

FLORISSANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 14, 2021

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
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
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

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 50:1-6)

One: The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Many: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

One: Our God comes and does not keep silence, before God is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around God.

Many: God calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that God may judge God's people: 'Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!'

All: The heavens declare God's righteousness, for God himself is judge.

OPENING PRAYER Unison

Transform us by the mystery of Your Amazing Grace so that our lives may reflect Your glory. Help us to prepare to receive the revelations Your Word has for each of our lives today. Even though we are at safe distances, in our cars and online at home, we acknowledge our need to give you praise and worship, so let us this morning open our hearts together in Your presence. By our unity through the Holy Spirit, may we affirm Your wondrous claim on our lives as disciples of Jesus. Amen.

HYMN: When Morning Gilds the Skies

1. When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awaking cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer
to Jesus I repair:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

2. Does sadness fill my mind?
A solace here I find:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss?
My comfort still is this:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

3. Let earth's wide circle round
in joyful notes resound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky
from depth to height reply:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

4. Be this, while life is mine,
my canticle divine:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song
through all the ages long:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Unison

We admit, O God, that we are blessed by Your glorious presence in the Spirit, but we fail to let the Spirit transform us. We come expecting the unsurprising and are blind to Your in-breaking revelation. We come seeking the predictable and are deaf to the creativity of Your Word. We come clinging to the ordinary and are muted to Your uplifting and life-changing Spirit. Lord, change our hearts that we may come today desiring to truly be transformed by Your presence in praise and worship. Amen

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)

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SCRIPTURE

2 Kings 2:1-12

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So, they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So, they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So, the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Mark 9:2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his

clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

SERMON: Carried Away

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: 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.
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POSTLUDE



Jean, Trish, Jon, Marilyn, Doris, Carol, Sara, Pamela, Georgiana and her brother Garry, Mary's brother, Barb's son-in-law Cliff, Sue's friend Lill, Ruth and her great grandson, Sue and her brother-in-law Shaw and her sister Lynn.