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## Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 2, 2021  
The 5th Sunday of Easter

### Gathering

#### Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Rev. Sandra Hedrick

#### Opening Song      Glory to God Hymnal #418      “Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
calling for you and for me.  
See, on the portals he’s waiting  
and watching,  
watching for you and for me.

*Refrain:*

“Come home, come home!  
You who are weary, come home.”  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, “O sinner, come home!”

Why should we tarry when Jesus  
is pleading,  
pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not  
his mercies,  
mercies for you and for me? *Refrain*

O for the wonderful love he has promised,  
promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy  
and pardon,  
pardon for you and for me. *Refrain*

#### Call to Worship (from a Brief Statement of Faith)

Worship Leader

One: In life and death,  
**Many: we belong to God.**  
One: We are embraced by love;  
**Many: we are saved by grace.**  
One: God’s Spirit has set us free  
**Many: to forgive one another,**  
One: to pray without ceasing,

**Many: to love God and neighbor.**  
One: So let us forgive, and let us love,  
**Many: let us pray, and let us work  
for peace.**  
One: And most of all, as one in Christ,  
**All: let us worship God!**

#### Gathering Prayer

Lisa Christian

#### Call to Confession

Lisa Christian

One: We are not always proud of what we have done, but God looks at us with eyes of mercy. Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sins and open our hearts to God’s healing.

## **Prayer of Confession**

Lisa Christian

**Creator God, who made the world good, we confess that we have rebelled against you and gone our own way.**

**We hide from your goodness, we ignore your commandments, and we forget that every human being is made in your image.**

**We are truly sorry. We want to change. We ask that you help us to begin again.**

**Give us the radical courage that comes from your Spirit. Help us to accept ourselves and to love our neighbor. Make us ambassadors of your peace.**

One: Please continue in silent confession....Amen.

## **We Are Forgiven!** (from 2 Cor. 5:17)

Lisa Christian

One: Sisters and brothers, listen to these words as if you have never heard them before: "Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace."

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

## **Word**

### **Baptism of Emma Rae McWaters**

Rev. Sandra Hedrick  
Mike Brodersen

### **Scripture Reading**

John 21:15-17

Rev. Sandra Hedrick

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

### **Message**

"The Last Word is Love"

Rev. Sandra Hedrick

## **The Lord's Supper**

### **The Lord's Supper/The Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Sandra Hedrick

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.

## **Celebration of Our High School Graduates**

Kathy Foresi, Youth Director  
Kylie Barnes, Katelyn Brodersen  
Colin Luttrell, Lizzy Mee, Paige Rhody

## **Thanksgiving for Faithful Service**

Sandra and Chuck Hedrick  
Mike Brodersen  
Presbytery Representative

Session Leader: At Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, we are rooted and grounded in God's love. In God's love, Pastor Sandra has led us in worship, shared our joys and sorrows, taught us God's Word, and celebrated the sacraments. As her husband and ministry partner, Chuck has supported her and been a friend and co-worker in our mission and ministry. Let us give thanks to God:

Presbytery Leader: For the baptisms celebrated here,  
**Many: Thanks be to God.**

Session Leader: For the power of God's Word proclaimed here,  
**Many: Thanks be to God.**

Presbytery Leader: For the prayers said here, and for the healings experienced,  
**Many: Thanks be to God.**

Session Leader: For the bread and the cup shared at the Table,  
**Many: Thanks be to God.**

Presbytery Leader: For the friendships made in love, and for working and serving together,  
**Many: Thanks be to God.**

Session Leader: Sandra and Chuck, as you go and as we stay, we remain united in Christ.  
**Many: Thanks be to God.**

Presbytery Leader: In our endings and our new beginnings,  
**Many: Love has the last word.**

Session Leader: Pastor Sandra, we thank you for your service, and we send you both with our blessing as you begin your new journey together. May the peace of God abide with you now and forever.  
**All: Amen and amen!**

## Sending

### Closing Song

Our Father everlasting  
The all creating One  
God Almighty  
Through Your Holy Spirit  
Conceiving Christ the Son  
Jesus our Savior

*Refrain:*

I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in one  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the name of Jesus

Our Judge and our Defender  
Suffered and crucified  
Forgiveness is in You  
Descended into darkness  
You rose in glorious life

### “This I Believe (The Creed)”

Forever seated high  
I believe in You  
I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord  
I believe  
And I believe in You  
I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

*Refrain*

I believe in the life eternal  
I believe in the virgin birth  
I believe in the saints' communion  
And in Your holy Church  
I believe in the resurrection  
When Jesus comes again  
For I believe, in the name of Jesus  
For I believe in the name of Jesus  
For I believe in the name of Jesus

### Charge and Blessing

Rev. Sandra Hedrick

One: Go in peace to love the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

One: 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!**

## Announcements

**Cinco de Mayo Fiesta** - Please join us for lunch today as we celebrate our graduates and Pastor Sandra's retirement!

**Baptism of Emma Rae McWaters** - Today Emma will profess her faith in Jesus Christ and be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Baptism is the sign and seal of God's saving love for us and our unity in Christ. Baptism marks the beginning of new life in Christ and a lifelong journey of discipleship. Welcome, Emma, our newest baptized member of Kirkwood!

**Celebrating Our Graduates** - We congratulate each of our high school graduates: Kylie Barnes, Katelyn Brodersen, Colin Luttrell, Lizzy Mee, and Paige Rhody. We love you and pray God's sweetest blessings on the journey to come!

**Thank You and Best Wishes to Pastor Sandra and Chuck** - We thank God for Pastor Sandra's five and a half years of ministry among us that began in the fall of 2015. We are also grateful for Chuck's participation and service in the life of this church family. We pray God's blessings on her retirement and the adventures that lie ahead.

**Mother's Day at Kirkwood** - On May 9, all women attending the service will receive the gift of a corsage provided by our Presbyterian Women's group. Our guest preacher will be Holly Dillon Inglis, Mission and Ministry Coordinator of the Presbytery of St. Augustine.

**Welcome to Dr. Yvan Kelly** - As we say goodbye to Pastor Sandra, we also prepare to welcome Yvan Kelly who will begin his ministry with us on June 1. He is looking forward to getting to know us very soon! More information is contained in an email that went out to the church on April 27. If you did not receive a copy, contact Suzi Feezor at [home@kirkwoodchurch.org](mailto:home@kirkwoodchurch.org) so that she can send it to you.

**Wednesday Night Bible Study at 6:00 p.m.** - This Wednesday Natalie and Kyle Sprague will host the Zoom gathering for the study of next Sunday's scripture Ecclesiastes 4:1-4, 7-12 and 1 Corinthians 12:14-27. The level of interest for continued gatherings will be discussed. The Zoom link is the same as for Sunday morning.

**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** - 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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