First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood

10:00 A.M.
Sunday, August 23, 2020
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome and Announcements

Organ Prelude

“Aria”

Jan Bender

We Address Ourselves to God

inspired by Psalm 124

Call to Worship

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

People: The Lord blesses us.
The Lord keeps us.

Leader: No more shall we be caught.
We are free to be the people of God.

People: The Lord is our protection.
The Lord is our strength.

Leader: We call upon your name, O Lord,
in our times of trouble and distress.

People: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

Leader: The Lord is our salvation!
Let us worship the Lord!

Hymn

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Hymn No. 14

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (The people joining)

God of transforming power, you continue to gift us all for service. Your grace empowers us to do good in the world. Forgive us for all the ways we conform to the powers of the world. Forgive us for allowing ourselves to be distracted by the worries of life. Forgive our sin. Continue to call forth our gifts. Continue to be at work in our hearts. Continue to empower our efforts to love you and our neighbors. 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
Matthew 16:13-20
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Solo
“For the Mountains Shall Depart”
Felix Mendelssohn

For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed;
but Thy loving kindness shall not depart from me;
neither shall the covenant of Thy peace be removed.

Second Reading
Romans 12:1-8
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon
“Embodying Our Faith”
The Rev. Dr. David Holyan

We Respond to God's Word

Hymn
“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”
Hymn No. 716

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
“The Beatitudes”
Albert H. Malotte

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
       Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
       Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
       Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness:
       for they shall be filled.

Prayer of Dedication
We Depart to Serve the Lord

Hymn
“Rejoice, the Lord is King!”
Hymn No. 363

Benediction

Organ Postlude
“Fanfare”

Lynn Trapp

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

Music Ministry:
Tom Lowery, soloist
Travis Evans, Music Associate

Live Stream Host:
Frank Darr

Thank you for worshiping with us.

If you would like to be on our email list to receive information on the life of the congregation, please email Paula at paulab@kirkwoodpres.org
For the Beauty of the Earth

1 For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
2 For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind’s de-light,
4 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
5 For thy-self, best gift di-vine to the world so free-ly given;

for the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies:
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
for the mys-tic har-mo-ny link-ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild:
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

1 God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store, nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and freedom, races grace conferred: ours to use for home and kindred, and to end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

2 Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly spread the gospel word. O - pen wide our hands in cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn to you, offering up our - selves in praise: thank - ful song shall la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents, shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing, rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days. make us serv - ants fit to an - swer at your throne and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.
Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
2. Our Savior, Jesus, reigns, the God of truth and love;
3. His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
4. Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

and gather all the saints to their eternal home.

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given.
and gather all the saints to their eternal home.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Each stanza of this enthronement text prepares for the final line of the refrain, based on Philippians 4:4.
“Lord” is here a title of Christ rather than a reference to the undivided Trinity. The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) captures the mood well.