

# FLORISSANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 14, 2020

10:15 AM

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Welcome! We are so happy to have you join us in-person, on Facebook live, or outside in our drive-in for worship today. If you are participating in our drive-in-service, please tune your FM receiver to the 107.9 station and you will be able to hear in stereo from inside your car.

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

### HYMN: Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path  
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path

When I feel afraid  
And think I've lost my way  
Still, you're there right beside me  
Nothing will I fear  
As long as you are near;  
Please be near me to the end

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path  
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path

I will not forget  
Your love for me and yet  
My heart forever is wandering  
Jesus by my guide  
And hold me to your side  
And I will love you to the end

Nothing will I fear  
As long as you are near;  
Please be near me to the end

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path  
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path  
And a light unto my path  
You're the light unto my path

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19)

One: I love the LORD, because God has heard my voice and my supplications.

**Many: Because God inclined God's ear to me, therefore I will call on God as long as I live.**

One: What shall I return to the LORD for all God's bounty to me?

**Many: I will lift-up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people.**

One: Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.

**Many: O LORD, I am Your servant; I am Your servant, the child of Your serving-maid. You have loosed my bonds.**

One: I will offer to You a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.

**Many: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people, in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.**

**All: Praise the LORD!**

**OPENING PRAYER Unison**

We, the people of Your Church, come to claim the promise of Your faithfulness. In Your faithfulness, we find complete wholeness. In Your promises, we gain assuring trust. In Your love, we are healed and embraced by an eternal salvation. Raise up your voices, people of God, that we may

rejoice that our faith brings empowerment and strength, through Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

**HYMN:** Fairest Lord Jesus

1. Fairest Lord Jesus,  
Ruler of all nature,  
O thou of God to earth come down,  
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,  
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
2. Fair are the meadows,  
fairer still the woodlands,  
robed in the blooming garb of spring.  
Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer,  
who makes the woeful heart to sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine,  
fairer still the moonlight,  
and all the twinkling, starry host.  
Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer,  
than all the angels heaven can boast.
4. Beautiful Savior,  
Ruler of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION Unison**

Save us, Holy God, from the hurtful consequences of our sin. We look for meaning in all the shallow places and try to hide our lack of faithfulness in deep shadows. We look for power in all the wrong places and waste our energy in selfish conflicts and human hypocrisy. Have mercy upon us, Lord Jesus, and wipe away our wrong doing and wash away our transgressions with the eternal power of the Cross. Amen

*Time for silent, personal prayer*

## **PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (all sing) # 582**

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen. (x 3)  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7**

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?' The LORD said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?" Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will

return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.’ But Sarah denied, saying, ‘I did not laugh’; for she was afraid. He said, ‘Oh yes, you did laugh.’

The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, ‘God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.’ And she said, ‘Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.’

### **Matthew 9:35-10:16**

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.’

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: ‘Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, “The kingdom of heaven has come near.” Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy,

let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgement than for that town. 'See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.

**SERMON:** Serpents and Doves

**HYMN:** Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]
3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Sharing Joys & Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer

## **OFFERTORY/ANTHEM**

## **DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below:  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER Unison**

For Your steadfast love and faithfulness, we are truly grateful. In this time of worship, we dedicate this offering and ourselves to be used according to Your purpose. Amen.

## **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HYMN:** Lord, Make Us More Holy

1. Lord, make us more holy;  
Lord, make us more holy;  
Lord, make us more holy,  
until we meet again:  
holy, holy, holy,  
until we meet again.
2. Lord, make us more loving;  
Lord, make us more loving;  
Lord, make us more loving,  
until we meet again:  
loving, loving, loving,  
until we meet again.
3. Lord, make us more patient;  
Lord, make us more patient;  
Lord, make us more patient,  
until we meet again:  
patient, patient, patient,  
until we meet again.
4. Lord, make us more faithful;  
Lord, make us more faithful;

Lord, make us more faithful,  
until we meet again:  
faithful, faithful, faithful,  
until we meet again.

## **CHARGE and BLESSING**

## **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**May the Lord, mighty Lord, bless and keep you forever.  
Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor  
Lift your eyes and see his face and his grace forever.  
May the Lord, mighty Lord, bless and keep you forever.**

## **POSTLUDE**



Georgiana's brother, Richard, who is with Hospice

Jon, Bill, Marilyn, Mike, Doris, Carol, Sara, Pamela, Georgiana, Mary's brother, Barb's son-in-law Cliff, Sue's friend Lill, Ruth and her great grandson, Sue and her brothers-in-law Jeff and Shawn and her sister Lynn.