

FLORISSANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 16, 2020

10:15 AM

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.

PRELUDE

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

HYMN: Open the Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You
To see You high and lifted up
Shinin' in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy I want to see You
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As we sing holy, holy, holy I want to see You

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Psalm 67)

One: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make God's face to shine upon us.

Many: That Your way may be known upon earth, Your saving power among all nations.

One: Let the peoples praise You, O God.

Many: Let all the peoples praise You.

One: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Many: Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You. The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

All: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere the Lord.

OPENING PRAYER Unison

Loving God, we kneel in humility before You. From our many lives and many differing locations, join us together as one in faithfulness and infuse us with the power to always trust You. Open our hearts, minds and souls to receive Your teaching and open our hands to do Your healing work. Help us to be united in our worship so that Your love remains the foundation of our life as children of God. Amen.

HYMN: You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

1. You servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad Christ's wonderful name.
The name all victorious of Jesus extol,
whose kingdom is glorious, who rules over all.
2. Ascended on high, almighty to save,
he still remains nigh; his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.
3. "Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.
4. Then let us adore and give him his right:
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,

all honor and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Unison

O Lord of Infinite Love, our indifference shames Your Church, and hurts our brothers and sisters in Christ. We have been one sided in our judgments and we have dealt harshly with friends. We have taken advantage of strangers and immigrants for our own profit. We do not like ourselves this way and we need Your amazing grace to change. Christ Jesus, we confess we long for Your transforming Love to reshape us in newness of life and to mold us in discipleship so that we may grow into faithful followers to our risen Lord.

Time for silent, personal prayer

PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (all sing)

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

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus, says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant— these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus, says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Matthew 15: 10-28

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.'

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

SERMON: Table Scraps

HYMN: Help Us Accept Each Other

1. Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.
2. Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all not just for some,

to love them as we find them or as they may be come.

3. Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved in living situations to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance until we know by heart the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.
4. Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need, who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread, we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on: renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

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

We rejoice in Your gifts, O God and are amazed at Your love poured out for us. Make us faithful stewards as we reach out with servant hands and trusting hearts to a needy world. Amen

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE and ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN: Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!
3. The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.
4. Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.
5. When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

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