

FLORISSANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 23, 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

Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy, I want to see You

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Psalm 138)

One: I give You thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing Your praise; I bow down towards Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness; for You have exalted Your name and Your word above everything.

Many: On the day I called, You answered me, You increased my strength of soul.

One: All the kings of the earth shall praise You, O LORD, for they have heard the words of Your mouth.

Many: They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

One: For though the LORD is high, God regards the lowly; but the haughty God perceives from far away.

Many: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; You stretch out Your hand, and Your right hand delivers me.

All: The LORD will fulfill God's purpose for me; Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of Your hands.

OPENING PRAYER Unison

As we gather online, in our cars, and at a safe social-distance for worship, God of the Universe, build into our hearts a fortress of faithfulness. Help us to use our talents and gifts to strengthen each other as we all faithfully face the challenges and the trials of life. Today, Lord Jesus, open our eyes, attune our ears, and sharpen our minds so that we may know and confess Your everlasting care upon us. Amen.

HYMN: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1. A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing.
Our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.
2. Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he.
Lord Sabaoth his name,

from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

3. And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,
we tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure.
One little word shall fell him.

4. That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also.
The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still.
His kingdom is forever!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Unison

God of Love, we cry out for Your forgiveness. We have made choices that hurt others, ourselves, and You. We try to hide what we have done and also cover-up what we have left undone. Christ's condemnation is what we deserve, but Jesus loves us and calls us back through grace to serve in discipleship. O Gracious God, deliver us in our brokenness through Christ's forgiveness and empower us to proclaim the message of Your never-ending salvation to our world. Amen

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 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

SERMON: Transformed and Renewed

HYMN: I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1. I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
2. I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
3. I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
4. I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

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 providing so abundantly, God, we thank You. Accept us as we are and then lift us toward the way of grateful and thankful living. Today, we offer with our gifts our renewed obedience to Your way of service, sacrifice, and love. Amen

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE and ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN: Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

1. Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav'lers on the road. We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night time of your fear. I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.
5. When we sing to god in heaven, we shall find such harmony, born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.
6. Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

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