

FLORISSANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 17, 2020

6th Sunday of Easter

10:15-30 AM

Welcome! We are pleased to have you join us for our drive-in worship today.

PRELUDE

Call to Worship: (Psalm 66:8-20)

One: Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.

Many: For You, O God, have tested us; You have tried us as silver is tried.

One: You brought us into the net; You laid burdens on our backs; You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet You have brought us out to a spacious place.

Many: I will come into your house with burnt-offerings; I will pay You my vows, those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

One: I will offer to You burnt-offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats.

Many: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what God has done for me.

One: I cried aloud to God, and God was extolled with my tongue.

Many: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; God has given heed to the words of my prayer.

All: Blessed be God, because God has not rejected my prayer or removed God's steadfast love from me.

Opening Prayer:

Come, Holy Spirit and claim us anew as Your own. As we gather at safe distances, unite our minds, our hearts and our lives in You, Heavenly Father. Inspire us through the wonder of creation so that our worship and praise may give glory to Jesus in new and exciting ways. Let all that we do give glory to our Creator, the Christ, and the Spirit. Amen.

Hymn: Morning Has Broken

1. Morning has broken
Like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken
Like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
Fresh from the Word!

2. Sweet the rain's new fall
Sunlit from Heaven,
Like the first dewfall
On the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
Of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness
Where his feet pass.

3. Mine is the sunlight,
Mine is the morning,
Born of the one light
Eden saw play.
Praise with elation,
Praise every morning,
God's re-creation
Of the new day!

Scripture: Acts 17:22-31, John 14:15-21

Acts 17:22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.” Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

John 14:15-21

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’

Sermon: Not by Human Hands

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hymn: God of the Sparrow

1. God of the sparrow
God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise

2. God of the earthquake
God of the storm
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe
How does the creature cry Save

3. God of the rainbow
God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks

4. God of the hungry
God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life

5. God of the neighbor
God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace

6. God of the ages
God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home

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.