First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood

11:00 A.M.
Sunday, April 26, 2020

Third Sunday of Easter

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

Welcome and Announcements

Organ and Piano Prelude

“Hymn to Joy”

arr. Eleanor Whitsett

We Address Ourselves to God

inspired by Psalm 116

Call to Worship

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song; 
sing to the Lord all the earth.

People: Sing to the Lord, bless God’s name; 
tell of God’s salvation from day to day.

Leader: Declare God’s glory among the nations, 
and God’s marvelous works among all the peoples.

People: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; 
and revered above all gods.

Leader: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; 
let the sea roar, and all that fills it; 
let the field exult, and everything in it.

People: Then shall all of the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord; 
for the Lord is coming to judge the earth.

Leader: God will judge the world with righteousness 
and the peoples with his truth. 
Let us worship God!

Hymn

“The Day of Resurrection”

Hymn No. 233

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (The people joining)

Gracious God, we are invited into worship to hear your Word and sing songs of praise. Yet there are times when we have heavy hearts. There are times when it is hard for us to know joy. Open our hearts that they may be filled with the power of new life you offer to us. By the movement of your Spirit in word, prayer and song, may we be inspired by and comforted by the gift of music and our sense of oneness in Christ. May we be inspired to sing of you and your son with joy, trust, and hope throughout all our days. It is in the name of your son that we pray, 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 Romans 15:5-13 Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 165
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Solo

“How Can I Keep From Singing” Robert Lowery

My life flows on in endless song, above earth’s lamentation.
I catch the sweet, though far off hymn that hailed a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I’m clinging.
Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?
What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?

Second Reading Psalm 150 Pew Bible, O.T., pg. 585
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“When In Our Music God Is Glorified” The Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard

We Respond to God’s Word

Hymn

“Come, Christians, Join To Sing” Hymn No. 267

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 Duet

“Meditation” (from Thaïs)  
Jules Massenet

Prayer of Dedication

We Depart to Serve the Lord

Hymn

“When In Our Music God is Glorified”  
Hymn No. 641

Benediction

Organ and Piano Postlude

“Lord of the Dance”  
arr. Joel Raney

Worship Leaders:  The Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard, Associate Pastor  
The Rev. Dr. David Holyan, Pastor

Music Ministry:  Louisa Wimmer, soloist  
Bill Stein, Director of Music Ministries  
Travis Evans, Music Associate

Live Stream Host:  Frank Darr

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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 there-in.

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.

The roots of this English text come from a mid-8th century Greek hymn that continues to be used in Orthodox churches at the midnight Eucharist marking the beginning of Easter. The tune is named for the county in northwestern England where the composer was then an organist.
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1 Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!
3 Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll descend;
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,

Praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!
Singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

Like many other hymns of praise, this text was originally addressed to children but has been embraced by adults as well. Although the tune's repetitive elements suggest folk origins (possibly with alternating groups of singers), no specific source has been identified.
When in our music God is glorified,
How often, making music, we have found
So has the church, in liturgy and song,
And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night
Let every instrument be tuned for praise!

and adoration leaves no room for pride,
a new dimension in the world of sound,
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
when utmost evil strove against the light?
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!

it is as though the whole creation cried:
as worship moved us to a more profound
borne witness to the truth in every tongue:
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
And may God give us faith to sing always:

Alleluia! Alleluia!