First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood

11:00 A.M.
Sunday, May 2, 2021
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Welcome and Announcements

Organ Prelude

"Salix"

Percy Whitlock

We Address Ourselves to God

*Call to Worship

Leader: In this holy time of worship,
People: Give to us, O God, a vision,
Leader: Of your Beloved Community,
People: A glimpse of your glory,
Leader: An openness to your rule,
People: And your Spirit to guide us.
Leader: For we would be transformed this day,
People: Into new beings, participants, activists,
All: In your work of love and grace!

*Hymn

"Brethren, We Have Met To Worship"

Hymn No. 396

All singing stanzas 1, 2, and 4

*Call to Confession

Hidden Christ, reveal yourself to us. Tear through the prejudices, which like a veil, we wrap around us, making us blind and deaf to your presence. Shatter the arrogant assumptions we hold about where and when we expect to meet you. Throw down the false image we have made of you, which is, in reality, our very own image. Then, when we are naked and vulnerable, stripped of everything but openness, send us out to encounter you afresh, in the resurrection garden of your world...

*Silent Confessions

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Congregational Response

"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.
Time with the Children

**We Hear God’s Word**

**First Reading**

Deuteronomy 17:14-20

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

**Anthem**

“Thou Knowest, Lord, the Secrets of Our Hearts”

Henry Purcell

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts. Shut not Thy merciful ears unto our prayers.
But spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and most merciful Savior;
Thou most worthy Judge eternal. Suffer us not at our last hour,
for any pains of death to fall from Thee. Amen.

**Second Reading**

Matthew 6:1, 5-8

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

**Sermon**

“We Respond to God’s Word”

The Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz

**Affirmation of Faith**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Hymn**

“O Savior, In This Quiet Place”

Hymn No. 794

All singing stanzas 1 through 4
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

“Salmo 150”
Ernani Aguiar
Praise the Lord in the holy places, praise the Lord in the firmament of his power.
Praise the Lord for his mighty acts, praise the Lord according to his excellent greatness.
Praise the Lord with the sound of the trumpet, with psaltery and the harp.
Praise the Lord with the timbrel and dance, with strings and pipe.
Praise the Lord with high-sounding cymbals, with cymbals of joy.
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication

We Depart to Serve the Lord

°Hymn

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”
Hymn No. 667

°Benediction

Choral Response

“Peace I Leave With You”
Matthew Glandorf
Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give unto you.

Organ Postlude

“Alllegro in D minor”
Charles V. Stanford

° indicates to please stand if you are able

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
Ushers: Jim Cooper, Pam Cooper, Charles Croissant, Julie Jackson, Missy Wulf
Usher Captains: Art McDonnell, Bob Schneider
Live Stream Host: Frank Darr

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+ Fire And Bread, Ruth Burgess, Editor; Affirmation of Faith - Apostle's Creed
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. To be added to the Zoom list please contact Karen Blanchard at kblanchard@kirkwoodpres.org.

Fourth Wednesday Book Group, 1:30pm on Zoom
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.

SUNDAY MORNINGS
CHRISTIAN CONCERNS, 9:30AM ON ZOOM
Email Ann Miller to be added to the Zoom list at ann.willie@hotmail.com

In May, Dean and Jinny Danzer's son, Dr. Steve Danzer, is going to speak on topics about the universe and the earth and the human beings who live here.

Dr. Steve Danzer is a Professor of Anesthesia at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital and the University of Cincinnati. He is also the Director for the Center for Pediatric Neuroscience and holds the C. Nelson Melampy Endowed Chair in Anesthesia Basic Science Research. He received his undergraduate degree in Biology at the University of Missouri in Columbia, his PhD in Neuroscience at the University of Arizona in Tucson, and conducted postdoctoral research in epilepsy at Duke University. At Cincinnati Children’s, he directs a preclinical research program aimed at understanding and developing better treatments for people with epilepsy.

The topics Steve plans to cover are:

May 2, 2021: The Big Bang/Origin of the Universe: How did the universe begin and why does it have the properties it does? Physics tells us that the universe we have is spectacularly unlikely, so how did it come to be?

May 9, 2021: Geology: The geology of our planet causes volcanoes and tsunamis, but these destructive forces are also necessary for life. In this session we will explore the basic geology of our planet and how it impacts life on Earth.

May 16, 2021: Evolution: The theory of evolution tells us about our origins, how we are related to every living thing, and how to understand and treat diseases that afflict humanity.

May 23, 2021: Human Sexuality and the brain: what does science tell us?

SPIRITUAL FORMATION, 9:45AM ON ZOOM
The Spirituality group will be meeting on Zoom on the Second Sunday of each month at 9:45am. If you'd like to join in, contact Tom Edelstein at tedelstein@att.net
### THIS WEEK

**Sunday, May 2**  
9:50am  Christian Concerns - Zoom  
9:50am  Baptism - Chapel  
11:00am  Worship Service - Sanctuary/Live Streamed  
1:00pm  Chancel Choir Gathering - Courtyard  
7:00pm  Work Camp Parent Meeting - Chapel

**Monday, May 3**  
8:00am  Preschool  
1:00am  Staff Meeting - 030

**Tuesday, May 4**  
10:00am  Book Group - Zoom  
7:00pm  Children & Family Committee - Zoom  
7:00pm  Music, Worship & Arts Committee - Zoom

**Wednesday, May 5**  
8:00am  Preschool  
7:00pm  Bell Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

**Thursday, May 6**  
10:00am  Prayer Time - Sanctuary (reservation required)  
7:00pm  Section Leaders Rehearsal - Sanctuary

**Friday, May 7**  
8:00am  Preschool

**Saturday, May 8**  
10:00am  Prayer Time - Sanctuary (reservation required)  
11:00am  Men's Bible Study - Zoom

**Sunday, May 9 - Mother's Day**  
9:50am  Christian Concerns - Zoom  
9:50am  Spiritual Formation - Zoom  
11:00am  Worship Service - Sanctuary/Live Streamed

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Brethren, We Have Met to Worship 396

1 Breth-ren, we have met to wor-ship and ad-ore the Lord our God.
2 Sis-ters, will you come and help us? Mo-ses' sis-ter aid-ed him.
3 Is there here a trem-bling jail-er, seek-ing grace and filled with fears?
4 Let us love our God su-preme-ly; let us love each oth-er, too.

Will you pray with all your pow-er while we try to preach the word?
Will you help the trem-bling mourn-ers who are strug-gling hard with sin?
Is there here a weep-ing Mar-y pour-ing forth a flood of tears?
Let us love and pray for sin-ners till our God makes all things new.

All is vain un-less the Spir-it of the ho-ly One comes down.
Tell them all a-bout the Sav-ior. Tell them that he will be found.
Breth-ren, join your cries to help them; sis-ters, let your prayers a-bound!
Christ will call us home to heav-en; at his ta-ble we'll sit down.

Breth-ren, pray, and ho-ly man-na will be show-ered all a-round.
Sis-ters, pray, and ho-ly man-na will be show-ered all a-round.
Pray, O pray, that ho-ly man-na will be scat-tered all a-round.
Christ will gird him-self and serve us with sweet man-na all a-round.

This hymn comes out of the early 19th-century southern camp meeting experience, where believers were invited to pray for new converts, often likened to biblical characters such as Paul's jailer (Philippians 1:12-13). As its name shows, the five-note tune was created for this text.
O Savior, in This Quiet Place  794

1. O Savior, in this quiet place, where anyone may kneel,
   I also come to ask for grace, believing you can heal.

2. If pain of body, stress of mind, destroys my inward peace,
   in prayer for others may I find the secret of release.

3. If self upon its sickness feeds and turns my life to gall,
   let me not brood upon my needs, but simply tell you all.

4. You never said "You ask too much" to any troubled soul.
   I long to feel your healing touch; will you not make me whole?

5. But if the thing I most desire
   is not your way for me,
   may faith, when tested in the fire,
   prove its integrity.

6. Of all my prayers, may this be chief:
   till faith is fully grown,
   Lord, disbelieve my unbelief,
   and claim me as your own.

This prayer for healing was written for the ecumenical St. Barnabas Counseling Centre in Norwich, England. As hymns often do, it provides a model for how to pray honestly but not selfishly. It is set to a tune by an Anglican clergyman who wrote on scientific and musical matters.
When Morning Gilds the Skies

1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, my heart a-wak-ing
2 Does sad-ness fill my mind? A so-lace here I
3 Let earth’s wide cir-cle round in joy-ful notes re-
4 Be this, while life is mine, my can-ti-ble di-

cries: may Je-sus Christ be praised! A-
find: may Je-sus Christ be praised! Or
sound: may Je-sus Christ be praised! Let
vine: may Je-sus Christ be praised! Be

like at work and prayer to Je-sus I re-
fades my earth-ly bliss? My com-fort still is
air and sea and sky from depth to height re-
this the e-ter-nal song through all the a-ges

pair: may Je-sus Christ be praised!
this: may Je-sus Christ be praised!
ply: may Je-sus Christ be praised!
long: may Je-sus Christ be praised!

This is not just a morning hymn, though this excerpt from an English translation of an early 19th-century German text may not convey how thoroughly the original deals with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed as a setting for this English text.

TEXT: German hymn, c. 1800; trans. Edward Caswall, 1853, 1858, alt.
MUSIC: Joseph Barnby, 1868