



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF

KIRKWOOD

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

August 4, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

***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 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.

Organ Voluntary

"Reflection"

Alfred Fedak

WE ADDRESS OURSELVES TO GOD

*Call to Worship

Leader: We gather this morning to seek the bread of life, the true sustenance that nourishes our souls.

All: We come hungry, yearning for the spiritual food that only Jesus can provide.

Leader: Jesus invites us to a table of grace, where all are welcome and all are fed.

All: We come with open hearts, ready to receive His love and to share it with others.

Leader: Let us worship the Bread of Life, who fills us with His presence and empowers us to transform the world.

All: We come to be nourished and to nourish others, celebrating the eternal life we find in Jesus.

***Hymn** "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" Hymn #396

***Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

Gracious and Loving God, we come before you with hearts that are often hungry for the wrong things. We confess that we have sought satisfaction in the temporary and overlooked the eternal. Merciful God, we acknowledge that we have not always welcomed others as you have welcomed us. We have failed to extend Your radical hospitality and have been quick to judge rather than to love.

***Silent Confessions**

***Assurance of God's Grace**

***Congregational Response** "We Are Forgiven" Hymn #447
We are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***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.

Reception of New Members

Marsha Dempsey, Rick Jeter, Vickie Jeter, Jim Owen, Phillip Robinson, and Jan Schaberg

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading Psalm 78:23-29; Pew Bible, O.T., pg. 538

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem "My Song Is Love Unknown" text: Samuel Crossman
music: arr. Carl Schalk

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me. Love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be. O who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die? He came from His blest throne, salvation to bestow. But men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know. But, O my Friend, my Friend indeed, who at my need His life did spend. Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine. Never was love, dear King, never was grief like Thine. This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

Scripture Reading John 6:24-35; Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 98

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Finding The Bread of Life*
Rev'd. Gary Noonan

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Sentences

Offertory Anthem

"Communion Prayer"

Allen Pote

We place upon your table, Lord, the food of life, the bread and wine, as symbols of our daily work, according to your grand design. Within these simple things there lie the height and depth of human life – our pain and tears, our thoughts and toils, our hopes and fears, our joy and strife. Accept them, Lord, they come from You. We take them humbly from Your hand. These gifts of Yours for higher use we offer up as You command.

Prayer of Dedication

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

All are invited to celebrate Communion. The bread is gluten-free to ensure that all are welcome to the table.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Leader: The table is set, and all are invited to partake in the feast of grace. This is not our table, but the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, who calls us to come and be nourished by the Bread of Life.

Leader: Come, not because you must.

People: We come, because we may.

Leader: Come, not because you are strong.

People: We come, because we are weak.

Leader: Come to be fed and seek God's presence.

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy...who forever sing to the glory of your name.

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit...

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.

Words of Institution

Leader: Jesus, Lamb of God,

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People: GRANT US PEACE.

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Communion Hymns "Bread of the World in Mercy Broken" Hymn #499

"Here, O Our Lord, We See You" Hymn #517

Prayer Of Commitment (Unison)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery, in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LORD

***Closing Hymn** "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" Hymn #81

***Benediction**

Organ Voluntary "Fantasie für das Pedal" Johann Ludwig Krebs

Worship Leaders:

Rev'd. Gary Noonan, *Senior Pastor*

Rev. Linda Maconochie, *Interim Associate Pastor*

Music Ministry:

Bill Stein, *Director of Music Ministries*; Summer Choir

Communion Servers:

Jim Boal, Sharon Croissant, Brad Gift, Jason Mitchell, Kristy Mitchell, Bill Reeves

Ushers:

Georgia Hepp, Joe Marting, Lindsay Marting, Charlene McFarland, Terry McFarland, Wayne Ullery

Amy Freshwater, Larry Erwin, Art McDonnell, *Assistant Usher Captains*

Robert Schneider, *Usher Captain*

Livestream Host: Gary Hepp