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## Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 27, 2020

The 17th Sunday after Pentecost

### Gathering

**Welcome**

Rev. Sandra Hedrick

**Prelude**

Celebration Hymnal #342 v. 1 & 2

“Rock of Ages”

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee.  
Let the water and the blood,  
from thy wounded side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure,  
save from wrath and make me pure.

Could my tears forever flow,  
Could my zeal no languor know,  
These for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save, and thou alone.  
In my hand no price I bring;  
Simply to thy cross I cling.

**Call to Worship (from Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16)**

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One: Come and worship God, the Almighty.

**Many: Come and tell of God’s glorious deeds!**

One: It is the Lord who divided the sea;

**Many: it is God who led the people day and night.**

One: God made streams come out of the rock,

**Many: so that waters flowed down like rivers.**

One: We will tell of the things we have heard and known;

**Many: we will share God’s wonders with each generation.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

**Gathering Prayer**

George Paugh

**Call to Confession (from Ezek. 18:30-32)**

George Paugh

One: On the journey of life, our sins weigh us down. So God invites us to cast them away - to seek a new heart and a new spirit! In this time of silent confession, I invite you to be honest with God about what is weighing you down today.

[Silent confession]

Amen.

## **We Are Forgiven! (from Rom. 8:34)**

George Paugh

One: Sisters and brothers, hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn us? Only Christ. And Christ died for us; Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us; and Christ prays for us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All: Thank you Lord, Amen!**

### **Word**

**A Time for Children**

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**Prayer for Illumination**

**First Scripture Reading**

Exodus 17:1-7

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From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 21:23-27

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When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

Message

“Testing”

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Affirmation of Faith

Apostles’ 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 on 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.**

### **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. You may access our online giving portal [here](#).

**World Communion Sunday:** Kirkwood will celebrate World Communion Sunday on October 4. Please prepare your elements at home if you are participating in the service online.

**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 [here](#).

**Kirkwood Nursery:** We are hoping to reopen our nursery soon. If you feel called to volunteer to serve in the nursery, please contact Tim Spaid. Requirements include a background check and following safety protocols similar to our preschool requirements, including wearing a mask.

**Nominating Suggestions for Elder Class of 2023** - The Nominating Committee meets after church today. 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](mailto:spaidfour@att.net). Thank you!

**Presbyterian Women's Monthly Meeting** – The next meeting of the Presbyterian Women of Kirkwood is Monday, October 5, at 7:00 p.m.

**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 is 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 Psalm 114:7-8 and 2 Cor. 13-14)**

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One: Depart in peace, in the presence and the power of the Lord who turns hard rock into a pool of water and flint stone into a flowing stream. And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all!

**All: Alleluia, Amen!**

### **Postlude**      Celebration Hymnal #352 v. 1      “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,  
rolling as a mighty ocean  
in its fullness over me.

Underneath me, all around me,  
is the current of thy love;  
leading onward, leading homeward  
to my glorious rest above.

Worship Notes: Thank you to Damon Martin for the hymn arrangement! Song credits: “Rock of Ages” - Augustus Montague Toplady and Thomas Hastings, Public Domain; “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus” - Samuel Trevor Francis and Thomas John Williams, Public Domain. Today’s artwork is “Moses Strikes the Rock” by James Jacques Joseph Tissot (French, 1836-1902), in the collection of the Jewish Museum, New York, New York.



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