# FLORISSANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**February 7, 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 147:1-11,20)

One: Praise the LORD!

Many: How good it is to sing praises to our God; for God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

One: The LORD builds up Jerusalem; The LORD gathers the outcasts of Israel.

Many: God heals the broken-hearted, and binds up their wounds. The LORD determines the number of the stars; God gives to all of them their names.

One: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; The LORD understanding is beyond measure.

Many: The LORD lifts up the downtrodden; God casts the wicked to the ground.

One: Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.

Many: God covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills.

One: God gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry.

Many: God's delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor God's pleasure in the speed of a runner; but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear God, in those who hope in God's steadfast love.

All: The LORD has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know God's ordinances. Praise the LORD!

#### **OPENING PRAYER** Unison

Creating God, we bow in humble gratitude that You have gathered us on-line, in our parking lot and inside our sanctuary at safe distances. We faithfully gather to

receive the healing of Jesus' hand and to trust the comfort of the Word made flesh. In worship today, may the Spirit equip us for Your call that we may not fear to undertake our small part in the healing of our sinful and broken world.

**HYMN:** Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

- Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
   Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
   Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
   God in three Persons, blessèd Trinity!
- Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
- 3. Holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
  Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see,
  Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
  Perfect in power, in love, and purity.
- 4. Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea; Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessèd Trinity!

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Unison

Holy, Holy, Holy God, forgive our unfaithfulness. When You call us to share good news, we have kept it to ourselves. While You summon us to have concern for the sick, forgotten and broken, we have simply passed-on-by in pursuit of our personal concerns. When we should have been celebrating our health, we have complained at our aches and pains. Rather than trusting Your eternal presence, we have doubted Your involvement in our lives. Reclaim and heal our hearts O' Lord and enable us to change. Amen.

## **SCRIPTURE**

## Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God'? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

## Mark 1:29-39

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

**SERMON:** Hunting for Jesus

#### **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

**COMMUNION HYMN:** Let Us Break Bread Together

1. Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees) let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain:

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

- 2. Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees) let us drink wine together on our knees. [Refrain]
- 3. Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees) let us praise God together on our knees. [Refrain]

#### **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

# **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HYMN:** I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1. I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

- 2. I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
- 3. I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
- 4. I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

## **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**

Jean, Trish, Jon, Marilynn, 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.