



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF
KIRKWOOD

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

September 15, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Mission: We are called to be a welcoming and supportive community whose inspiring worship of God encourages everyone to deepen their faith and to respond to the needs of the world with the compassion of Christ.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

_____ ***Please rise in body or in spirit.** _____

Chiming of the Hour

We encourage you to quiet your minds and hearts for worship at this time.

Welcome and Announcements

Sign the Friendship Register at the end of your pew and pass it to your neighbor.

Organ Voluntary

"Lantana"

Percy Whitlock

WE ADDRESS OURSELVES TO GOD

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Just as the heavens burst forth in praise to God.....

People: We celebrate God's abundant and powerful love.

Leader: Day by day, and night by night.....

People: God watches over us, loving and healing us.

Leader: Come, celebrate with joy the love of God.

ALL: Open our hearts and spirits, Lord, and teach us your ways.

*** Processional Hymn**

"Lift High the Cross"

Hymn #826

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Lord, it is easy for us to say that we will follow you; and then turn our backs and act as though our commitment to you does not mean anything to us. Jesus challenges us to take up our crosses, and when we don't understand what that means, we just shrug and turn away. Forgive us for our lack of commitment and faith. Give us courage to be disciples and enable us to joyfully proclaim your healing mercies and your transformational love. In Jesus' Name, we pray.

***Silent Confessions**

***Assurance of God's Grace**

***Congregational Response**

"We Are Forgiven"
We are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Hymn #447

***The Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share that peace with one another.

A Conversation with Young Disciples

All children are invited to come forward for the children's message.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Psalm 116:1-9; Pew Bible, O.T., pg. 564

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"Sweetest Name I Know"

text: Luther Bridgers

music: David Foley

There's within my heart a melody Jesus whispers sweet and low: "Fear not, I am with thee, peace, be still," in life's ebb and endless flow. Jesus, blessed Jesus, sweetest name I know, fills my every longing, keeps me singing as I go. All my life was wrecked by sin and strife; discord filled my heart with pain. Jesus swept across the broken strings, stirred the slumbering chords again. Jesus, blessed Jesus, sweetest name I know, fills my every longing, keeps me singing as I go. Feasting on the riches of His grace, resting 'neath His sheltering wing, always looking on His smiling face, that is why I shout and sing! Jesus, blessed Jesus, sweetest name I know, fills my every longing, keeps me singing as I go: the sweetest name I know.

Scripture Reading

Mark 8:27-38; Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 43

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Take Up Your Cross

Rev. Linda Maconochie

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn**

"Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said"

Hymn #718

stanza 1: all voices stanza 2: low voices stanza 3: high voices stanza 4: all voices

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

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.

Offertory Sentences

Offertory Anthem "Ah, Jesus Lord, Thy Love to Me" arr. David N. Johnson
Ah, Jesus Lord, thy love to me no thought can reach, no tongue declare. O, bind my thankful heart to thee, and reign without a rival there. Thine, wholly, thine alone I'd live, myself to thee entirely give. O, grant that nothing in my soul may dwell, but thy pure love along. Ah, may thy love possess me whole, my joy, my treasure, and my crown. All coldness from my heart remove, may every act, word, thought, be love. O Lord, how gracious is thy way! All fear before thy presence flies. Care, anguish, sorrow, melt away, where'er thy healing hands arise. O Jesus, nothing may I see, and nothing seek, desire, but thee.

Prayer of Dedication

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LORD

***Closing Hymn** "I Danced in the Morning" Hymn #157

*Benediction

Choral Response "Peace I Leave With You" Matthew Glandorf
Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give unto you.

Organ Voluntary "Trumpet Minuet" Alfred Hollins

Worship Leaders:

Rev. Linda Maconochie, *Interim Associate Pastor*
Rev. Joe Marting, *Liturgist*

Music Ministry:

Bill Stein, *Director of Music Ministries*; Lori Wehrman, *accompanist*;
Chancel Choir

Acolyte: Dagny Dunaway **Cross Bearer:** Wyatt Butler

Ushers:

Missy Wulff, John Becker, Jason Mitchell

Assistant Head Ushers:

Amy Freshwater, Robert Schneider, Art McDonnell

Usher Captain: Larry Erwin

Livestream Host: Gary Hepp

Childcare is available for children from 6 months to Pre-K in room 130