

FLORISSANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 2, 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

1. 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

2. 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

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

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Psalm 145: 8-9,14-21)

One: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Many: The LORD is good to all, and God's compassion is over all that God has made.

One: The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

Many: The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food in due season.

One: You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

Many: The LORD is just in all God's ways, and kind in all the LORD's doings. The LORD is near to all who call on God, to all who call on God in truth.

One: God fulfills the desire of all who fear the LORD; God also hears their cry, and saves them.

Many: The LORD watches over all who love God, but all the wicked God will destroy.

All: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and all flesh will bless God's holy name forever and ever.

OPENING PRAYER Unison

As Your caring presence is always before us, O God, help us in our time of isolation and social distancing to know that You surround us with love and expectant hope. May Your vision of community remind us that we live each and every day under the blessed promises that in faith You have made us Your own people. Assure us once more that we are not alone and that You never abandon us, but that we dwell secure in Your steadfast love and our hope in You. Amen

HYMN: Here in This Place

1. Here in this place, new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away.
See, in this space, our fears and our dreaming's,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in - the lost and forsaken,
gather us in - the blind and the lame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2. We are the young - our lives are a mystery,
we are the old - who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in - the rich and the haughty,
gather us in - the proud and the strong.
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

3. Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you.
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place, the new light is shining;
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in - and hold us forever,
gather us in - and make us your own.
Gather us in - all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Unison

Lord, forgive our indifferent to the suffering of others and our skeptical views of how we can help. We fail to share the joy and inner confidence of resurrection people and doubt that it really matters whether we follow Jesus' way of loving our neighbor as ourselves. We pursue our own selfish desires, live in our lonely fears and resist the guiding of the Holy Spirit toward mission and service. Turn us, O God, away from selfish worries and fears and toward the certainty of Your eternal faith, love and hope. 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 READINGS

Genesis 32:22-31

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So, he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So, Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is

preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

SERMON: Limping Toward God's Future

HYMN: When We Are Tested

1. When we are tested and wrestle alone,
famished for bread when the world offers stone,
nourish us, God, by your word and your way,
food that sustains us by night and by day.
2. When in the desert we cry for relief,
pleading for paths marked by certain belief,
lift us to love you beyond sign and test,
trusting your presence, our only true rest.
3. When we are tempted to barter our souls,
trading the truth for power to control,
teach us to worship and praise only you,
seeking your will in the work that we do.
4. When we have struggled and searched through the night,
sorting and sifting the wrong from the right,
Savior, surround us with circles of care,

angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.

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, we rejoice in the opportunity to return the love You have given us. Let us rededicate ourselves to You with the offering of our time, talents and possessions for our ill, broken and troubled world. Amen

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE and ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN: For the Bread Which You Have Broken

1. For the bread which you have broken,
for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken,
now we give you thanks, O Lord.
2. By this pledge that you do love us,
by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heaven above us,
hallow all our lives, O Lord.
3. With our sainted ones in glory
seated at the heavenly board,
may the church that's waiting for you

keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

4. In your service, Lord, defend us,
in our hearts keep watch and ward;
in the world where you have sent us,
let your kingdom come, O Lord.

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