



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF
KIRKWOOD

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
May 12, 2024, 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.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

_____ ***Please rise in body or in spirit.** _____

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.

Orchestra Prelude "Faith" (from *Songs Without Words*) Felix Mendelssohn

WE ADDRESS OURSELVES TO GOD

***Call to Worship**

Leader: In the echo of resurrection a time arrives when it dawns on the soul;

People: It can keep traveling without Jesus by our side.

Leader: Such is the power of resurrection that charges the soul with life full enough;

People: To set it free from holding holy hands on the journey.

Leader: This is resurrection power, life lived in faith,

People: That takes our longing away from what has gone, towards the horizon of what is yet to be.

***Processional Hymn** "We Praise You, O God" Hymn #612

***Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

O God, though you call us to delight in your teachings, we can become cynical and full of doubt. Do not judge us, we pray, but heal us and restore us to you. Guard us and protect us from evil, and sanctify us in truth, as we seek to live your way in the world.

***Silent Confessions**

***Assurance of God's Grace**

***Congregational Response**

"We Are Forgiven"
We are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Hymn #447

***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

1 John 5:9-13; Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 241

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"Will the Circle Be Unbroken" arr. Donald Moore

There are loved ones in the glory whose dear forms you often miss. When you close your earthly story will you join them in their bliss? Will the circle be unbroken by and by, Lord, by and by, in a better home awaiting in the sky. You can picture happy gatherings 'round the fireside long ago. And you think of tearful partings when they left you here below.

Will the circle be unbroken by and by, Lord, by and by, in a better home awaiting in the sky. One by one their seats were emptied, one by one they went away. Yes, the family now has parted, will it be complete one day? Will the circle be unbroken by and by, Lord, by and by, in a better home awaiting in the sky.

Scripture Reading

John 17:6-19; Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 111

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Go into the world
Rev'd. Gary Noonan

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn**

"Arise, Your Light Has Come"

Hymn #744

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

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.

Offertory Sentences

Offertory Music "St Anthony Chorale" Johannes Brahms

Prayer of Dedication

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LORD

***Closing Hymn** "Go to the World" Hymn #295

*Benediction

Choral Response "Go Out in Joy" Joseph M. Martin

*You shall go out in joy. You shall be led forth in peace.
The mountains and the hills before you shall all break forth in glorious singing.
And all of the trees shall clap their hands and praise the Lord.
Let all creation sing for joy!*

Orchestra Postlude "Thine Be the Glory" GF Handel

Worship Leaders:

Rev'd. Gary Noonan, *Senior Pastor*
Rev. Joe Marting, *Liturgist*

Music Ministry:

Bill Stein, *Director of Music Ministries*; Hayden Vaughn, *Music Associate*;
Tenors and Basses of the Chancel Choir; Church Orchestra

Acolyte: Alice Butler **Cross Bearer:** Wyatt Butler

Ushers:

Pam Cooper, Jim Cooper, Cy Woodrome, Julie Woodrome, Wayne Ullery

Assistant Head Ushers:

Larry Erwin, Amy Freshwater, Robert Schneider

Usher Captain: Art McDonnell **Livestream Host:** Gary Hepp
