First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood

11:00 A.M.
Sunday, April 18, 2021

Third Sunday After Easter

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Welcome and Announcement

Organ Prelude

“Berceuse”

Louis Vierne

We Address Ourselves to God

based on Flames of the Spirit

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather this day to worship God with praise and thanksgiving to celebrate being together in body as well as spirit.

People: We come to be renewed and nourished, to sing praises and praise God together.

Leader: We come this day to remember we are one in the body of Christ.

People: To remember that no matter where we are that we are one in the Spirit and one in the Lord.

Leader: We come to be reminded and live out the gift of knowing that our God is a god of everlasting love, grace and mercy.

People: In response to those promises, we come to meet our Lord with the joy of knowing we are forgiven, loved and freed.

Leader: Let us worship God with thanksgiving, gratitude and praise.

Hymn

“Christ Is Alive!”

Hymn No. 246

Stanzas 1, 2, and 3

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (The people joining)

Gracious God, we are your people, but we admit we do not always follow your call to serve and to love. All too often we focus on ourselves and our needs, and too easily forget that we are also a community here and within the world as well. Open our minds this day to the power of your love for us, your hopes, and your dreams for us and for your people. Open our hearts that we might see those in need before us. Lead us by your Spirit that we may lovingly serve and live as people who seek to bring about glimpses of the kingdom in the world. We ask these things in the name of your son, who is our Lord.

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


Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 90

Bell Anthem
"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"  
arr. Jason Krug

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

Luke 24:36-53

Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 91

Sermon
"To See with New Eyes and Hearts"  
The Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard

We Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith
We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Hymn
"Open My Eyes, That I May See"  
Hymn No. 451

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 Bell Anthem
"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"  
arr. Jason Krug

Prayer of Dedication

We Depart to Serve the Lord

Hymn
"Go to the World!"  
Hymn No. 295
Benediction

Organ Postlude
“Festive Trumpet Tune”
David German

* indicates to please stand if you are able

Worship Leaders: The Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard, Associate Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz, Interim Senior Pastor
Music Ministry: Bell Choir; Anthony Heinemann, Hymn Leader;
Bill Stein, Director of Music Ministries; Travis Evans, Music Associate
Ushers Captains: Larry Erwin and Art McDonnell
Live Stream Host: Frank Darr

Thank you for worshipping with us.

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.

4/18 - 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.

Tuesday, Book Group, 10:00am on Zoom

Continuing our focus on the issue of slavery in our nation, the Tuesday morning book group will begin a discussion of the book “Destiny of the Republic” by Candace Millard. We will meet beginning at 10am on April 20th via Zoom for about four weeks. At our first meeting we will discuss part one. To be added to the zoom list please contact Karen Blanchard at kblanchard@kirkwoodpres.org.

Fourth Wednesday Book Group, 1:30pm on Zoom

April 28th: NOMADLAND, by Jessica Bruder. A book about the ways in which people deal with poverty in our country with courage and wisdom as they move from one part of the country to another looking for work.

May 19th: WHERE THE FOREST MEETS THE STARS, by Glendy Vanderah, a book about the mysterious arrival of a young girl and the secrets she helps to unravel that helps two adults reclaim their lives along with hers.

If you would like to be on the invite list, please let Karen know at kblanchard@kirkwoodpres.org.
THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 18
9:15am  Baptism - Sanctuary
11:00am  Worship Service - Sanctuary/Live Streamed
1:50pm  Choir Singing Pod - Sanctuary
7:00pm  Sr. High Fellowship

Monday, April 19
8:00am  Preschool
11:30am  Staff Meeting - 030
5:00pm  Finance & Operations - Zoom

Tuesday, April 20
10:00am  Book Group - Zoom
6:30pm  New Member Committee - Zoom
7:00pm  Session - Zoom

Wednesday, April 21
8:00am  Preschool
7:00pm  Mary’s Women’s Circle
7:15pm  Lucy’s Women’s Circle - Zoom

Thursday, April 22
10:00am  Prayer Time - Sanctuary (reservation required)
7:00pm  Section Leaders Rehearsal

Friday, April 23
8:00am  Preschool

Saturday, April 24
10:00am  Prayer Time - Sanctuary (reservation required)
11:00am  Men’s Bible Study - Zoom

Sunday, April 25
11:00am  Worship Service - Sanctuary/Live Streamed
7:00pm  Sr. High Fellowship

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Christ Is Alive!

1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
2 Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, but saving, healing, scorn, or wealth divide, Christ suffers still, yet here and now, and touching every place and time.
3 In every insult, rift, and war where color, Spirit, hear the call, and find the way, the this and every age, till earth and sky and loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died. life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.
4 Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.
5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.
Open My Eyes, That I May See 451

1. Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
2. Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear.
3. Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.

Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will
Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children

set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy
disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy
thus to share. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy

will to see. Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!
will to see. Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!
will to see. Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a fitting prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

TEXT and MUSIC: Clara H. Scott, 1895

OPEN MY EYES
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Go to the World!  295

1 Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go into every place.
3 Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace,
the nights of tears give way to joyous day,
for I am with you till the age shall end,

baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way,
when all the hosts of glory cry "A-men!"

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.