First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood

11:00 A.M.
Sunday, May 17, 2020

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Welcome and Announcements

Organ Prelude

“Adoration” Florence Price

We Address Ourselves to God

Call to Worship based on Psalm 66

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God all the earth;
People: Sing the glory of God’s name
and give God glorious praise.
Leader: The earth worships you;
People: We sing praises to you,
sing praises to your name.
Leader: O, come and see what God has done:
for God is awesome in deeds
People: Bless our God, let the sound of God’s praise be heard.
Leader: Let us worship God in hope and songs of praise.

Hymn

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” Hymn No. 12

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (The people joining)

Gracious God, you promise that you are with us through difficult times, but we do not always trust in that promise. We feel disconnected and unsettled by the changes going on all around us and too often end up focusing only on ourselves. Open our hearts and minds to the work of your Spirit within and among us. Help us to remember that we are indeed all in this together, for when we do, we will discover the joy and the power of serving and loving others. It is then we will come to know peace in more profound ways. 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
  Acts 17:22-32
  Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 137
  Leader: The Word of the Lord.
  People: Thanks be to God.

Solo
  "God Hath Led His People On"
  Felix Mendelssohn
  God alone hath led His people on. His laws are in their mind, written in their hearts.
  All shall know that He is God, a God of truth without iniquity, both just and right.
  And as an eagle stirreth up her nest of young, taketh them and beareth them on her wings,
  so God alone didst lead His children onward, there was no strange God with them.
  Ascribe ye greatness unto our God.

Second Reading
  John 14:15-21
  Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 109
  Leader: The Word of the Lord.
  People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon
  "The God Who Lives Among Us"
  The Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard

Hymn
  "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"
  Hymn No. 306

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
  "If With All Your Hearts"
  Felix Mendelssohn
  "If with all your hearts ye truly seek me, ye shall ever surely find me," thus saith our God.
  Oh! that I knew where I might find Him, that I might even come before His presence!

Prayer of Dedication
We Depart to Serve the Lord

Hymn
“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Benediction

Organ Postlude
“Hyfrydol” Ralph Vaughan Williams

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

Music Ministry:
Anthony Heinemann, soloist
Travis Evans, Music Associate

Live Stream Host:
Keith Klamer

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Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2. Unresting, unhaasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rul'st in might.
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above,
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

3. To all, life thou giv'st, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

4. Thou reign'st in glory; thou dwell'st in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note unites.

TEXT: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867, alt.
MUSIC: Welsh folk melody, arr. Caradoc y Cysseg, 1839

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Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
   Christian love. The fellowship of
   kindred minds is like to that above.

2. Before our Father's throne we pour our
   ardent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our
   aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

3. We share our mutual woes; our mutual
   burdens bear. And often for each other
   flows the sympathizing tear.

4. When we are called to part, it gives us
   inward pain; but we shall still be
   joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

5. From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we
   shall be free; and perfect love and
   friendship reign through all eternity.

*Or "Maker's"

Written to express a pastor's unwillingness to leave a beloved congregation, this hymn is frequently used as an expression of Christian fellowship, especially at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper. The tune is attributed to an influential Swiss musician and publisher.
1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, joy of heaven, to
earth come down, fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing; all thy
faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion;

2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-ery
life re-cieve; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er-
find the prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;

3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy
let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-
mor-e thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,

4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion; pure and spot-less
ly re-stored in thee: changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,
pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with
Al-pha and O-me-ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a-bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our
thy sal-va-tion; en-ter ev-e ry trem-bling heart.
its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.
crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise.