

FLORISSANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 27, 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: Rain Down

Rain down; Rain down; Rain down your love on your people
Rain down; Rain down; Rain down your love, God of life

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Psalm 25:1-9)

One: To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

Many: O my God, in You I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

One: Do not let those who wait for You be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Many: Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.

One: Lead me in Your truth, and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all day long.

Many: Be mindful of Your mercy, O LORD, and of Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

One: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for Your goodness' sake, O LORD!

Many: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore, God instructs sinners in the way.

All: God leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble God's way.

OPENING PRAYER Unison

From generation to generation we have proclaimed that Jesus Christ is Lord of all, and today we come seeking understandings we can only find through both His majesty and humility. We wonder what does life hold for us and how can we walk more humbly, yet confidently serving others and praising God. Jesus, help us to faithfully follow You and take hold of us with Your mighty love and humble example. Amen.

HYMN: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!

2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!

3. Let every kindred, every tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!

4. O that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Unison

Lord Jesus, we confess that we have not listened to your words of acceptance or given any of our attention to Your example in humility. We want life on our own best terms and to play lord over our own time and future. We have not wanted to accept Jesus' call to humility and we have not trusted Your Spirit leads to a greater strength through service. Forgive us, God, and strengthen us for faith, following, and trusting that Jesus humbled himself and came into our world for us. 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

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Matthew 21:23-32

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So, they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you; the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe

him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

SERMON: Highly Exalted Humility

SPECIAL MUSICAL OFFERINGS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sharing Joys & Concerns
Pastoral Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE and ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.

Refrain

Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbors are near us and far away.

Refrain

These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love,
all these are neighbors to us and you.

Refrain

Loving puts us on our knees,
silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you.

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