First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood

10:00 A.M.
Sunday, August 16, 2020
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome and Announcements

Organ Prelude               Fanfare on “Crucifer”                Paul Manz

We Address Ourselves to God

Call to Worship             based on Psalm 67

Leader:  May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Selah,
People:  that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.
Leader:  Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
        Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.
People:  Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
Leader:  For God, our God, has blessed us. let all the ends of the earth revere God.
        Let us worship God, the God of all of creation.

Hymn

“Lift High the Cross”       Hymn No. 826

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (The people joining)

Holy One, our Creator, you have created us all as your children. Yet there are too many times when referring to others, we say them instead of us, me instead of we. We find ourselves uncomfortable with those who are different. Help us open our hearts and minds to new possibilities, to work together for the good of your kingdom. Help us seek out the ways we are alike rather than dwelling on what makes us different so that we can find common ground and purpose. We pray these things in the name of your son who is our Lord. 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
Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Solo
He That Keepeth Israel
He that keepeth Israel slumbers not nor sleeps. He will give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. Put thy trust in Him and call upon Him, for His ears are open unto thy prayers.

Second Reading
Romans 11:1-2, 29-32
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon
“Open Invitation”
The Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard

We Respond to God’s Word

Hymn
“Help Us Accept Each Other”
Hymn No. 754

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
“Come Unto Him”
text: Frederick Martens
music: James Dunn

All ye who wander, wearied and distressed, all ye whose souls are sad and care oppressed.
All ye who dread the falling of the night, come unto Him whose love makes all things right.
All ye who mourn, whose grief is unconsol’d, all ye whose tale of tears is never told,
All ye whose ills no human help can cure, come unto Him, whose loving aid is sure.
All ye who dwell in fear of what may be, all ye who dare not voice afflictions plea,
All ye who anguish, hopeless in your sin, come unto Him whose love will take ye in.

Prayer of Dedication
**We Depart to Serve the Lord**

**Hymn**

“There's A Wideness In God's Mercy”  
Hymn No. 455

**Benediction**

**Organ Postlude**

Voluntary on “In Babilone”  
Paul Manz

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

**Music Ministry:**  
Anthony Heinemann, soloist  
Bill Stein, Director of Music Ministries

**Live Stream Host:**  
Gary Hepp

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**Thank you for worshipping with us.**

If you are interested in being on our email list to receive information on the life of the church, please email Paula at paulab@kirkwoodpres.org
Lift High the Cross

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
2 All new-born servants of the Crucified
3 Oh Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:

the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.
your death has brought us life eternally.
praise to the Crucified for victory.

This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at Baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever.


CRUCIFER

10.10 with refrain

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Help Us Accept Each Other

1. Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
2. Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
3. Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
4. Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,

Teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace,
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
in living situations to do the truth in love;
who hunger for acceptance, for justice and for bread.

Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to practice your acceptance until we know by heart:
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on:

we are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.
the table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us; make us one!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The scriptural basis of this text is Romans 15:7, recast as a prayer in the opening two lines of the first stanza. The many implications of living as people who have been accepted by Christ fill the remaining stanzas. This tune was composed for the first publication of this text.

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MUSIC: Darrin Potter, 1974
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BARONITA 7.6.7.6.D
1 There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea. There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

2 For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind. And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word, and our lives re-

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.