

January 9, 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: We Fall Down #368

We fall down
We lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus
The greatness of
Mercy and love
At the feet of Jesus
We cry holy, holy, holy
We cry holy, holy, holy
We cry holy, holy, holy
Is the lamb

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Psalm 29)

One: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory, and strength.

Many: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of God's name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.

One: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

Many: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

One: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

Many: God makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

One: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

Many: The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

One: The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in God's temple all say, 'Glory!'

Many: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as King forever.

All: May the LORD give strength to God's people! May the LORD bless God's people with peace!

OPENING PRAYER Unison

As Your church, Lord Jesus, we gather in-person and online so that we may know and follow You more fully. Let us meet You in our deepest prayers, in the changes of our attitudes, and in the joy of friends, loved ones and strangers. Lord, make Yourself known in scripture, prayer, and fellowship. Sustaining God, let us remember that we are baptized and discover once more that the Spirit dwells with us. Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE: I Sing the Mighty Power of God #32

1. I sing the mighty power of God
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command,
and all the stars obey.
2. I sing the goodness of the Lord
who filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures through the Word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky!

3. There's not a plant or flower below
but makes thy glories known.
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from thy throne,
while all that borrows life from thee
is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that we can be,
thou, God, art present there.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Unison

Almighty God, we confess our sin and seek Your forgiveness. We cling to old expectations that no longer let us see or hear the Spirit's continually new blessings descending among us. We ignore our neighbors and strangers who need the hope and care we can provide, so we miss an opportunity to answer the cries of "the least of these." We forget, Lord, that in baptism You have claimed us and empowered us to arise and share the good news of God's Beloved. Forgive us Lord, so that we may humbly serve in the name of the One in whom we are baptized.

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

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

SERMON: The Beloved

MUSICAL OFFERINGS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE and ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN: I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry #488

1. I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell.
2. When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk 'till rising sun.
3. In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in,
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise.
4. I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.

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



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.