if anyone has any of these stashed away that they would like to donate. Specifically we need:

- 3.5" Double Density (2DD) Disk
- 3.5" High Density (2HD) Disk

Please see Larry Carpenter or Lavonne Niccolls if you have any questions or to give donated disks.

# **LOCATIONS of UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES:**

Month of August Kleiner Center

September 3<sup>rd</sup>, Courtyard Marriott

September 10, Kleiner Center

September 17, Kleiner Center

September 24, Kleiner Center

#### **HEALING AND COMFORT:**

**EPC PRESBYTERY OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST**: Pray this week for Sterry Memorial Presbyterian Church in Parma, and their pastor Nathan Lewis.

**MISSIONS:** Please pray for the mission and work of Preston and Abby Conger in Guatemala.

If you are visiting with us this week, please feel free to have your children, join our children's program, and visit with Pastor Douglas or email/call the church office if you have any questions.



...so that Jesus Christ might come to have first place in everything." Colossians 1:18 (b) NRSV

July 30, 2023 | Rev. Douglas Kortyna "The Story of Your Life" Romans 9:14-29

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