

FLORISSANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 21, 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: Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet

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

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And a light unto my path
You're the light unto my path

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Psalm 86: 1-10, 16-17)

One: Incline Your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

Many: Preserve my life, for I am devoted to You; save Your servant who trusts in You. You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord, for to You do I cry all day long.

One: Gladden the soul of Your servant, for to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Many: For You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on You.

One: Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication.

Many: In the day of my trouble I call on You, for You will answer me. There is none like You among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like Yours.

One: All the nations You have made shall come and bow down before You, O Lord, and shall glorify Your name.

Many: For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to Your servant; save the child of Your serving-maid.

All: Show me a sign of Your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame, because You, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

OPENING PRAYER Unison

Covenanting God, we lift our praise to You. All creation is Yours, but we gather in our church, in our cars, and live-online as the people of Your church. We ask once more to remember Your promises and to recognize Your faithfulness. We aspire to be more like Jesus and rise above the limitations of our doubts, so lift us beyond ourselves into the true power of our call to discipleship. Amen

HYMN: To God Be the Glory

1. To God be the glory; great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory: great things he has done!

2. Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Unison

Merciful God, come into the heart of our sinfulness and pride and lead us away from our selfish ways towards the path of trust and patience. We confess that we have preferred our own ways and setting our own worth, rather than to believe that you are using us and that we are all of great value to You. Holy Spirit, we do not want to continue our sinful and prideful ways; Forgive us today and change our lives through God's loving forgiveness. 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

Matthew 10:24-39

'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. 'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than

me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

SERMON: A Sparrow's Value

HYMN: Why Should I Feel Discouraged?

1. Why should I feel discouraged?
Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely
and long for heaven and home,
when Jesus is my portion?
My constant friend is he:
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.

Refrain:

I sing because I'm happy, (I'm happy)
I sing because I'm free, (I'm free)
for his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.

2. "Let not your heart be troubled,"
his tender word I hear,
and resting on his goodness,
I lose my doubts and fears;
though by the path he leadeth
but one step I may see:
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me. [Refrain]

3. Whenever I am tempted,
whenever clouds arise,
when song gives place to sighing,
when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to him,
from care he sets me free:
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me. [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

Lord Jesus, through the sharing of these gifts and offerings, use our faithful obedience to accomplish good works in our world. Help us to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with You all our days. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

POSTLUDE



Prayers for Georgiana and her family with the passing of her brother Richard.

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.

