

FLORISSANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 24, 2020

7th Sunday of Easter

10:15 AM

Welcome! We are so happy to have you join us for our drive-in worship today. Please tune your FM receiver to the designated station and you will be able to hear the service in stereo.

PRELUDE

Call to Worship: (Psalm 68)

One: Let God rise-up, let God's enemies be scattered; let those who hate God flee. As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God.

Many: But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy. Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; lift-up a song to God who rides upon the clouds— God's name is the LORD— be exultant before God.

One: Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in God's holy habitation.

Many: God gives the desolate a home to live in; God leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land.

One: O God, when You went out before Your people, when You marched through the wilderness, the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

Many: Rain in abundance, O God, You showered abroad; You restored Your heritage when it languished; Your flock found a dwelling in it; in Your goodness, O God, You provided for the needy.

One: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord, O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens; listen, God sends out God's voice, God's mighty voice.

Many: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; and whose power is in the skies. Awesome is God in God's sanctuary, the God of Israel; God gives power and strength to God's people.

All: Blessed be God!

OPENING PRAYER

For a glimpse of Your Holiness, Almighty God, we come together to worship surrounded by the beauty and wonder of creation. Although we are safely distanced in our cars and cautiously isolated at home, we still find meaning and purpose in gathering as one people in the Household of God. Lord Jesus, reveal Yourself to each of us today, that there may be a new strength and a unity of spirit within and among us as we push into the future with faith and service. Amen.

Hymn: Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1. Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!
2. Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?
3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen
sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.

Scripture: Acts 1:6-14, John 17:1-11

Acts 1:6-14

So, when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem,

in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

John 17:1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, ‘Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ‘I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

SERMON: To Be One

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hymn: Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Refrain:

Swing low, sweet chariot,
coming for to carry me home.

Swing low, sweet chariot,
coming for to carry me home.

1. I looked over Jordan, and what did I see
coming for to carry me home?
A band of angels coming after me,
coming for to carry me home. O, [Refrain]
2. If you get there before I do,
coming for to carry me home,
tell all my friends I'm coming too,
coming for to carry me home. O, [Refrain]
3. The brightest day that ever I saw,
coming for to carry me home,
when Jesus washed my sins away,
coming for to carry me home. O, [Refrain]
4. I'm sometimes up and sometimes down,
coming for to carry me home,
but still my soul feels heavenly bound,
coming for to carry me home. O, [Refrain]

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.