First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood

11:00 A.M.
Sunday, March 21, 2021
The Fifth Sunday in Lent

100 E. Adams Ave.  Kirkwood, MO 63122 (314) 965-0326  www.kirkwoodpres.org
ORDER OF WORSHIP

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome and Announcements

Organ Prelude

“Choral in e minor”
Jean Langlais

Choral Introit

“Kyrie Eleison”
Plainsong, Tone VIII

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy upon us.

We Address Ourselves to God

Call to Worship

Leader: God above us –
People: Trees, birds, sunshine, stars and moonlight;
Leader: God beneath us –
People: Earth, rocks, rivers, roots and caverns;
Leader: God around us –
People: Seas, winds, cities, animals and people;
Leader: God within us –
People: Hope, tears, laughter, love and wonder;
Leader: God above us, beneath us, around us, within us,
All: We celebrate that you made us, you love us, and you call us to work and rest with you!

Hymn

“Be Still My Soul”
Hymn No. 819

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (The people joining)
Gracious and Patient God, wherever our will crosses your will, forgive us. Where our will to violence crosses your will for peace; where lying and corruption cross your will for truth; where greed and possessiveness cross the responsible use of your plenty; where ugliness and disease cross your will for beauty and well-being, forgive us. Where we live not for others, but only for ourselves, leave us not alone, forgive us, and forever grant us the transforming gift of Jesus. Amen.

Silent Confessions

Assurance of God’s Grace

Response to Confession

“Come to Me, O Weary Traveler”
Hymn No. 183
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.
Psalm 119
"I Long for Your Commandments"
Hymn No. 64
Gospel Reading
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
Sermon
"Even Jesus"
Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz
We Respond to God's Word
Hymn
"A Sower Came from Ancient Fields"
Hymn No. 171
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
"Ab, Holy Jesus"
text: Johann Heermann
Music: Donald McCullough
Prayer of Dedication
We Depart to Serve the Lord

Hymn
“O Jesus, I Have Promised”
Hymn No. 724

Benediction

Organ Postlude
“Ab, Holy Jesus”
John Behnke

Worship Leaders:
The Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz, Interim Senior Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard, Associate Pastor

Music Ministry:
Chancel Octet; Bill Stein, Director of Music Ministries; Travis Evans, Music Associate

Live Stream Host:
Ron Evens

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 OUTDOOR SERVICES
Outdoor Services on the south side of the east parking lot – WEATHER PERMITTING – will take place at 9:00a.m. on Sundays, March 28 (Palm Sunday), April 4 (Easter) and April 11. These services of Morning Prayer will begin at 9:00a.m., and last approximately 25 minutes. Worship will include prayer, singing, scripture and a brief reflection. These are BYO services – bring your own lawn chair, mask, water/coffee, sense of humor, etc. Appropriately distanced seating circles will be chalked onto the parking lot. MASKS are required. Ushers will be on hand to help with logistics. An offering plate will be available. Participants should park on the north side of the east lot, or in the public parking lot south of the church. Also, be sure you have read the newsletter emailed on Friday for information about indoor worship.

BOOK GROUPS

To be added to the Zoom list, contact Karen at kblanchard@kirkwoodpres.org

*Tuesday Book Group, 10:00am on Zoom - THE LINCOLN CONSPIRACY, by Brad Meltzer and Josh Mensch, highlights Lincoln’s hard and challenging life prior to becoming the President-elect and sheds a lot of light on the slavery issue as it finally reaches its climax. Discussion topics would include how Lincoln’s early life influenced his development as a politician, the significance of the Lincoln-Douglas debates, and how he walked a tightrope on the issue of slavery during his political career.

*Fourth Wednesday Book Group, 1:30pm on Zoom - March 24th: HARRY TRUMAN’S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE, by Matthew Algeo. The story of Harry and Bess Truman taking a cross country trip following the end of his presidency.

If you would like to receive by mail an Upper Room or These Days devotional booklet, call the church office or email Paula at paulab@kirkwoodpres.org.
Betsy Solomon, director of the Shepherd Center and trained art historian, will lead a series on the paintings of Jesus, called *Through the Centuries: Art Featuring the Life of Jesus*. The life of Jesus has been an enduring inspiration for artists of the European tradition. Artists have created extraordinary masterpieces, each reflecting their moment in time and leaving behind a legacy of narrative scenes. The final two Lecture topics are:

3/21 – The Work of El Greco  
3/28 – Images of the Crucifixion, Resurrection and Second Coming

### THIS WEEK

**Sunday, 3/21 - Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
9:30am  Christian Concerns Adult Ed - Zoom  
11:00am Worship Service - Live Streamed  
1:00pm Officer Training - Zoom  
7:00pm Sr. High Fellowship

**Monday, 3/22**  
8:00am Preschool  
11:30am Staff Meeting - 030  
3:30pm Grief Support - Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, 3/23**  
10:00am Book Group - Zoom

**Wednesday, 3/24**  
8:00am Preschool  
10:00am Lent Study - Zoom  
12:00pm Mid-Week Worship Service - Live Streamed  
1:30pm Book Group - Zoom  
7:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

**Thursday, 3/25**  
10:00am Prayer Time - Sanctuary (reservation required)  
7:00pm Section Leader Rehearsal - Sanctuary

**Friday, 3/26**  
8:00am Preschool  
12:00pm Tree of Life Chapel Lenten Recital Series - Live Streamed

**Saturday, 3/27**  
10:00am Prayer Time - Sanctuary (reservation required)  
11:00am Men’s Bible Study - Zoom

**Sunday, 3/28 - Palm Sunday**  
9:00am Outdoor Morning Prayer Service - Parking Lot  
9:30am Christian Concerns Adult Ed - Zoom  
11:00am Worship Service - Live Streamed  
1:00pm Officer Training - Zoom  
7:00pm Sr. High Fellowship

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**EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS**  
If you would like to make an Easter Flower Dedication, call (314) 965-0326 or email paulab@kirkwoodpres.org no later than March 30. Please fill out this form and mail it to the church with your payment. Thank you. *(suggested donation $25 each)*

In *honor/celebration* of: ____________________________________________________________ or

In *memory* of: __________________________________________________________________

Given by: ________________________________________________________________________

Phone # and/or e-mail: ___________________________________________________________________
Be Still, My Soul

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.

2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake

3 Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on

Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
to guide the future surely as the past.
when we shall be forever with the Lord;

Leave to thy God to order and provide,
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,

who through all changes faithful will remain.
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
sorrow forgot, love’s purest joys restored.
Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

1 “Come to me, O weary traveler; come to me with your distress;
2 “Do not fear, my yoke is easy; do not fear, my burden’s light;
3 “Take my yoke and leave your troubles; take my yoke and come with me.
4 “Rest in me, O weary traveler; rest in me and do not fear.

come to me, you heavily burdened; come to me and find your rest.”
do not fear the path before you; do not run from me in fright.”
Take my yoke, I am beside you; take and learn humility.”
Rest in me, my heart is gentle; rest and cast away your care.”

This paraphrase and expansion of Matthew 11:28–30 by a Canadian minister is structured so that the first three syllables of each stanza provide the hymn’s skeleton and summary. The immediacy of the text is enhanced by the folksong-like setting later composed for it.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1991
MUSIC: William P. Rowan, 1992
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I Long for Your Commandments

(Psalm 119)

1 I long for your commandments; your judgments all are just. Within your words is wisdom, your teachings way. Without your laws and precepts I stumble gold. It satisfies like honey, a sweetness understood are comfort to my spirit's need and in the dark. Your understandings are my hope that on my tongue. It leads me to salvation's door where

in the night my solace. Your statutes are my song. I may run in freedom. Your ways are my release. you have spread your table. O, lead me to your home.

Although this paraphrase is based on only a small part of Psalm 119, it incorporates many of the synonyms that weave through this extended acrostic psalm celebrating God's Law: commandments, judgments, words, teachings, wisdom, statutes, laws, precepts, understandings, ways.

TEXT: Jean Janzen, 1991, alt. MUSIC: Heinrich Schütz, 1661

Text © 1991 Jean Janzen
1 O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; 
be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend; 
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side, 
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

2 O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near; 
I see the sights that dazzle; the tempting sounds I hear. 
My foes are ever near me, around me and within; 
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer and shield my soul from sin.

3 O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still; 
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will; 
O speak, to reassure me, to hasten or control; 
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

4 O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee 
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be. 
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; 
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

Written to highlight the promises made by the author's daughter and two sons at their confirmation, this text equally well recalls the promises of discipleship made in Baptism and in the Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant. The tune was written for a text now unused.