First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood

11:00 A.M.
Sunday, October 11, 2020

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome and Announcements

Organ Prelude  
Variations on “Aurelia”  
Irvine Dearnaley

We Address Ourselves to God

Call to Worship
Leader:  Come, come whoever you are,
        wanderer, worshipper, lover of leaving.

People:  Ours is no caravan of despair.
        Come, come again, come.

ALL:  Let us worship the God of body and soul!

Hymn  
“We Praise You, O God”  
Hymn No. 612

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (The people joining)
God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in the darkness. We confess we have not welcomed the light or trusted the good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt and renew our hope so that we may receive the fullness of your grace and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

Silent Confessions

Assurance of Pardon

Response to Confession  
“We Are Forgiven”
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 share that peace with one another.

We Hear God’s Word

First Reading  
I Peter 3:8-15  
Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 254

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

“Come Home”

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;
see, on the portals He’s waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.
Come home, come home, you who are weary, come home.
Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies, mercies for you and for me.
Come home, come home, you who are weary, come home.
O for the wonderful love He has promised, promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.
Come home, come home, you who are weary, come home.

Second Reading

John 1:1-14

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

Sermon

“We Respond to God’s Word”
The Rev. Amy Bertschausen

Hymn

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”
Hymn No. 716

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.

Minute for Stewardship
David Carter

Offertory Sentences

“How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings”
Katherine K. Davis

How lovely are thy dwellings, O Lord of hosts. My soul longeth, yea, fainteth, for the courts of the Lord.
My soul and body cry aloud, yea, for the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found a house, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Prayer of Dedication

“We Depart to Serve the Lord”

Hymn

“Great God of Every Blessing”
Hymn No. 694

Benediction
Organ Postlude  

“Grand Choeur”  

Theodore Dubois

Worship Leaders:  
The Rev. Amy Bertschausen, Executive Director of Care and Counseling  
The Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard, Associate Pastor  

Music Ministry:  
John Richey, soloist  
Travis Evans, Music Associate  

Live Stream Host:  
Gary Hepp

Thank you for worshiping with us.

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a Congregational Meeting today, via Zoom, immediately following the live-streamed worship service, to elect officers to the 2020 Nominating Committee. A link to join the meeting has been sent by email prior to the meeting.

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

* Sundays in October at 9am, Ruben Rosario, a professor from SLU, will speak on Apologetics: The Art of Defending Christian Beliefs. These classes will be presented online via Zoom invitation and will be recorded as well. If you have not yet received a confirmation email and would like to be on the invitation list for Zoom for this class, or any Sunday morning Christian Concern class that will be held on Zoom, please email your name and email address to Karen at kblanchard@kirkwoodpres.org.

* The Spirituality group will be meeting on Zoom on the Second Sunday of each month at 9:45am. If you'd like to join in, contact Tom Edelstein at tedelstein@att.net

* The Men's Saturday Morning Bible Study Group meets at 11am on Saturday mornings. Contact Tim Morrison at timothy.lee.morrison@gmail.com to be added to the Zoom invitation list.

CONCERT OPPORTUNITY

Bill Stein and Travis Evans will live-stream an organ recital on Thursday, October 22 at 7:00p.m. They will each perform solo repertoire then join in presenting two organ duets - you don’t want to miss it! This concert can be accessed via the live-stream button on our church web site or on the church Facebook page.
We Praise You, O God

1 We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring,
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

2 We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;
through trial and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'er take us, you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

3 With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

The author wrote this text when only nineteen years old in response to a request from the organist of the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City, who wanted another Thanksgiving text to sing to this Dutch tune. He regarded the usual text (see no. 336) as too full of conflict.

TEXT: Julia C. Cory, 1902, alt.
MUSIC: Nicolaas van de Veldt, 1626; harm. Eduard Kremser, 1877
KREMSE
12-11-12-11
(this tune in a lower key, 336)
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

1 God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and
2 Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of
3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your

endless store, nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly
Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and freedom, races
grace conferred: ours to use for home and kindred, and to

cross, grave's shattered door: gifted by you, we turn
joined, the church made one. Now direct our daily
spread the gospel word. Open wide our hands in

to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall
labour, lest we strive for self alone. Born with talents,
sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call, healing, teaching,

rise forever, gracious donor of our days,
make us servants fit to answer at your throne,
and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the
Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early
American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

MUSIC: The Sacred Harp, 1844; harm. James H. Wood, 1956
1 Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,
you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

2 Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace,
in death and life extending your covenant embrace.
In Christ we are one body; each member has a part:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

3 Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search,
transforming broken people into the holy church.
For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

Written for the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth, this text sums up his liturgical theology, ending each stanza with his motto: Cor meum tibi offero, Domine, prompte et sincere. By moving from plural to singular the stanzas show how corporate faith becomes personal pletey.