

November 7, 2021

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.

PRELUDE

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

HYMN: Give Thanks #647

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his
Son. (Repeat)

And now let the weak say, "We are strong!"
Let the poor say, "We are rich
because of what the Lord has done for us!" (Repeat)
Give thanks.
Give thanks.

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Psalm 146)

One: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

Many: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

One: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.
When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans
perish.

Many: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

One: The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

Many: The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

One: The LORD watches over the strangers; God upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked God brings to ruin.

Many: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

All: Praise the LORD!

OPENING PRAYER Unison

Blessed Lord, we gather in-person and online for a time of rest and renewal. From our busy schedules and longing hopes, we come to once more glean from Your Word and share a harvest of guidance for our lives. This morning, we bring to You the burdens we carry, knowing that Your love makes them seem lighter. Lord, in humility, help us to set aside our pride and pretenses so that You might lift us up into lives worthy of Your service.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Guide Me, O Though Great Jehovah #65

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty.
Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.
2. Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Unison

Lord, we need Your forgiveness. When we belittle others and ourselves, lift us up. When our pride gets in the way of true relationships with You and with other people, humble us. When we seek honors and recognition more than faithfulness, may the Spirit invite us to turn toward fellowship with the broken, the outcast, the hungry, the needy, and those who are the “least of these.” Have compassion upon us God, and open us to the unexpected and simple blessings Jesus intends for us.

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

1 Kings 17:8-16

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, ‘Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.’ So, he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, ‘Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.’ As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, ‘Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.’ But she said, ‘As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a

jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.' Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.' She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

Mark 12:38-44

As he taught, he said, 'Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.'

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you; this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'

SERMON: Widows Ways

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: Nothing but The Blood of Jesus #471

1. What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain:

Oh! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

2. For my pardon this I see,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing this my plea,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Refrain]
3. Nothing can for sin atone,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Refrain]
4. This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Refrain]

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE and ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN: Sing to God with Joy and Gladness #657

Refrain

Sing to God with joy and gladness,
hymns and psalms of gratitude;
with the voice of praise discover
that to worship God is good.

1. God unites his scattered people,
gathers those who wandered far,
heals the hurt and broken spirits,
tending every wound and scar.
Refrain

2. Such is God's great power and wisdom
none can calculate or tell;
keen is God to ground the wicked
and with humble folk to dwell.
Refrain

3. God, with clouds, the sky has curtained,
Thus, ensuring rain shall fall;
earth, responding, grows to order
food for creatures great and small.
Refrain

4. God's discernment never favors
strength or speed to lift or move;
God delights in those who fear him,
trusting in his steadfast love.
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



Kay, 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.