

**Welcome**  
**to**  
**Kirkwood!**

# **Sharing the Peace of Christ**

**Opening Hymn**

**“Chain Breaker”**

# **CALL TO WORSHIP**

(from Psalm 68)

Leader: O God, when you went out before  
your people, when you marched through  
the wilderness, the earth quaked,

**People: the heavens poured down rain  
at the presence of God, the God of  
Sinai, at the presence of God, the God  
of Israel.**

Leader: Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished; your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

**All: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.**

# **A Time for Children**

# **Gathering Prayer**

# **Call to Confession**

# **Prayer of Confession**

**People: Eternal God, you have loved us from generation to generation. You have shown your faithfulness more often than we can recall. The Bible tells us of your mercy. You even pray for us.**

**Yet we live holding on to past hurts;  
in doing so, we are not open to  
becoming your new creation. We  
prefer the safety of what we know to  
the commitment of discipleship.**

**Forgive us, we pray, and make us  
again as you would have us be. We  
make all of our prayers in the name  
of Jesus Christ.**

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

# **Assurance of Pardon**

(from 2 Corinthians)

Leader: We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence.

**People: Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.**

Leader: Believe the promise of the  
gospel:

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

**Alleluia! Amen.**

# **First Reading**

**Acts 1:6-14**

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?”

He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.

They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away.

When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.

All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

# **Gospel Reading**

**John 17:1-11**

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do.

So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.

I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

And now I am no longer in the world,  
but they are in the world, and I am  
coming to you.

Holy Father, protect them in your name  
that you have given me, so that they may  
be one, as we are one.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Held Together  
in Prayer













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I'm  
praying  
for  
you

*Glory to God #331*

# **Middle Hymn**

**“God of the Ages,  
Whose Almighty Hand”**

*TEXT: Daniel Crane Roberts, 1876, alt.  
MUSIC (NATIONAL HYMN 10.10.10.10): George William Warren, 1892*





of shin - ing worlds

The first staff of music is in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It contains four measures: a half note G4, a dotted half note A4, a quarter note B4, and a dotted half note C5.



in splen - dor through the skies,

The second staff of music continues in G major and 4/4 time. It contains six measures: a half note G4, a dotted half note A4, a quarter note B4, a dotted half note C5, a quarter note D5, and a dotted half note E5. The final measure features a triplet of eighth notes (F5, G5, A5) and a fermata over the final note.



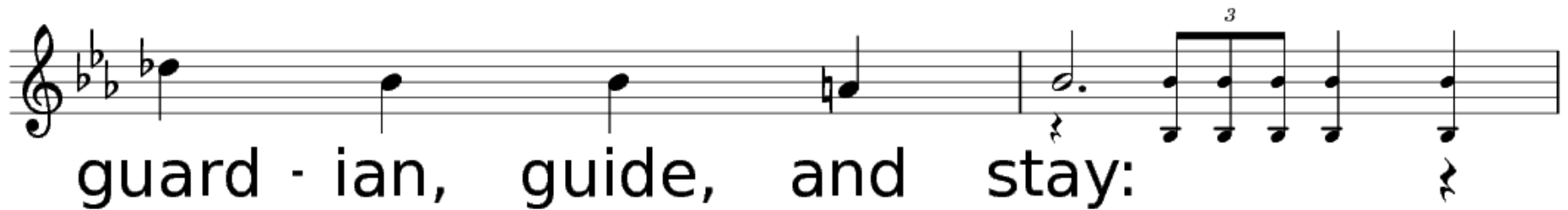
our grate-ful songs be-fore thy throne a-rise.

The third staff of music continues in G major and 4/4 time. It contains eight measures: a half note G4, a dotted half note A4, a quarter note B4, a dotted half note C5, a quarter note D5, a dotted half note E5, a quarter note F5, and a dotted half note G5.





Be thou our rul - er,



guard - ian, guide, and stay:



thy word our law, thy paths our cho-sen way.



3. From war's a-larms,



from dead - ly pes - ti - lence,




be thy strong arm our ev-er sure de-fense.



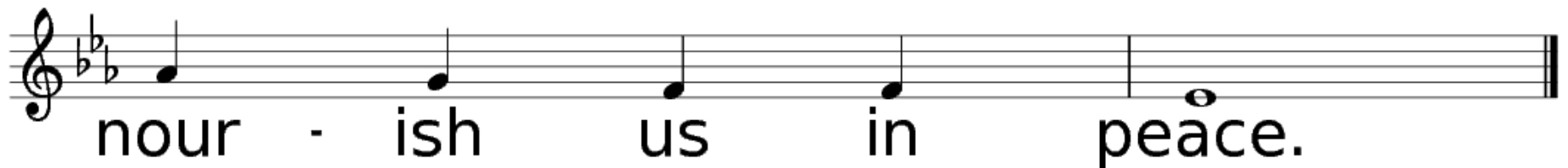
Thy true re-li-gion in our hearts in-crease.

The first staff of music is in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It contains four measures of music. The first measure has a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The second measure has a half note F4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F4. The third measure has a half note E4, a quarter note F4, and a quarter note E4. The fourth measure has a half note D4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4. The final note is a triplet of eighth notes: D4, C4, and B3.



Thy boun - teous good - ness

The second staff of music is in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats. It contains two measures of music. The first measure has a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The second measure has a half note F4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F4.



nour - ish us in peace.

The third staff of music is in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats. It contains two measures of music. The first measure has a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The second measure has a half note F4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F4. The final note is a half note D4.



4. Re - fresh thy peo - ple



on their toil - some way.



Lead us from night to nev-er-end-ing day.



Fill all our lives with love and grace di-vine, ⁂



and glo-ry, laud, and praise be ev-er thine.

# **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**

**Giving Thanks to God  
with Our Tithes and  
Offerings**

**Offertory Song**

# **Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom  
all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures  
here below;**

**Praise God above,  
ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son  
and Holy Ghost.**

**Amen.**

**(repeat Amen 6 times)**

# **Prayer of Dedication**

**People: With abundance upon abundance, Almighty God, you have seen to our needs. As we return this portion of our wealth, we offer these prayers, and we remember our commitment to know you, to love you, and to serve you.**

**Bless these gifts, multiply and use  
them, and may we be blessed  
ourselves as we see your work in  
our midst, Amen.**

# **Closing Hymn**

**“Above All”**

# **Charge and Blessing**

