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## Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 18, 2021

The 3rd Sunday of Easter

### Gathering

#### Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Rev. Sandra Hedrick

#### Opening Song

“Teach Me”

*Refrain:*

Teach me, teach me  
Teach me your way and how to live  
Teach me the truth and how to give  
Teach me to love the way you did  
Teach me, teach me  
Teach me to seek and follow you  
Teach me your word and wisdom too  
Teach me to love the way you do

Father thank you for today and for the  
gift of life you gave  
To me to be a child of God forever  
Thank you for your son today who lived,  
died and rose again  
For me to be my Lord and my Savior  
So I pray *Refrain*

Teach me to love the way you do!

#### Call to Worship

Katelyn Brodersen

One: A love that never ceases,

**Many: A creativity that designed the universe,**

One: A hope that cannot be quenched,

**Many: A truth for all time,**

One: A pursuit of reconciliation no matter what the cost: These are the things that are of God,

**Many: Then let us worship God.**

#### Gathering Prayer

Paige Rhody

#### Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Lizzy Mee

One: Dear God, we confess that we do not always trust the fullness of your love, or your mercy. We are often prideful and convinced we can do it on our own. Deliver us, oh Lord, from the belief that we have to earn your love, from the fear that we are unlovable, from the false security that we have what it takes, from the fear of where trusting you might leave us. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future, suspicion of your words and promises, resentment and preoccupation about the past. Help us remember Your presence in the midst of suffering and trial and relinquish us from the fear of what love demands...

Now hear our silent prayers.....Amen.

## **We Are Forgiven!**

Lizzy Mee

One: Friends! God is our refuge and will not abandon us! God is continually holding us, sustaining us, and loving us! Trust in God's love...love that goes deeper than our sins and failings and transforms us. Remember that not knowing what tomorrow brings is an invitation to lean on Him! God hears our prayers and forgives our shortcomings and through Christ Jesus, we are forgiven!

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

## **Word**

**A Moment for Mission**

Youth Group Members

**A Time for Children**

Matthew Brodersen and Lizzy Mee

**Scripture Reading**

John 20:19-31 (NIV)

Kylie Barnes

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Message

“The Eleven”

Paige Rhody

Unpacking

Youth Group Members

## 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.

## Sending

### Closing Song

“Chain Breaker”

If you’ve been walking the same old  
road for miles and miles,  
If you’ve been hearing the same old  
voice tell the same old lies,  
If you’re trying to fill the same old  
holes inside,  
there’s a better life, there’s a better life.

#### *Refrain:*

If you’ve got pain, He’s a pain taker.  
If you feel lost, He’s a way maker.  
If you need freedom or savin’  
He’s a prison shakin’ Savior.  
If you’ve got chains,  
He’s a chain breaker.

We’ve all searched for the light of day  
in the dead of night.  
We’ve all found ourselves worn out  
from the same old fight.

We’ve all run to things we know just  
ain’t right;  
there’s a better life, there’s a better life.  
*Refrain*

If you believe it, if you receive it,  
If you feel it, somebody testify.  
If you believe it, if you receive it,  
If you feel it, somebody testify, testify.  
If you believe it, if you receive it,  
If you feel it, somebody testify.  
*Refrain*

If you need freedom or savin’  
He’s a prison shakin’ Savior.  
If you’ve got chains,  
He’s a chain breaker.  
He’s a chain breaker.

### Charge and Blessing

Rev Sandra Hedrick and TGIF

One: Friends, as you leave this house of worship today, go in peace, remembering that the church begins at the end of our driveway...be a light in the community, be a blessing and be blessed, love and serve the Lord!

**Many: Alleluia! Amen!**

## Announcements

**Sermon Series “Easter Stories”** - Our worship series through May 2 will take us into the presence of the Risen Lord from the viewpoint of those who met him first!

**Youth Sunday Thank You** - We thank our youth for sharing your gifts as you lead us in worship today!

**Blood Drive April 18** - The Big Red Bus is at the church today from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. You are invited to donate blood to help save lives in our community. If you would like to make an appointment please visit <https://www.oneblood.org/donate-now/> and use sponsor code #31712.

**Wednesday Night Bible Study at 6:00 p.m.** - All are invited to Bible study on Wednesday night, when we delve more deeply into the following Sunday’s scripture. An email will be sent Wednesday morning with the zoom link.

**Sandra’s Last Sunday and Celebrating our Graduates** - On Sunday, May 2, the Kirkwood family will recognize our high school graduates and thank Pastor Sandra for her five and a half years of ministry with us. A sign-up sheet is available for those willing to bring a dish or dessert to our delicious potluck luncheon! Weather permitting, we will enjoy our fellowship time outside.

**Presbyterian Women to Meet on May 3** - The next meeting of the Presbyterian Women of Kirkwood will be held on Monday, May 3, in the church kitchen at 7:00 p.m. A light dinner will be served at 6:30.

**Presbyterian Women Annual Yard Sale June 12** - Just a reminder to clean out those closets for our PW Annual Yard Sale on Saturday, June 12!

**Financial Giving** - God’s gifts to us are bountiful (Psalm 116:12); in gratitude, let us offer our hearts and the fruit of our labors to God's service. You may place your offering (and pledge card) in the offering plate at the back of the church, drop off a check at the office, put it in the mail, or use our online giving portal that can be accessed [here](#).

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