

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

# **Sharing the Peace of Christ**

# **Opening Hymn**

**“Let Everything That  
Has Breath (Praise)”**

# **CALL TO WORSHIP**

(from Psalm 119)

Leader: All who walk in shadow, come  
into the light!

**People: God's word lights the way  
for us.**

Leader: God has promised to abide with us.

**People: So let us commit to walk in God's ways.**

Leader: All who are afflicted, ensnared by the world, come give praise to God.

**People: God is the joy of our heart, our sure and certain comfort, come what may!**

# **A Time for Children**

# **Gathering Prayer**

# **Call to Confession**

# **Prayer of Confession**

**People: Gracious Creator, you created this world and called it good, and out of it called a pilgrim people, chosen to abide with you and to bear witness to your reality.**

**Yet we, who have been called  
“Beloved” by you, often find ourselves  
making peace with what does not  
give peace. Meet us in our weakness;  
turn our unwilling eyes upon our  
unruly hearts.**

**Draw us away from our love of power,  
our tolerance of injustice, our  
ignorance of suffering.**

**Drive us towards what is fearfully and wonderfully made, so that we may inspire hope, offer forgiveness, and love our neighbors, according to the way of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.**

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

# **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: For those who are in Christ, there is no condemnation.

**People: The Holy Spirit works in the world to bring new life.**

Leader: Believe this joyous good news,  
you are forgiven and restored to new life.

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

# **Old Testament Reading**

**Genesis 25:19-34**

These are the descendants of Isaac,  
Abraham's son: Abraham was the father  
of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old  
when he married Rebekah, daughter of  
Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram,  
sister of Laban the Aramean.

Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife,  
because she was barren; and the Lord  
granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah  
conceived. The children struggled  
together within her; and she said, “If it is  
to be this way, why do I live?”

So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her,

“Two nations are in your womb,

and two peoples born of you shall

be divided;

the one shall be stronger than the other,

the elder shall serve the younger.”

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau.

Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew,  
Esau came in from the field, and he was  
famished. Esau said to Jacob, “Let me eat  
some of that red stuff, for I am famished!”  
(Therefore he was called Edom.)

Jacob said, “First sell me your birthright.”  
Esau said, “I am about to die; of what use  
is a birthright to me?” Jacob said, “Swear  
to me first.” So he swore to him, and sold  
his birthright to Jacob.

Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

# **New Testament Reading**

**Romans 8:1-11**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

For God has done what the law,  
weakened by the flesh, could not do: by  
sending his own Son in the likeness of  
sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he  
condemned sin in the flesh, so that the  
just requirement of the law might be  
fulfilled in us, who walk not according to  
the flesh but according to the Spirit.

For those who live according to the flesh  
set their minds on the things of the flesh,  
but those who live according to the Spirit  
set their minds on the things of the Spirit.  
To set the mind on the flesh is death,  
but to set the mind on the Spirit is life  
and peace.

For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law - indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

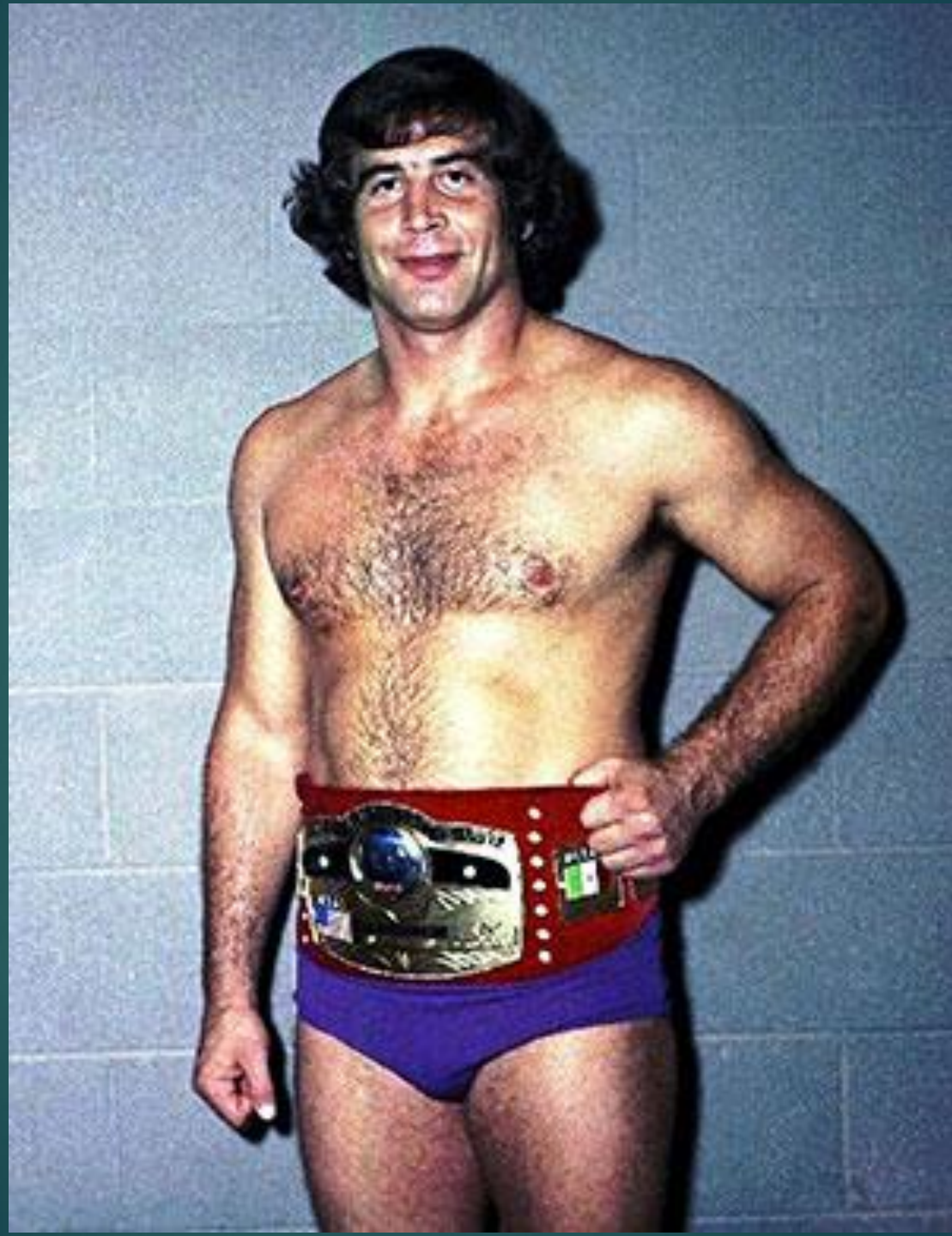
If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Hero You  
Didn't Expect













**"Don't Judge My Story,  
By The Chapter You  
Walked In On."**





People May  
Judge a chapter of your  
life but God knows the  
whole story.

**SOMETIMES.. ALL IT  
TAKES IS ANOTHER  
CHANCE TO GET  
THINGS RIGHT.**

*Glory to God #610*

# **Middle Hymn**

**“O for a Thousand  
Tongues to Sing”**

**v. 1, 2, & 5**

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MUSIC (AZMON, CM): Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839*



1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing



my dear Re - deem - er's praise,



the glo - ries of my God and King,



the tri - umphs of God's grace!



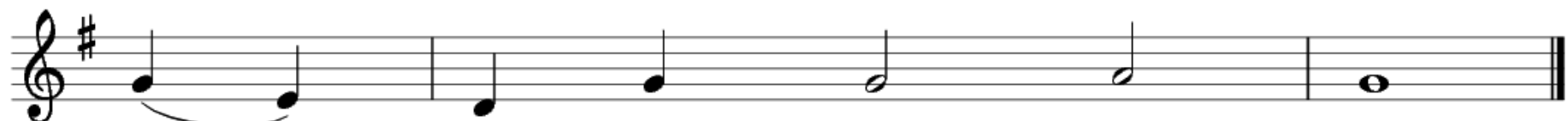
2. The name of Je - sus charms our fears,



and bids our sor - rows cease,



sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears,



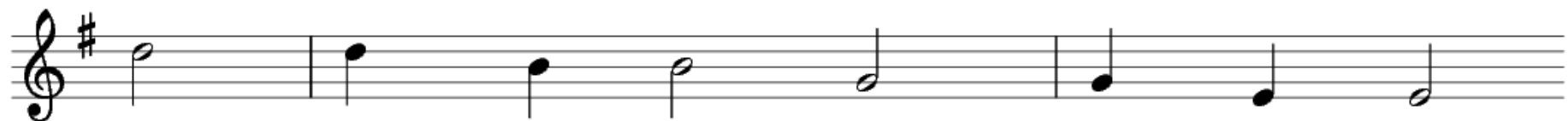
brings life, and health, and peace.



5. To God all glo - ry, praise, and love



be now and ev - er given



by saints be - low and saints a - bove,



the church in earth and heaven.

# **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: Holy God, you have called us together as your people, gathered in your church, on behalf of your promises of grace and life for all the world. So we pledge this portion of what is precious to us in gratitude.**

**Bless and multiply these gifts. May they demonstrate the unfathomable glory that is yours in Christ Jesus. In Jesus' name we pray: Amen.**

# **Closing Hymn**

**“Always”**

# **Charge and Blessing**

