First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood

10:00 A.M.
Sunday, May 31, 2020
Day of Pentecost

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Welcome and Announcements

Organ Prelude

“Psalm 138”
Emma Lou Diemer

We Address Ourselves to God

Call to Worship
inspired by Psalm 104

Leader: O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

People: May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works.

Leader: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

People: May our meditations be pleasing to him,
for we rejoice in the Lord.

Leader: Let our souls bless the Lord.
Let us praise the Lord!

Hymn
“Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”
Hymn No. 280

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (The people joining)
God of empowering presence, you give the gifts of your Holy Spirit to each of us. You empower us to speak goodness. You encourage us to share our gifts with those in need. You equip us for understanding and compassion. Forgive us for all the ways we deny your presence at the core of who we are. Forgive us for not sharing the gifts you have given us. Forgive us our sin. Give us a sure sense of your presence deep in our hearts and continue to invite us into service. In Jesus’ name 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 2:1-21
Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 119

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

Solo

“Holy Spirit, Flame and Fire” Deborah Governor

Holy Spirit, Flame and Fire, Comforter Divine: fill our hearts with true devotion, make us wholly Thine.

Sun of splendor, Blaze of glory, Dawn of God’s design: light our darkness with Your brightness,

make Your glory on us shine, Holy Spirit, Light Divine.

Holy Spirit, Peace and Presence, Source of power and love, Lord of mercy, God of pardon, Heaven descended Dove,

Life unending, Joy overflowing, Gifts of boundless love: with compassion lead Your people;

Send your comfort from above, Holy Spirit, Lord and Love.

Holy Spirit, Guide and Guardian, Font of wondrous grace: grant that we may feel You near in every time and place.

Intercessor, faith renewing God of time and space, lead us so to live in You that we may see our Father’s face,


Second Reading
I Corinthians 12:3-13
Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 174

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

Sermon

“A Symphony of Gifts” The Rev. Dr. David Holyan

We Respond to God’s Word

Hymn

“Spirit of the Living God” Hymn No. 288
please sing twice

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

“Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit” Hall Johnson

Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
On the mountain my Lord spoke, out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
In the valley, on my knees, ask my Lord have mercy, please.
Jordan’s river; chilly and cold, chills the body but not the soul.
All around me look so shine, ask my Lord if all was mine.
Ain’t but one train on this track, runs to Heaven and runs right back.
Saint Peter’s waiting at the gate says, “Come on, sinner, don’t be late.”
Prayer of Dedication

We Depart to Serve the Lord

Hymn

“Come Down, O Love Divine”  Hymn No. 282

Benediction

Organ Postlude

“Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”  Charles Ore

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

Music Ministry:

Debra Hillabrand, soloist;
Travis Evans, Music Associate

Live Stream Host:  Ron Evens

Thank you for worshipping with us.

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1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
2 Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
4 Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time;

hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

This text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound.

TEXT: Matthew Bridges, 1851
MUSIC: George Job Elvey, 1868
If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee 816

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hopeful heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, what-e'er be

2 On-ly be still, and wait God's leisure in cheerful hope, with heart content to take what-e'er thy Keep-er's own part faith-ful-ly. Trust the rich prom-is-es of tide thee, to bear thee through the evil days. Who trusts in plea-sure and all-dis-cern-ing love hath sent. No doubt our grace; so shall they be ful-filled in thee. God nev-er

3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine God's un-chang-ing love builds on the rock that nought can move. in-most wants are clear to One who holds us al-ways dear. yet for-sook at need the soul se- cured by trust in-deed.

This hymn is a testimony of experience. The original seven-stanza German text (based on Psalm 55:22) and its tune were created by the author/composer at the age of twenty in thanksgiving for finding employment many weeks after being left almost penniless following a robbery.

TEXT: Georg Neumark, 1641; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1855, 1863, alt. WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT
MUSIC: Georg Neumark, 1641 9.8.8.8.8
Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun

1 Jesus shall reign where’er the sun does its

cessive journeys run; his kingdom stretch from

2 To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises

throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per-

3 People and realms of every tongue dwell on his

love with sweetest song, and infant voices

4 Blessings abound where’er he reigns: the prisoners

leap to loose their chains; the weary find ease

5 Let every creature rise and bring honors per-

culiar to our King; angels descend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume, shall rise with every morning sacrifice.
shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.
ter nal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.
songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen!

This hymn is a classic example of how Isaac Watts Christianized the Psalms, in this case Psalm 72:5-19, by turning their messianic language to New Testament equivalents. The tune was at first nameless and anonymous, but is now called by the address of the supposed composer.