First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood

11:00 A.M.
Sunday, January 17, 2021
Second Sunday after Epiphany

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome and Announcements

Organ Prelude

“Be Thou My Vision”
arr. Sondra K. Tucker

We Address Ourselves to God

based in Psalm 139, John 1, and I Samuel 3

Call to Worship

Leader: O Lord, you have searched us and known us.
People: You know when we sit down and when we rise up;
Leader: You discern our thoughts from far away.
People: You search out our paths and our lying down,
and are acquainted with all our ways.
Leader: Wonderful are your works;
People: That we know very well.
Leader: Jesus calls us to come and see and follow him; help us to do that.
People: Speak, Lord; for your servants are listening.

Hymn

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

Hymn No. 69

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (The people joining)
Great God: you have given us Jesus, light of the world, but we have often chosen darkness and we cling to sin that hides the brightness of your love. We are frightened disciples who are slow to speak your gospel. We are wrapped up in ourselves and have turned away from the new life you offer. Give us your Holy Spirit, so that, forgiven and renewed, we may proclaim your Word to the nations in our words and in our deeds, and tell of your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our light forever. Amen.

Silent Confessions

Assurance of Pardon

Response to Confession

“We Are Forgiven”

Hymn No. 447

The Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.
We Hear God’s Word

First Reading
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

I Samuel 3:1-10 Pew Bible, O.T., pg. 247

Bell Anthem
“O Sing to the Lord” arr. Jason Krug

Second Reading
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

John 1:35-51 Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 92

Sermon
“Come and See” Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

We Respond to God’s Word

Hymn
“Be Thou My Vision” Hymn No. 450

Pastoral Prayer

The 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.

Offertory Sentences

Offertory Anthem
“We Three Kings” arr. Jason Krug

Prayer of Dedication

We Depart to Serve the Lord

Hymn
“To God Be the Glory” Hymn No. 634

Benediction

Organ Postlude
“In Thee is Gladness” JS Bach

Worship Leaders: The Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers, Guest Preacher
The Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard, Associate Pastor

Music Ministry: Bell Choir; Louisa Wimmer, Hymn Leader;
Bill Stein, Director of Music Ministries; Travis Evans, Music Associate

Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you would like to be on our email list to receive information on the life of the congregation, please email Paula at paulab@kirkwoodpres.org.
SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION ON ZOOM
Christian Concerns Class, 9:30 a.m. - Jan. 17, 24 & 31

Email Ann Miller to be added to the Zoom list at ann.willie@hotmail.com.

Our next adult education classes in January will focus on the mission of two police chaplains and the work of the St. Louis County Police Departments-Crisis Intervention Unit, which trains officers to work with community members who have mental health disorders (by building relationships to help them find the resources they need).

Rev. Byron “Sarge” Watson, a grief counselor and an ordained Pentecostal minister, will present the sessions on January 17 and 24. Rev. Watson retired from the St. Louis County Police Department after serving 28 years, and served as a campus police officer with St. Louis Community College for 8 years. He is now a police chaplain with the St. Louis County Police Department. He will discuss the duties and mission of a police chaplain including topics such as dealing with civil unrest, death and stress.

The fourth session will be January 31, presented by the St. Louis County Police Department Crisis Intervention Unit. This three-member team works with people who have mental health disorders by building relationships to help them find the resources they need to move toward wellness. The unit is supervised by Sgt. Gary Robertson, Division of Special Operations. He and Sgt. Chris Koester will present the program.

The February series will feature Professor Clint McCann, speaking on Iona, a monastery and island off the coast of Scotland, considered the birthplace of Christianity in Scotland.

BOOK GROUPS

The Tuesday morning book group will resume on January 19 at 10:00am by Zoom. We will be discussing the book, *Founding Brothers*, by John Ellis. The book explores how the personalities and issues negotiated, discussed and argued about, impacted the formation of the nation in the early years. From the duel between Burr and Hamilton, to the issues of slavery to the stature of Washington, Ellis looks at how the issues of the day were shaped by the personalities of those who worked and argued together over those years. Please contact Karen Blanchard at kblanchard@kirkwoodpres.org, if you need to be added to the Zoom invitation list for this group.

The fourth Wednesday book group will discuss the book, *A Good American*, by Alex George (note this is a correction of the name listed on the bookmark list for the book group), who traces the challenges and changes dealt with by a German family as they immigrate to America and the experience of four generations. If you need to be added to the Zoom list, please contact Karen Blanchard at kblanchard@kirkwoodpres.org.

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I, the Lord of Sea and Sky
Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin-est

made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 68) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

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Be Thou My Vision

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
3. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
4. High King of Heaven, my victory won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,

waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
raise thou me heaven-ward, O Power of my power.
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

MUSIC: Irish ballad; harm. David Evans, 1927
Music Harm. © 1927 Oxford University Press
1 To God be the glory; great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;

who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
but purer and higher and greater will be

and opened the life-gate that all may go in.
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

TEXT: Fanny Jane Crosby, 1875
MUSIC: William Howard Doane, 1875
Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory; great things he has done!