

Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 20, 2020 The 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Welcome Rev. Sandra Hedrick

Prelude Celebration Hymnal #343 v. 1, 3, & 5 "Amazing Grace"

Katelyn and Chevy Brodersen

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.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed. 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'd first begun.

Call to Worship (based on Ex. 16:4, Matt. 20:15-16)

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One: God of miracles and mercy, Many: all creation sings your praise.

One: Your grace rains down like manna from heaven; Many: you are generous to the first and the last.

All: Let us worship God!

Gathering Prayer Matthew Brodersen

Call to Confession (from Rom. 3:23)

Paige Rhody

One: Everyone sins and falls short of God's glory; but God's grace and mercy never fall short. Confident in God's blessing, let us confess our sins to God.

Many: Gracious God, we have sought after things, but we have not sought after you. We want you to be generous, but we are not generous with others.

We depend on your grace, but we have not been gracious. We fail to remember all that you have done.

O God, we need your mercy, and we ask that you forgive us. Set us free to love and live. We pray this in the name of Jesus, by whose grace we are saved.

One: Please continue in silent confession.

One: People of God, our sins are forgiven; we are reconciled to God. Therefore, let us love one another with gratitude in our hearts and praise on our lips.

Many: Thank you Lord! Amen!

Special Music "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Katelyn and Chevy Brodersen

Word

A Time for Children

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Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Exodus 16:11-15

Katelyn Brodersen and Kylie Barnes

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God."

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

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"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Invitation to Discipleship

Prayers and Offering

Prayers of the People/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.

Invitation to Offering/Ministry Announcements

Financial Giving - "Remember the words of the Lord Jesus: it is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35). Thank you for blessing this ministry through your tithes and offerings. Our online giving portal can be accessed here.

Current Sermon Series - Christianity is a way of life and a road to be traveled. This series explores ten mighty markers along "the way" by weaving together two stories of deliverance: Exodus and the cross. To see the theme and scriptures for the entire series, please click <u>here</u>.

Zoom Changes - Do to changes in the Zoom platform, we will need to make a simple change to our Zoom access information beginning next week. We will share this in the newsletter, in each worship service email, and in a stand-alone email. Let Pastor Sandra know if you have any questions.

Nominating Suggestions for Elder Class of 2023 - All are invited to contact Tim Spaid (Chair of the Nominating Committee) with suggested names of Kirkwood members for possible nomination to our upcoming class of elders for the session. Cell: 904.237.0913, email: spaidfour@att.net. Thank you!

Remember Your Secret Sister - Just a reminder to keep in touch with your Secret Sister by sending her a card, a letter, or a small gift.

Avid Knitters! - We're starting up the Knitting Club again! Our next meeting will be tomorrow, September 21, at 7:00 p.m. at Kathy Stanley's home. Call or text Kathy Stanley at 904.302.9030 if you plan to attend. See you soon!

We are baking! - Ladies of Kirkwood, we need your culinary skills to provide sweet treats for our table at the Fall Festival on Saturday, October 24! Please sign up in the Narthex or text Kathy Stanley at 904.302.9030.

Annual Fall Festival & Pumpkin Patch Planning Sessions - The Fall Festival committee will be holding weekly planning sessions on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Kristie Hall or via Zoom. Call or text Kristie Hall at 904.728.4316 for more information.

Sending

Charge and Blessing (from Col. 3:17, 2 Cor. 13:14)

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One: Whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us always.

All: Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

Celebration Hymnal #344 v. 1 & 4

"Grace Greater than Our Sin"

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt, yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the lamb was spilt.

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, freely bestowed on all who believe! You that are longing to see his face, will you this moment his grace receive? (*Refrain*)

Refrain:

Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that will pardon and cleanse within! Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!

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