



Kirkwood Sunday
October 30, 2016
The Sacrament of
the Lord's Supper

Choral Call to Worship

Children's Sunday School Choir

Call to Worship

Elder Zach Casteen

Come away from the rush and worry of the world to worship God.

We come seeking peace and quiet for our souls.

Rest your spirits. Quiet your hearts. God is with us.

Praise be to God who calls us to come away.

Come, the banquet of hope and praise is ready.

We come at our Lord's invitation, seeking to be fed.

Feed on the love of God in Jesus Christ.

We come at our Lord's invitation, needing healing.

Be healed by God's gracious mercy.

We come at our Lord's invitation, longing for forgiveness.

In Jesus' name, we are loved, healed, and forgiven.

Alleluia! Praise be to God!

Song: "We Are Standing on Holy Ground" (Sing two times)

We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around;
let us praise Jesus now;
we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

A Prayer of Confession and Preparation for Coming to the Lord's Table

My Lord Christ, I have fallen; I would gladly be strong. For this purpose you have instituted the sacrament, that with it we may rekindle and strengthen our faith and be helped. Therefore, I am to receive it. Behold, Lord, it is your Word. My weakness and failings are known to you. You yourself have said: Come unto Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. I now come to be helped. Amen.

Response "Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me; fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Children's Sermon

Special Music

Children's Sunday School Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious and patient God, as we come to you this day, we are mindful of the many ways in which we have so easily turned our back on you. Turn us around again, O Lord. Open our hearts and our spirits to receive your holy Word that we may again walk in the path of true discipleship.; through Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

Epistle Lesson: Philippians 4:4-9

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Gospel Lesson: Matthew 6:19-21, 24-34



Sermon

The Stewardship of All of Life: In God We Trust

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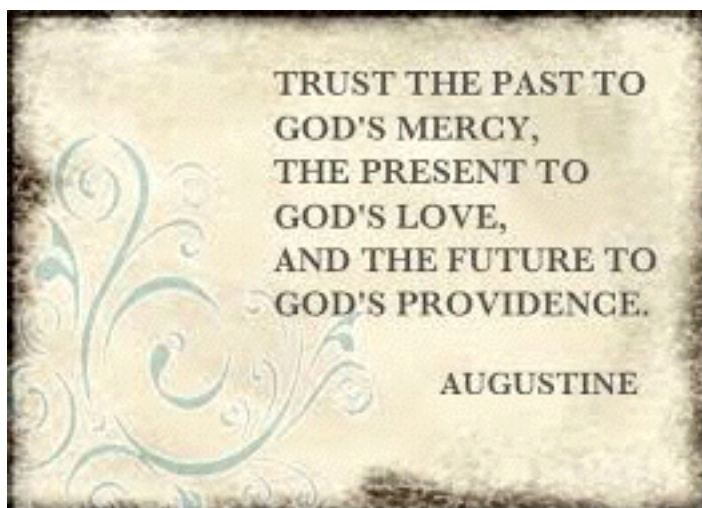
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world has fallen into sin; but rebellion and sin can never dethrone God.
He does not abandon the work of his hand; the heavens still declare his glory.
He preserves his world, sending seasons, sun, and rain,
upholding his creatures, renewing the earth,
directing all things to their purpose.
He promised a Savior;
now the whole creation groans in the birth pangs of a new creation.

Our world belongs to God—
not to us or earthly powers, not to demons, fate, or chance.
The earth is the Lord's!

God directs and bends to his will all that happens in his world.
As history unfolds in ways we only know in part, all things—
from crops to grades, from jobs to laws— are under his control.
God is present in our world by his Word and Spirit.
The faithfulness of our great Provider gives sense to our days and hope to our years.
The future is secure, for our world belongs to God.

(Taken from A Contemporary Testimony of the Christian Reformed Church)



Song of Preparation for the Lord's Table

"Jesus Loves Me"

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Bible tells me so.

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Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me."
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
me so.

The Bible tells

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We will stand in a circle to serve and receive the bread and the cup. You are invited to tear a piece of bread and dip in the cup. As you offer the bread and cup to your neighbor, you may say something such as, "The body and blood of Christ for you." A good response is, "And also for you."

Think on these things as the bread and cup are being passed:

As I take the bread, I remember to thank God that Christ took up a human body, that he was tempted just as I am, that he was willing to suffer for me, that he lived a hard life in a poor family, that he was willing to be misunderstood.

As I take the cup, I remember to thank God that Jesus poured out his blood for me, that he saves me from the guilt of my sin, that he sets me free from the power of sin, that I now have the righteousness of Christ, that I will live and reign with Christ forever.



Offering Our Gifts to God

Song: "This Is My Father's World"

This is my Father's world, and to my listening 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.

my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.
world: he shines in all that's fair;
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 off 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 heaven be one.

This is
the morning
This is my Father's
in the rustling grass I

Benediction (Unison)

May the grace of God be with you.

May the love of Christ be with you;

May the Spirit's peace be with you—
here and everywhere, now and forever.

Alleluia!

The Blessing of Our Lunch

