First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood

11:00 A.M.
Sunday, September 27, 2020
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome and Announcements

Organ Prelude  “Sinfonia” (Cantata No. 106)  JS Bach

We Address Ourselves to God

Call to Worship

Leader:  O sing to the Lord a new song;
People:  Sing to the Lord all the earth.
Leader:  Sing to the Lord, bless God’s holy name;
People:  Tell of God's salvation from day to day.
Leader:  For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.
        Let us worship God.

Hymn  “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”  Hymn No. 475

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (The people joining)

Gracious and loving God, you summon us to hear your affirmation of love and grace that you extend to us and to all people. You ask us to trust in that love. And in response you call us to righteous living—to do justice, to love kindness and mercy, to walk humbly with you. Too often we ignore your call and fall short. We fail to create justice in our lives and society, to extend mercy and kindness to others, to walk in this life with clear eyes and humble vision. Give us strength and courage to respond to your way. In Jesus's 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
Philippians 2:1-13
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Solo
"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"
arr. Luigi Zaninelli

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.
Let the water and the blood, from Thy wounded side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure, save from wrath and make me pure.
Not the labors of my hand can fulfill Thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

Second Reading
Matthew 21:23-32
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon
"Authority"
The Rev. Dr. Tom Glenn

We Respond to God's Word

Hymn
"Fairest Lord Jesus"
Hymn No. 650

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.

Minute for Stewardship
Art McDonnell

Offertory Sentences

Offertory Solo
"Into Thy Hand" (Cantata No. 106)
JS Bach

Into Thy hands I commit my spirit, for Thou hast redeemed me, Lord God, of love and truth.

Prayer of Dedication

We Depart to Serve the Lord

Hymn
"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"
Hymn No. 265
Benediction

Organ Postlude  
“Allegro”  
JS Bach

Worship Leaders:  
The Rev. Dr. Tom Glenn, Parish Associate  
The Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard, Associate Pastor

Music Ministry:  
Debra Hillabrand, soloist  
Bill Stein, Director of Music Ministries

Live Stream Host:  
Ron Evens

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

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
On October 4th we will observe World Communion Sunday. This is the day when churches all around the world recognize what we hold in common in Jesus Christ, the gift of the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. In the midst of this pandemic time we realize that we will be observing this sacrament a bit differently than usual. As Presbyterians we call upon and trust in the presence of Christ being with us in spirit. We can trust in that spirit to be present to us as we commune across the miles. We invite you to prepare to share in this meal together by obtaining elements (bread and juice or wine) for that Sunday. Jesus took these common elements used in the Passover meal, the bread and cup available to all people and shared them with new understanding. We will trust in the presence of the spirit in the Prayer of Thanksgiving to consecrate all of our elements as we share in this holy meal together. Please join us as we share in this time of fellowship and nourishment in both body and spirit.

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES
* 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

* Join us for a Zoom Bible study on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am. The study will focus on Esther and Ruth. In order to receive emails of the materials and a Zoom invitation, please contact Karen Blanchard at kblanchard@kirkwoodpres.org.

* On October 4 at 9am, Rueben Rosario, a professor from SLU, will begin a series on Apologetics: The Art of Defending Christian Beliefs. These classes will be presented online via Zoom invitation and will be recorded as well. If you have not yet received a confirmation email and would like to be on the invitation list for Zoom for this class, or any Sunday morning Christian Concern class that will be held on Zoom, please email your name and email address to Karen at kblanchard@kirkwoodpres.org.

* The Men’s Saturday Morning Bible Study Group meets at 11am on Saturday mornings. Contact Tim Morrison at timothy.lee.morrison@gmail.com to be added to the Zoom invitation list.
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475

1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
3 O to grace how great a debt—dail y I'm con-strained to be!

streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise the mount! I'm fixed on it, mount of God's unchanging love!
hes, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God’s assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

TEXT: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt.
MUSIC: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813
ADORATION

630  Fairest Lord Jesus

1 Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all
2 Fair are the meadows, fairer still the
3 Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the
4 Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the

nature, O thou of God to earth come
woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of
moonlight, and all the twinkling, stary
nations, Son of God and Son of

down, thee will I cherish, thee will I
spring, Jesus is fairer; Jesus is
host. Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines
Man! Glory and honor, praise, ador-

honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
purifier, who makes the woeful heart to sing.
purifier, than all the angels heaven can boast.
ration, now and forever more be thine!

Franz Liszt used this melody for a "Crusaders' March" in an oratorio, but this hymn had nothing to do with the Crusades. No record of the German text exists before the middle of the 17th century or of the Silesian folk melody before the first half of the 19th century.

TEXT: Münster Gesangbuch, 1677; stanzas 1–3, trans. Church Chorals and Choir Studies, 1850, alt.; CRUSADERS' HYMN

MUSIC: Silesian folk melody; Schlesische Volkslieder, 1842
263 All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!

Descant

1 All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
2 Ye chosen seed of Israel’s race, ye ransomed from the fall,
3 Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball
4 O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlastling song, and crown him Lord of all!

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This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1795, which was written for it.