

FLORISSANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 9, 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
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To see You high and lifted up
Shinin' in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
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CALL TO WORSHIP: (Psalm 85)

ONE: LORD, You were favorable to Your land; You restored the fortunes of Jacob.

Many: You forgave the iniquity of Your people; You pardoned all their sin.

ONE: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for God will speak peace to God's people, to God's faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.

Many: Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who fear the LORD, that the LORD's glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

ONE: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

Many: The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

All: Righteousness will go before God, and will make a path for the LORD's steps.

OPENING PRAYER Unison

God Almighty, In faith we gather to worship and praise You. When we have been afraid, and exhausted all our strength, You have supported and sustained us with Your steadfast faithfulness. Whether we are in our cars, on-line or in the pews, bring us together to give thanks for the good news of Your unconditional love and to step out into the future with trust in our unity through Christ Jesus. Amen

HYMN: Eternal Father Strong to Save

1. Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.
2. O Savior, whose almighty word
the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep,
and calm amid its rage did sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.
3. O Holy Spirit, who did brood
upon the chaos wild and rude,
and bade its angry tumult cease,

and gave, for fierce confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

4. O Trinity of love and power,
all travelers guard in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad praise from air and land and sea.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Unison

When we feel as though we have lost faith in ourselves, only then do we begin to recognize the little faith we have put in Christ Jesus. O God, we forget you when life is smooth and calm, but we urgently cry out for your help when the rough patches make us fear for our lives and turbulence sends our emotions out of control. We find that we usually rely more on our fear instincts than on our faith. In Your mercy, Lord, speak to our lives so as to bring peace to our chaos, patience to our anxiety, forgiveness to our anger, and trust to our doubts. With your grace, let us take the first step to become people of faith rather than fear. 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

1 Kings 19:9-13

At that place, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

He said to Elijah, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah

Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

SERMON: To Step Out

HYMN: Jesus Calls Us

1. Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth
saying, "Christian, follow me."

2. Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."

3. In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

4. Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thy obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.

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

We come to step out in faith and to ask God's blessing on all our efforts. Lord Jesus, lead us in our journey through the Spirit's love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Bless, we pray, the work of these gifts. Amen

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE and ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1. My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;

I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness seems to hide his face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]
3. His oath, his covenant, his blood
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]
4. When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne. [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.

POSTLUDE