

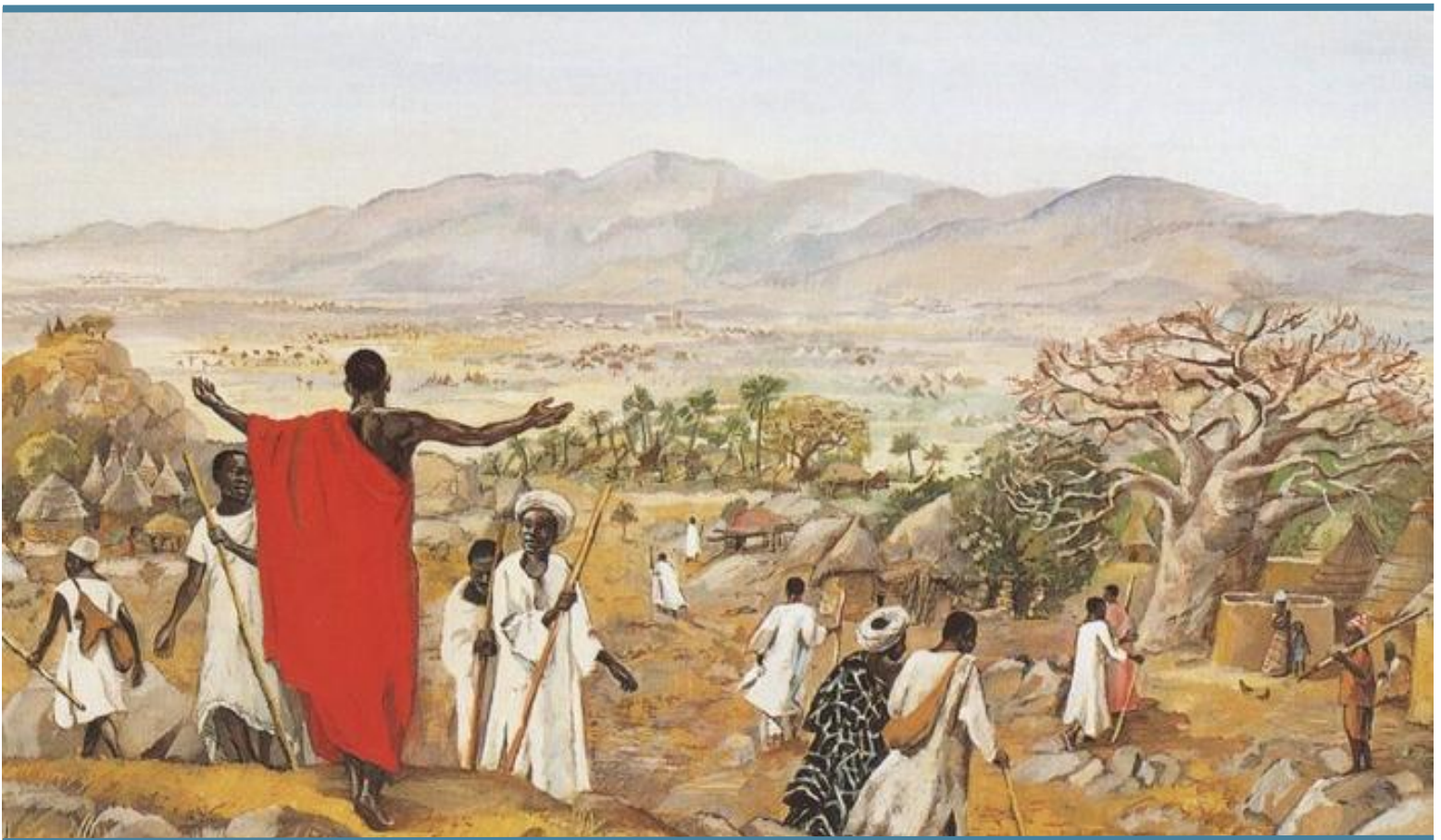


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN OF  
**KIRKWOOD**

# **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

May 17, 2026

The Seventh Sunday of Easter



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.

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# 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.*

## Organ Voluntary

Solemn Melody

Henry Walford Davies

## WE ADDRESS OURSELVES TO GOD

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: People of God, why do we stand looking up toward heaven?

**People: Christ has ascended, yet Christ has not abandoned us.**

Leader: Jesus prays for us, gathers us, and sends us.

**People: We are held in divine love and called into holy witness.**

Leader: The Spirit meets us in prayer, in community, and in the needs of the world.

**People: Come, Holy One, make us one in love, courage, and hope.**

### \*Processional Hymn

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Hymn #662

### \*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Holy and gracious God, we confess that we often look toward heaven while ignoring the earth beneath our feet. We long for Your kingdom, but resist becoming part of its answer. Forgive us when we mistake faith for escape, unity for sameness, and prayer for inaction. Forgive us when we draw circles too small, when we protect comfort more than compassion, and when we fail to see Christ in the neighbor, the stranger, the refugee, the grieving, the poor, and the afraid. Draw us back into the prayer of Jesus: that we may be one, not for our pride, but for the healing of the world.**

### \*Silent Confessions

### \*Assurance of God's Grace

### \*Response to Confession

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.

## A Conversation with Young Disciples

*All children are invited to come forward for the children's message.*

### **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

#### Scripture Reading

Acts 1:6-14; Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 118

Leader: The Spirit speaking still.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### Anthem

The Time of Singing

Julie Knowles

*For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth,  
the time of singing has come. And the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.*

#### Scripture Reading

John 17:1-11; Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 111

Leader: The Spirit speaking still.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### Sermon

Do Not Just Stand There

Rev'd Gary Noonan

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

#### \*Hymn

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

Hymn #274

#### 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 Anthem

O Mighty God

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. My soul cries out in songs of praise to you, O mighty God! 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 forever more, O mighty God!*

## Prayer of Dedication

### **WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LORD**

#### \*Closing Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Hymn #263

#### \*Benediction

#### Choral Response

Until We Meet Again

Ruth M Gray

*May love and laughter light your days and warm your heart and home. May good and faithful friends be yours wherever you may roam. May peace and plenty bless your world with joy that long endures. May all life's passing seasons bring the best to you and yours.*

*And may the road rise up to meet you, and may the wind be always at your back.*

*And may the sun shine warm upon your face. And may the road rise up to meet you, and may with wind be always at your back. And may the rains fall softly upon your fields until we meet again. And may God give you, for every storm a rainbow, for every tear a smile, for every prayer a promise, a blessing for each trial. And may God hold you in the palm of his hand, until we meet again.*

#### Organ Voluntary

Rondeau

Henry Purcell

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#### **Worship Leaders:**

Rev'd Gary Noonan, *Senior Pastor*; Rev. Rachel Finken, *Associate Pastor*

#### **Music Ministry:**

Bill Stein, *Director of Music Ministries*; Kevin Chunko, *Music Associate*;  
Sopranos and Altos of the Chancel Choir

**Acolyte:** Scheffler Meyer    **Cross Bearer:** Henry Meyer

**Livestream Host:** Gary Hepp    **Usher Captains:** Amy Freshwater, Larry Erwin

**Ushers:** Missy Wulff, John Becker, Charlene McFarland, Terry McFarland

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