

February 13, 2022

10:15 AM

FLORISSANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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.

HYMN: Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet #458

[Chorus:]

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
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1. When I feel afraid, 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

[Chorus]

2. I will not forget your love for me
And yet my heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide, hold me to Your side
And I will love You to the end

[Chorus]

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

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Psalm 1)

One: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,

Many: Or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

One: But their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on God's law they meditate day and night.

Many: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

One: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Many: Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

All: For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

OPENING PRAYER Unison

Holy God, You created light in the darkness of chaos and sent the “light of the world” into our lives, now gather us in worship as the people of Christ’s new creation. As old sins are passing away and gracious blessings are coming, help us to see and to show the light of Your love. Today, open us to Your Spirit that we may shine the light of faithfulness throughout the world. Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE: All Things Bright and Beautiful #20

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

1. Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors;
God made their tiny wings. [Refrain]
2. The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky: [Refrain]
3. The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
God made them everyone. [Refrain]
4. God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell

how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well. [Refrain]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Unison

Forgive our unfaithfulness, God: Father, Son, and Spirit. When You call us to share good news, we have kept it to ourselves. While You summon us to have concern for the broken, forgotten and outcast, we have pursued agendas of personal comfort and privilege. When we should have been celebrating your blessings, we have complained about what we lack. Rather than trusting You, we have doubted. Reclaim and transform us, O' Lord and enable us to change our ways. Amen.

Time for silent, personal prayer

PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

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)
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the LORD:
Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.
They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.
They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.
They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.
It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?
I the LORD test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

Luke 6:17-26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

‘Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

‘Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

‘But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

‘Woe to you who are full now,

for you will be hungry.
'Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.
'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the
false prophets.

SERMON: On A Level Place

MUSICAL OFFERINGS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE and ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN: For Everyone Born #765

1. For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,
and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!
2. For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair,
and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!
3. For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong,
and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:

yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

4. For just and unjust, a place at the table,
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live,
and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

5. For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free,
and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

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



Barb, Betty, Dick, Bill, Georgiana, Candy, Ruth, Ellen, Tom, Lois, Lynn, Dianne, Fern, Doris, Carol, Sara, Pamela, Carole's niece Brittany, Mary's brother, Sue's friend Lill, Ruth & her great grandson, Sue & her brother-in-law Shawn and her sister Lynn.