11:00 A.M.
Sunday, January 31, 2021
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
ORDER OF WORSHIP

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome and Announcements

Organ Prelude

“Voluntary in G” Henry Purcell

We Address Ourselves to God

Call to Worship
Leader: We will give thanks to God with our whole hearts.
People: The works of God's hands are faithful and just;
Leader: all the precepts of the Lord are trustworthy.
People: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
Leader: God's praise endures forever. Let us worship God.

Hymn

“Praise God for This Holy Ground” Hymn No. 405

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (The people joining)
Faithful and Loving God, we enter into your presence just as we are. We bring our gifts, our hopes and dreams, as well as our brokenness and sin. We confess to you that we have fallen short of your vision for our lives. We are too often petty and revengeful, slow to see our own prejudices, blind to the plight of so many on the margins of our society. Flood us with your forgiveness and light. Send us once again on the path of righteousness and justice and peace. We offer our prayer in the name of the Christ. Amen.

Silent Confessions

Assurance of Pardon

Response to Confession

“We Are Forgiven” Hymn No. 447

We are forgiven, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God, 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 offer each other a sign of peace.
We Hear God's Word

First Reading  
**Deuteronomy 18:15-20**  
Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.  

**Anthem**  
“**Goodness is Stronger Than Evil**”  
Text: Desmond Tutu  
Music: John Bell  
**Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate;**  
*Light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.*  
Victory is ours through God who loves us.  

Second Reading  
**Mark 1:21-28**  
Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.  

**Sermon**  
“**Possession!**”  
Rev. Dr. Tom Glenn  

We Respond to God's Word

**Hymn**  
“**Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit**”  
Hymn No. 181  

**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**  
“**Come By Here**”  
African-American spiritual  
arr. Kyle Pederson  
*Come by here, my Lord, come by here. O Lord, come by here.*  
*Someone's prayin', Lord, come by here. O Lord, come by here.*  
*Someone's cryin', Lord, come by here. O Lord, come by here.*  
*In the morning, Lord, you are here. In the evening, Lord, you are here.*  
*In my waking, Lord, you are here. In my sleeping, Lord, you are here.*  
*In my pleading, waiting, caring, loving, blessing, grieving, hoping, longing, falling, hiding, rising, healing, laughing, praising, seeking, finding, breathing, dying, Lord, you are here.*  
*Come by here, my Lord, come by here. O Lord, you are here.*  

**Prayer of Dedication**
Worship Leaders: The Rev. Dr. Tom Glenn, Parish Associate
The Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard, Associate Pastor

Music Ministry: Chancel Octet; 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.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION
OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF KIRKWOOD
TODAY, JANUARY 31, 2021
AT 12:15 P.M.

Pursuant to the Form of Government G-1.0501, the Session has called a Special Meeting of the Congregation at 12:15pm today to elect and install new church officers for 2021.

Board of Deacons Class of 2023:
Nancy Hughson
Tim Morrison

Church Officer Nomination Committee Class of 2021:
Barb Theerman

This will be a virtual meeting held on Zoom. A Zoom link has been sent to you by email.

By Order of the Session
Lisa K. Ward
Clerk of Session
SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION ON ZOOM
Christian Concerns Class, 9:30 a.m.

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

The Isle of Iona and the Iona Community
These sessions will explore the rich history and the ongoing life of the Isle of Iona and the Iona Community. This topic should be of particular interest to Presbyterians, since the Iona Community was founded by representatives of the Church of Scotland. The series will cover these topics as follows.

February 7: Iona: History, Geography, and Architecture
February 14: The Iona Community and Celtic Theology: Justice and Peace “For All People”
February 21: The Iona Community and Celtic Theology: Justice and Peace For “The Whole of God’s Creation”
February 28: The Iona Community: Music, Liturgy, and Worship

Clint McCann is a pastor in the PCUSA and serves as the Evangelical Professor of Biblical Interpretation at Eden Theological Seminary in Webster Groves. He is an author of a number of books particularly on the Psalms and he and his wife, Sarah, are Associate Members of the Iona Community on the Isle of Iona and Glasgow, Scotland.

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

BOOK GROUP
The Tuesday morning book group is 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.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, 1/31 - Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
9:30am Christian Concerns Adult Ed - Zoom
11:00am Worship Service - Live Steamed
12:15pm Congregational Meeting - Zoom
7:00pm Sr. High Fellowship

Monday, 2/1
8:00am Preschool
11:50am Staff Meeting - 030

Tuesday, 2/2
10:00am Book Group - Zoom
7:00pm Youth Committee - Zoom

Wednesday, 2/3
8:00am Preschool
7:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Thursday, 2/4
10:00am Prayer Time - Sanctuary (reservation required)
7:00pm Section Leader Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Friday, 2/5
8:00am Preschool

Saturday, 2/6
10:00am Prayer Time - Sanctuary (reservation required)
11:00am Men’s Bible Study - Zoom

Sunday, 2/7 - Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
9:30am Christian Concerns Adult Ed - Zoom
11:00am Worship Service - Live Streamed
1:00pm Chancel Choir Singing Pod - Sanctuary
7:00pm Sr. High Fellowship
Praise God for This Holy Ground  405

Capo 2:  (D)  (G)  (A)  (Bm)
          E    A    B    C#m

1 Praise God for this holy ground,
2 Praise God in whose word we find
3 Praise God who through Christ makes known
4 Praise God's Spirit who befriends,
5 Though praise ends, praise is begun

(Em7)  (D/F#)  (Em7)  (Asus4)  (A)
F#m7    E/G#    F#m7    Bsus4   B

place and people, sight and sound.
food for body, soul, and mind.
all are loved and called God's own.
raises, humbles, breaks, and mends.
where God's will is gladly done.

Refrain
(D)  (G)  (Em7)  (A)  (F#7)  (Bm)
E    A    F#m7    B    G#7    C#m

Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah!

(D)  (Em7)  (A7)  (D)
E    F#m7    B7    E

God's goodness is eternal.

Although several passages in the Psalms come close to the wording of this refrain, none matches it exactly. The refrain serves as a summation of the stanzas, each of which is filled with multiple instances of God's providential mercy, and all of them are worth pondering.

TEXT and MUSIC: John L. Bell, 2002
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1 **Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit**

1 "Silence! Frenzied, unclean spirit," cried God's
2 Lord, the demons still are thriving in the
3 Silence, Lord, the unclean spirit, in our

 healing. Holy One. "Cease your ranting! Flesh can't
gray cells of the mind: tyrant voices, shrill and
mind and in our heart. Speak your word that when we

 bear it. Flee as night before the sun."

 driving, twisted thoughts that grip and bind,
hear it all our demons shall depart.

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Based on Mark 1:21–28/Luke 4:31–37, this text recalls how Jesus exorcized a demon, ponders what demons mean today, and concludes with a prayer for wholeness. It is set here to a familiar Welsh tune whose recurring three-note figures help to convey a sense of internal turmoil.

**TEXT:** Thomas H. Troeger, 1984
**MUSIC:** Thomas John Williams, 1890

Text © 1986 Oxford University Press | Alternate tune: AUTHORITY, 180
At Christ's voice the demon trembled, from its victim
doubts that stir the heart to panic, fears distorting.
Clear our thought and calm our feeling; still the fractured,

madly rushed, while the crowd that was as reason's sight, guilt that makes our loving
warring soul. By the power of your

seemed stood in wonder, stunned, and hushed.
frantic, dreams that cloud the soul with fright.
healing make us faithful, true, and whole.
For the Fruit of All Creation

1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
2 In the just reward of labor, God's will be done.
3 For the harvest of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are
In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still consuming,
sleeping, future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.
spairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.
found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night."

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1970, alt.
MUSIC: Welsh melody, c. 1784
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