

**Welcome  
to  
Kirkwood!**

# **Opening Hymn**

**“Thy Word”**

**Thy word is a  
lamp unto my feet  
and a light  
unto my path.**

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lamp unto my feet  
and a light  
unto my path.**

**When I feel afraid,  
and I think I've lost my way,  
still you're right beside me.**

**Nothing will I fear**

**as long as you are near.**

**Please be near me to the end.**

**Thy word is a  
lamp unto my feet  
and a light  
unto my path.**

**Thy word is a  
lamp unto my feet  
and a light  
unto my path.**

**I will not forget  
your love for me,  
and yet my heart  
forever is wandering.**

**Jesus, be my guide  
and hold me to your side;  
I will love you to the end.**

**Thy word is a  
lamp unto my feet  
and a light  
unto my path.**

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# **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: God's name deserves our praise in  
this house.

**People: God's name deserves our praise  
to the ends of the earth. Come let us  
praise the Lord!**

# **Gathering Prayer**

# **Call to Confession**

# **Prayer of Confession**

**People: Creator of good, restorer of the lost, our cities and finest houses pale in comparison to heaven. We have corrupted our cities with violence and greed.**

**Forgive our failures in making our highest dreams about possessions and not about compassion for humanity. It is not earthly cities we need, but the city of Christ.**

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

# **We Are Forgiven!**

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! God was in Christ, reconciling to world the God's self.

**People: God no longer holds our misdeeds against us.**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news!

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**Thanks be to God! Amen!**

# **A Time for Children**

# **Old Testament Reading**

**1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11,  
19-23, 32-49**

Now the Philistines gathered their armies for battle; they were gathered at Socoh, which belongs to Judah, and encamped between Socoh and Azekah, in Ephesdammim.

And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze.

He had greaves of bronze on his legs and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron; and his shield-bearer went before him.

He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel,  
“Why have you come out to draw up for  
battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you  
not servants of Saul?”

Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants; but if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us.”

And the Philistine said, “Today I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man, that we may fight together.” When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines.

David rose early in the morning, left the sheep with a keeper, took the provisions, and went as Jesse had commanded him. He came to the encampment as the army was going forth to the battle line, shouting the war cry.

Israel and the Philistines drew up for battle, army against army. David left the things in charge of the keeper of the baggage, ran to the ranks, and went and greeted his brothers.

As he talked with them, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines, and spoke the same words as before. And David heard him.

David said to Saul, “Let no one’s heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.” Saul said to David, “You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth.”

But David said to Saul, “Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it.

Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God.”

David said, “The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine.” So Saul said to David, “Go, and may the Lord be with you!”

Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul's sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them.

Then David said to Saul, “I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them.” So David removed them.

Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance.

The Philistine said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, “Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field.”

But David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth,

so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's and he will give you into our hand.”

When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

**Special Music**

**“Amazing Grace”**

# **New Testament Reading**

**Mark 4:35-41**

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was.

Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped.

But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm.

He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

**“Calm in the Storm”**

# **Second Hymn**

**“This Is My Father’s World”**

**This is my Father's world,  
and to my list'ning ears  
all nature sings,  
and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.**

**This is my Father's world,  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees,  
of skies and seas-  
his hand the wonders  
wrought.**

**This is my Father's world,  
the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light,  
the lily white  
declare their maker's praise.**

**This is my Father's world,**

**he shines in all that's fair;**

**in the rustling grass**

**I hear him pass,**

**he speaks to me**

**everywhere.**

**This is my Father's world.**

**O, let me ne'er forget  
that though the wrong  
seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.**

**This is my Father's world,  
the battle is not done;  
Jesus, who died,  
shall be satisfied,  
and earth and heav'n be one.**

# **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 of the People**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

# **Prayer of Dedication**

**People: O God, let our gifts be a sign of our faith that you will work through your church as a ministry to a troubled world. Amen.**

# **Closing Hymn**

**“Peace like a River”**

**I've got peace like a river,**

**I've got peace like a river,**

**I've got peace like a river**

**in my soul;**

**I've got peace like a river,**

**I've got peace like a river,**

**I've got peace like a river**

**in my soul.**

**I've got love like an ocean,**

**I've got love like an ocean,**

**I've got love like an ocean**

**in my soul;**

**I've got love like an ocean,**

**I've got love like an ocean,**

**I've got love like an ocean**

**in my soul.**

**I've got joy like a fountain,**

**I've got joy like a fountain,**

**I've got joy like a fountain**

**in my soul;**

**I've got joy like a fountain,**

**I've got joy like a fountain,**

**I've got joy like a fountain**

**in my soul.**

# **Charge and Blessing**

