

Gathering/Welcome

Rev. Sandra Hedrick

Lighting the Christ Candle

Jaquelynn Brecht

Prelude

Glory to God Hymnal #59

“The Steadfast Love of the Lord”

Call to Worship (from Lamentations 3:22-23)

Jennifer and Zachary Bryan

One: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

**Many: God’s mercies never come to an end.**

One: They are new every morning;

**Many: great is your faithfulness, O Lord!****All: Great is your faithfulness!**

Opening Hymn Glory to God Hymnal #338 “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

O beautiful for spacious skies,  
 For amber waves of grain,  
 For purple mountain majesties  
 Above the fruited plain!  
 America! America!

God shed his grace on thee,  
 And crown thy good  
 With brotherhood  
 from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for heroes proved  
 In liberating strife,  
 Who more than self  
 Their country loved,

And mercy more than life!  
 America! America!  
 Go mend thine every flaw;  
 Confirm thy soul in self-control,  
 Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for patriot dream  
 That sees beyond the years  
 Thine alabaster cities gleam,  
 Undimmed by human tears!  
 American! America!  
 May God thy gold refine  
 Till all success be nobleness  
 And every gain divine.

Opening Prayer

Lois Morse

Call to Confession (from 1 Tim. 1:14-15)

Lois Morse

One: The grace of God overflows for us through Jesus Christ, who came into the world to save sinners. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sins, using the words in the bulletin.

**Many: Merciful God, we confess our sins, our shortcomings, and our brokenness. In your great mercy, forgive us. Be the strength to our weakness and the light to our journey. We pray this in the name of the one true light, Jesus, the Lord.**

One: Amen

## **We Are Forgiven! (from Psalm 103:17)**

Lois Morse

One: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ that we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen!**

## **Faith Sharing with the Children**

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## **Scripture Reading**

Genesis 24:61-67

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Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

## **Reflecting on the Word**

"God Creates Families"

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## **Affirmation of Faith**

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"The Steadfast Love of the Lord"

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;  
God's mercies never come to an end.  
They are new every morning, new every morning;  
Great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness.

## **The Lord's Supper/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.

## **Announcements/Offering**

We are planning to return to in-person worship in addition to our online option soon. More information is available in our weekly email and on our website.

Thank you for supporting the ministry of Jesus Christ at Kirkwood. An online giving option is available at <http://www.kirkwoodchurch.org/resources/giving/>.

Our sermon series in July is called “The Family of God.” Families are called to be blessed and to be a blessing! Through four stories about Abraham’s family, we will see how God works through families big and small (including churches) in spite of our faults or lack of trust. Our Wednesday night online services will focus on the same part of the book of Genesis. You are invited to draw close to the Word to rediscover the love and grace God is revealing through our own families.

We are excited to announce that it is time to start bringing in the food, formula and diaper offerings for the Downtown Ecumenical Services Council. The options are: (a) bring them to the church between 1:15 and 2:00 p.m. on Monday-Thursday or between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Friday; (b) bring them to our Sunday worship service on July 12 or 19; or (c) have them delivered to the church office via Amazon, etc. Please maintain social distancing from our church secretary when you drop off your items. A DESC volunteer will pick up the items around July 20.

## **Blessing on Departing Friends: Shirley and Bruce Moore**

**Closing Hymn**      Celebration Hymnal #808      “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm hath bound  
The restless wave,  
Who bids the mighty ocean deep –  
Its own appointed limits keep:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain  
O'er which our traffic runs amain  
By mountain pass or valley low;  
Wherever, Lord, our brethren go,  
Protect them by thy guarding hand  
From every peril on the land.

O Spirit, whom the Father sent  
To spread abroad the firmament;  
O wind of heaven, by thy might  
Save all who dare the eagle's flight;  
And keep them by thy watchful care  
From every peril in the air.

O Trinity of love and pow'r,  
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
Protect them where so e'er they go;  
Thus evermore shall rise to thee  
Glad praises from air and land  
And sea.

## **Charge and Benediction**

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Worship Notes: Thank you to Damon Martin for the hymn arrangements.



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