



Sunday Worship
June 27, 2021
Draw near to God
for God is waiting for you.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing praises to God, all you faithful ones

God hears us in our fear and our sorrow

Where there was no way

God leads us in a new way

Where there was no mercy

God surprises us with fresh mercy

Where there was weeping

God invites us to step into a new dance.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of healing and mercy, remind us again of your power to heal our lives from fears and mistrust. Open our hearts to believe in your restorative power and your great compassion for us. Give us healing and make us agents of peace for you in this, your world. Amen.

HYMN #31 Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

1. Let us with a gladsome mind praise the Lord who is so kind:
for God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.
2. God, with all commanding might, filled the new-made world with light:
for God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.
3. All things living God does feed; with full measure, meets their need:
for God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.
4. Let us with a gladsome mind praise the Lord who is so kind:
for God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We want to touch the hem of your garment, O God. Forgive us for being afraid to touch those who come to us for hope. We want to love the whole world: forgive us for ignoring our neighbor. We long for peace: forgive us for the pain we inflict on our families and friends. We want to share with those we love and like: forgive us for walking past those who need you most.

Forgive us, Loving God, for we do not excel in everything you call us to do. Give us grace: to touch those who frighten us; to carry the Bread of Life to the hungry; to offer the blessings of the kingdom to everyone we meet, even as you have graced us in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

WORDS OF BLESSING AND ASSURANCE

Let the water of baptism remind us of the good news that **Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.**

**GLORIA PATRI*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 30:1-5, 11-12

I will praise you, Lord! You saved me from the grave and kept my enemies from celebrating my death.

² I prayed to you, Lord God, and you healed me, ³ saving me from death and the grave.

⁴ Your faithful people, Lord, will praise you with songs and honor your holy name.

⁵ Your anger lasts a little while, but your kindness lasts for a lifetime. At night we may cry, but when morning comes we will celebrate.

¹¹ You have turned my sorrow into joyful dancing. No longer am I sad and wearing sackcloth.

¹² I thank you from my heart, and I will never stop singing your praises, my Lord and my God.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN #794 O Savior, in This Quiet Place

LAMENT AND LONGING FOR HEALING

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1 O Sav-ior, in this qui-et place, where an-y-one may kneel,
2 If pain of bod-y, stress of mind, de-stroys my in-ward peace,
3 If self up-on its sick-ness feeds and turns my life to gall,
4 You nev-er said "You ask too much" to an-y trou-bled soul.

I al-so come to ask for grace, be-liev-ing you can heal.
in prayer for oth-ers may I find the se-cret of re-lease.
let me not brood up-on my needs, but sim-ply tell you all.
I long to feel your heal-ing touch; will you not make me whole?

5. But if the thing I most desire is not your way with me,
may faith, when tested in the fire, prove its integrity.

6. Of all my prayers, may this be chief: till faith is fully grown,
Lord, disbelieve my unbelief, and claim me as your own.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Mark 5:21-43

21 When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his

feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, ‘My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.’ ²⁴So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, ‘If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.’ ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, ‘Who touched my clothes?’ ³¹And his disciples said to him, ‘You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, “Who touched me?”’ ³²He looked all round to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, ‘Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.’

35 While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, ‘Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?’ ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, ‘Do not fear, only believe.’ ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, ‘Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.’ ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, ‘Talitha cum’, which means, ‘Little girl, get up!’ ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

SERMON Healing the Unimaginable

STATEMENT OF FAITH The Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, we thank you for our present abundance and for the many blessings you have bestowed upon this community. We thank you for our faith, for our knowledge of you, and for the assurance of your love. May all these gifts be a blessing to those in need. Amen.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD’S 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.

HYMN #819 Be Still, My Soul

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide, who through all changes faithful will remain.
Be still my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2. Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake to guide the future surely as the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know his voice who ruled them whole he dwelt below.

3. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord;
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able
italic type is spoken by the liturgist – bold is spoken by the congregation

ANNOUNCEMENTS: June 27, 2021

PASTOR SU WILL BE ON VACATION June 28-July 4. For pastoral emergencies please contact Maggie Rash 215-534-4451 or Missi Dell'Orefice 267-240-6222. Amy Ruhf will preach during Sunday worship on July 4 while Pastor Su is away.

CELEBRATION OF CAMPING MINISTRY AT KIRKWOOD

For a variety of reasons, Kirkwood has been closed. We want to honor its impact by holding a Kirkwood celebration on **July 24th at 6:00pm at the Ruth farm**. We will have a picnic with hotdogs and sides as well as toast marshmallows for s'mores. There will be games and a sing-a-long. Bring a lawn chair and your favorite camping memories! Please call the church office to sign up or stop by the church.

WEDNESDAY NOONTIME LUNCH CONTINUES THROUGH THE SUMMER

Bring your lunch, a lawn chair and your good company as we share fellowship together at noon.

MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPLORERS July 12 – 16, 2021 Monday – Friday, 9:00-3:00, kids in grades 6-10 are invited to participate in a weeklong series of adventures. Registration numbers are restricted to 10. Friends are welcome. Sign up by calling the church office. Contact Pastor Su if you have any questions.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – July 19 – 23 2021, 9AM – noon. Check our Website www.forestgrovechurch.org for more information and/or go to vbspro.events/p/dp9219 to sign up. Share the information with your friends or family with children. You do not need to be a member of FGPC to attend VBS. Or call the Church office at 215-794-8575. Call Kim King 215-340-0530 or Beth Conti 267-491-5646 to volunteer.

Calendar:

Su's on Vacation all week

June 30 – 12noon – Join us for Lunch outside. Bring your lunch and chair.

July 4 – 10AM- Sunday services in church and on Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/127591875>

Meeting ID: 127 591 875 or by phone: 301-715-8592 or 253-215-8782 Our guest preacher will be Amy Ruhf while Pastor Su is away.

In our thoughts and prayers: The Conner/Lang Family, Diane Dauer, Aleena Lang, Natalie Pizza, Bill Wark, Raymond Tinari, Dick Wright and the Yerkes family for the passing of Nancy Yerkes on Sunday June 20, 2021.