



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF  
**KIRKWOOD**

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

July 14, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

The Eighth 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**

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Paul Manz

## WE ADDRESS OURSELVES TO GOD

### **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: We gather today, carrying our shadows and our light, our joys and our sorrows.

**People: We come seeking healing, wholeness, and peace.**

Leader: Like Herod, we are haunted by our past, the parts of us we hide from ourselves and others.

**People: We bring these hidden parts before God, trusting in grace and mercy.**

Leader: God invites us to face our shadows, to find transformation in His love.

**People: We come with open hearts, ready to embrace the light of Christ.**

### **\*Hymn**

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

Hymn #35

### **\*Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**Merciful God, we come before You acknowledging the shadows in our lives. We confess that we have hidden parts of ourselves, allowing fear and guilt to dictate our actions. Forgive us, Lord, for the times we have compromised our integrity and failed to live by Your truth. Gracious God, we ask for Your healing light to shine into our darkest places. We seek Your grace to transform our guilt into growth and our fear into faith.**

**\*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 85:8-13; Pew Bible, O.T., pg. 543

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Solo**

"O Love Divine"

text: Charles Wesley  
music: Luigi Zaninelli

*O Love divine, how sweet thou art! When shall I find my willing heart all  
taken up by Thee? I thirst, I faint, I die to prove the greatness of redeeming love,  
the love of Christ to me. God only knows the love of God; O that it now were  
shed abroad in this poor stony heart! For love I sigh, for love I pine;  
this only portion, Lord, be Thine; be mine this better part!*

**Scripture Reading**

Mark 6:14-29; Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 40

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

*Finding Light in Hidden Places*  
Rev'd. Gary Noonan

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*Hymn**

"Show Us, O Lord, Your Steadfast Love"

Hymn #449

**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 Solo**

“Amazing Grace”

text: John Newton  
music: Craig Courtney

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now am found; was blind, but now I see. Amazing grace! So vast and yet so free! The Son of God, the righteous One, laid down his for me. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come. 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun. Amazing grace! So vast and yet so free. The Son of God, the righteous One, laid down his for me.*

## **Prayer of Dedication**

### **WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LORD**

### **\*Closing Hymn**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Hymn #307

### **\*Benediction**

### **Organ Voluntary**

“God of Grace”

Paul Manz

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### **Worship Leaders:**

Rev'd. Gary Noonan, *Senior Pastor*

Rev. Linda Maconochie, *Interim Associate Pastor*

### **Music Ministry:**

Bill Stein, *Director of Music Ministries*; Josh Warren, *soloist*

### **Ushers:**

Pam Cooper, Jim Cooper, Wayne Ullery, Julie Woodrome, Cy Woodrome

**Assistant Head Ushers:** Larry Erwin, Art McDonnell

**Usher Captains:** Amy Freshwater

**Livestream Host:** Frank Darr

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