



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF  
**KIRKWOOD**

WELCOME TO WORSHIP  
May 21, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.  
The Seventh Sunday of Easter

**Mission:** We are called to be a welcoming and supportive community whose inspiring worship of God encourages everyone to deepen their faith and to respond to the needs of the world with the compassion of Christ.

**I AM WHO I AM**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

\_\_\_\_\_ **\*All who are able, please stand.** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Chiming of the Hour**

We encourage you to quiet your minds and hearts for worship at this time.

## **Welcome and Announcements**

Sign the Friendship Register at the end of your pew and pass it to your neighbor.

## **Organ Prelude**

"Lento"

Charles V. Stanford

## WE ADDRESS OURSELVES TO GOD

### **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Let us celebrate God's glorious deeds!

**People: Especially the gift of Jesus.....the ascended Jesus.**

Leader: Jesus, risen from the grave;

**People: And Jesus also lifted up from earth;**

Leader: Present again with God;

**People: Beyond reason and understanding.**

Leader: In ascension Jesus watches over us,

**People: And through the Holy Spirit cares for and guides us.**

Leader: In gratitude for this rising up,

**All: We offer our lives with praise and singing!**

### **\*Processional Hymn**

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

Hymn #69

### **\*Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**Loving God, we have not lived as disciples are supposed to live; choosing to value fear and hopelessness and selfishness, because they are easier and require so little effort. We are ruled by our schedules and our need to be in control. We let ourselves be led astray by possessions and desires. We shutter your gift of imagination, inviting others to think for us. We forget that we are to build your beloved community on earth, through our actions and relationships and kind hearts. Forgive us. Redirect us. As you lifted up Jesus in ascension, so raise our faithfulness.....**

### **\*Silent Confessions**

### **\*Assurance of God's Grace**

**\*Congregational Response** "The Doxology"

Hymn #606

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost**

**\*The Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us share that peace with one another.

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

**Scripture Reading**

Exodus 3.7-15; Pew Bible, O.T., pg. 50

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

"Kyrie"

Andrea Klouse

*Lord, have mercy.*

*Christ, have mercy.*

*Lord, have mercy upon us. Alleluia!*

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 4.40-41; Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 62

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

*What's in A Name?*

*The Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**\*Hymn**

"Like a Mother, Who Has Borne Us"

Hymn #44

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Prayer Of Our Savior**

**Our Parent, who is among us, blessed be your Creation.**

**May your reign be a reality here on earth.**

**May we become more interested in building your kin-dom here  
and now than in waiting for it to come down from above.**

**Let us share our bread with those who hunger.**

**Let us learn to forgive as well as to receive forgiveness.**

**Help us through the time of temptation, delivering us from all  
evil. For ours are the eternal blessings that you pour upon the  
earth. Amen.**

by J. Manny Santiago

From the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists

## Offertory Sentences

### Offertory Anthem

"O Mighty God"

text: Carl Gustav Boberg  
music: Brenda Portman

*O mighty God, when I survey in wonder the world that formed when once the word you said, the strands of life all woven close together, the whole creation at your table fed. My soul cries out in songs of praise to you, O mighty God! The Bible tells the story of your blessing, so freely shed upon all human life. Your constant mercy, every care addressing, relieving burdened souls from sin and strife. When your voice speaks in rolls of thunder pealing, your lightning power bursts in bright surprise. Your cooling rain, your gentle love revealing, reflects your promise, arcing through the skies. And when at last, the clouds of doubt dispersing, you will reveal what we but dimly see. With trumpet call, our great rebirth announcing, we shall rejoin you for eternity. Then we will sing your praise forevermore, O mighty God!*

### Prayer of Dedication

## WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LORD

### \*Closing Hymn

"Go to the World!"

Hymn #295

### \*Benediction

### Choral Response "May the Love of the Lord" Swee Hong Lim and Maria Ling

*May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul. May God's love dwell in you, throughout every day.  
May God's countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.*

### Organ Postlude

"Allegro"

Charles V. Stanford

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### Worship Leaders:

Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz, *Interim Senior Pastor*

### Music Ministry:

Bill Stein, *Director of Music Ministries*

Avi Mazzeo, *Choir Assistant*

Sopranos and Altos of the Chancel Choir

### Cross Bearer:

Henry Meyer

### Ushers:

Missy Wulff, John Becker, Jason Mitchell, Kristy Mitchell;  
Larry Erwin and Robert Schneider, *Assistant Usher Captains*  
Amy Freshwater and Art McDonnell, *Usher Captain*

### Livestream Host:

Amanda Shipley

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