First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood

11:00 A.M.
Sunday, April 11, 2021
Second Sunday After Easter

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome and Announcements

Organ Prelude

Meditation on "Promise" Brenda Portman

We Address Ourselves to God

Call to Worship

Leader: Loving God, you call us to marvel;
People: Reveal in us your wonder and joy.
Leader: Comforting God, you call us to gentleness;
People: Reveal in us your peace and faith.
Leader: Healing God, you call us to wholeness;
People: Reveal in us your justice and truth.
Leader: Transforming God, you call us beyond fear;
People: Reveal in us abundance and generosity.
Leader: Resurrecting God, you call us to this time;
All: May our worship proclaim your glory!

Hymn

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!” Hymn No. 248

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (The people joining)

Ever-Present God, forgive us when we misuse rather than marvel, when we consume the resources of your good creation without a thought. Forgive us when we do not recognize the neighbor who lives beyond us, when we ignore the neighbor who lives beside us, when we seek power over rather than power with. As we know and are transformed by your divine love, help us to build a community of compassion and grace, and take our part in making the brokenness of the world whole again...

Silent Confessions

Assurance of God’s Grace

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 Exodus 19:1-7 Pew Bible, O.T., pg. 65

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

“Empty Now”  
Joseph M. Martin

There is a manger far away where once a tiny child was laid,  
where angels sang and shepherds bowed, long ago, far away; the manger is empty now.
There is a temple far away where once a teacher went to pray.  
He spoke of truth to an angry crowd, long ago, far away; the temple is empty now.
There is a cross far away where once a Lamb for sin was slain.  
A crown of thorns adorned His brow; the cross is empty now.
There is a tomb far away where once the Lord of Life was laid,  
Come and see His linen shroud. Alleluia! The tomb is empty now! Alleluia!

Second Reading
Matthew 4:23-5:3  
Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 4
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Having Enough Humility”  
The Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz

We Respond to God’s Word

Affirmation of Faith
We believe in God who has created and who is creating, who has dreamed all that is into being, who is the heartbeat of creation. We believe in God the Trinity, together the Maker, Redeemer, Sustainer, who constantly shows us the way to become who we were created to be; who is perfect community, and the root of all that is; who is our refuge our joy and our strength. We believe that God values us and challenges us to bring the world into inclusive community; and that God brings justice to all, and calls us to friendship.

We believe in the Beloved Community of God: that we and all creation are God's family, and so are interdependent. Each part is necessary to the whole. If one part suffers or is shut out, the Beloved Community is not fully realized.

We believe that in the face of God's love, our call is to face the truth and not to live a lie; to live authentically; to accept ourselves and to fulfill our potential, through enabling others to do the same. We are called to abundant life, always moving forward toward God's future, and never harkening back. For God never restores, but always makes new. Amen!

Hymn

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”  
Hymn No. 250

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 Solo

“Lord of the Dance”  
arr. Lloyd Larson

I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth, at Bethlehem I had my birth.  
“Dance, then, wherever you may be, I am the Lord of the Dance,” said he.
“And I’ll lead you all wherever you may be, and I’ll lead you all in the Dance,” said he.
I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame; the holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped, and they stripped and they hung me high; and left me there on a cross to die.
I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black; it’s hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I’d gone, but I am the Dance and I still go on!
They cut me down and I leapt up high. “I am the Life that’ll never, never die. I’ll live in you if you’ll live in me;
“I am the Lord of the Dance,” said he.

Prayer of Dedication

We Depart to Serve the Lord

Hymn

“The Day of Resurrection!”

Hymn No. 233

Benediction

Organ Postlude

Toccata on “Easter Hymn”

Diane Bish

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

Music Ministry: Debra Hillabrand, Soloist;
Bill Stein, Director of Music Ministries

Live Stream Host: Frank Darr

Thank you for worshipping with us.

+ Today’s liturgy is adapted from Fire And Bread, by Ruth Burgess
CHRISTIAN CONCERNS
SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:30AM
Email Ann Miller to be added to the Zoom list at ann.willie@hotmail.com

We welcome two professors from Webster University to our Sunday morning Zoom series.

4/11 - Church member Dr. Gwyneth Williams, Professor of Political Science, will speak about *Religion and the Founding of the United States*.
4/18 - Following the theme of American history, Dr. Theodore D.R. Green, Ph.D., professor of teacher education at Webster University, will speak about "George Washington: The Man and the Myth".
4/25 - Dr. Gwyneth Williams will speak on *Religion and Current Constitutional Debates*.

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, April 11**
9:00am Outdoor Morning Prayer Service
9:50am Spiritual Formation - Zoom
11:00am Worship Service - Live Steamed
12:15pm Congregational Meeting - Zoom
1:30pm Choir Singing Pod - Sanctuary
7:00pm Sr. High Fellowship

**Monday, April 12**
8:00am Preschool
11:30am Staff Meeting - 030

**Tuesday, April 13**
7:00pm Mission Committee - Zoom

**Wednesday, April 14**
8:00am Preschool
7:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
7:15pm Board of Deacons - Zoom

**Thursday, April 15**
10:00am Prayer Time - Sanctuary (reservation required)
7:00pm Section Leaders Rehearsal

**Friday, April 16**
8:00am Preschool

**Saturday, April 17**
10:00am Prayer Time - Sanctuary (reservation required)
11:00am Men’s Bible Study - Zoom

**Sunday, April 18**
9:15am In-person Baptism - Sanctuary
11:00am Worship Service - Live Streamed
1:30pm Choir Singing Pod - Sanctuary
7:00pm Sr. High Fellowship

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Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248

1 Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
2 Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
3 Christ is risen! Earth and heaven never more shall be the same.

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.

In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: “Christ is risen! Get you gone!”

Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everybody!
In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D) F (Em) Gm

1 In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
2 There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
3 In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;

(A7) C7 (D) F

in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.

(D7) (G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (F♯) (Bm) F7 B♭ Gm F Dm Gm A Dm

In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,

(G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D) B♭ Gm F Dm Gm C7 F

unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
The Day of Resurrection!

1 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
2 Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright
3 Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin;

the Pass-over of gladness, the Pass-over of God.
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.

From death to life eternal, from sin’s dominion free,
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,

our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.
his own “All hail!” and hearing, may raise the victor strain.
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.