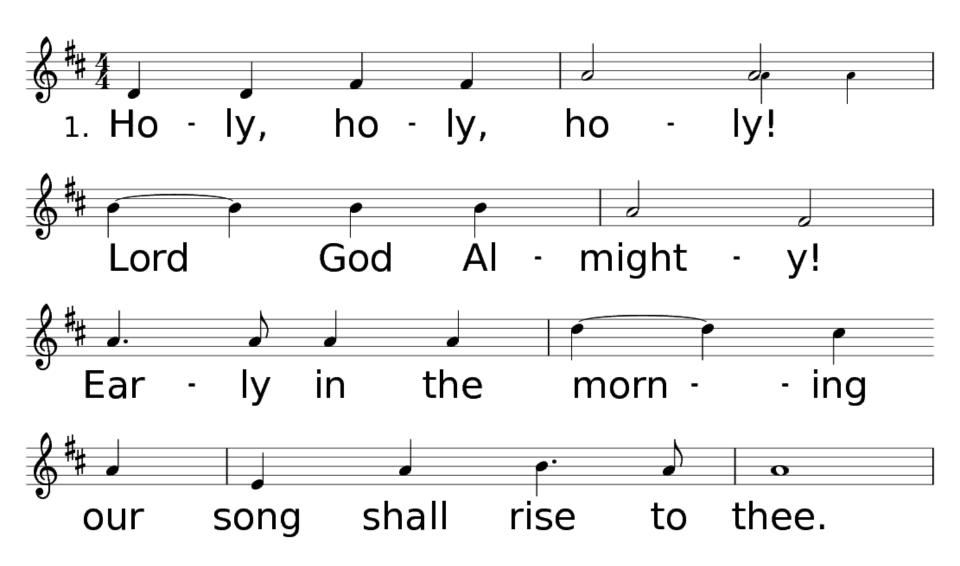
# Welcome to Kirkwood!

## Sharing the Peace of Christ

#### Glory to God #1

#### **Opening Hymn**

### "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"



TEXT: Reginald Heber, 1827, alt.; Korean trans. The Christian Literature Society of Korea; Spanish trans. Juan B. Cabrera;















#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

(based on Psalm 19)

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God.

People: With Wisdom, we rejoice, knowing the streets are full of God's glory!

Leader: The sky proclaims God's handiwork.

People: With Wisdom, we rejoice, worshiping in the sanctuary of creation!

Leader: The ways of the Holy One make wise the simple.

People: With Wisdom, we rejoice, sharing in the oneness of love.

All: Let's worship the Holy One in the streets, sanctuaries, and squares!

#### **Gathering Prayer**

#### **Call to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

People: You call out to us, Holy God, from city streets, town squares, and cattle gates, but we refuse to listen. Preoccupied with our projections of you, we fail to see how our thoughts disrupt our communion with you.

You offer an outstretched hand to transform our lives, but we choose complacency instead. Forgive us when we ignore your call to live in the way of love.

By your mercy, may we heed your call to examine our thoughtlessness so that we may live for Christ.

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

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, hear the good news!

Gracious is the Lord our God who is full of compassion.

People: When we are at our lowest, God saves us.

Leader: Friends, believe the good news!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

#### **A Time for Children**

#### **Old Testament Reading**

**Proverbs 1:20-33** 

Wisdom cries out in the street;
in the squares she raises her voice.
At the busiest corner she cries out;
at the entrance of the
city gates she speaks:

"How long, O simple ones,will you love being simple?How long will scoffers delightin their scoffingand fools hate knowledge?

Give heed to my reproof;

I will pour out my thoughts to you;

I will make my words

known to you.

Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand

and no one heeded,

and because you have
ignored all my counsel
and would have none of my reproof,
I also will laugh at your calamity;

I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you.

Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.

Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof,

therefore they shall eat
the fruit of their way
and be sated with
their own devices.

For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them;

but those who listen to me
will be secure
and will live at ease,
without dread of disaster."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### **New Testament Reading**

**James 3:1-12** 

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes.

Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies.

Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell.

For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue - a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so.

Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

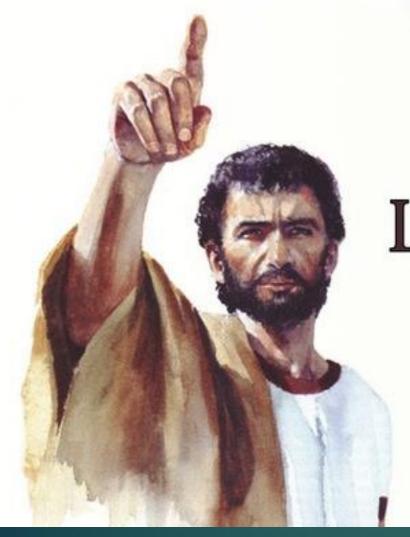
People: Thanks be to God.

#### Live What You Talk









Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren

James 3:1



It's not about "having" time. It's about making time.

### SPEAK KINDLY

Our words influence our actions and create the world around us...

#### Middle Hymn

"Set a Fire"

# 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: God who witnesses the cries and shouts of creation, receive our tithes and offerings. May our streets be filled with joy, our cities be embraced by peace, and our lives be blessed with abundance. Amen.

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#### **Closing Hymn**

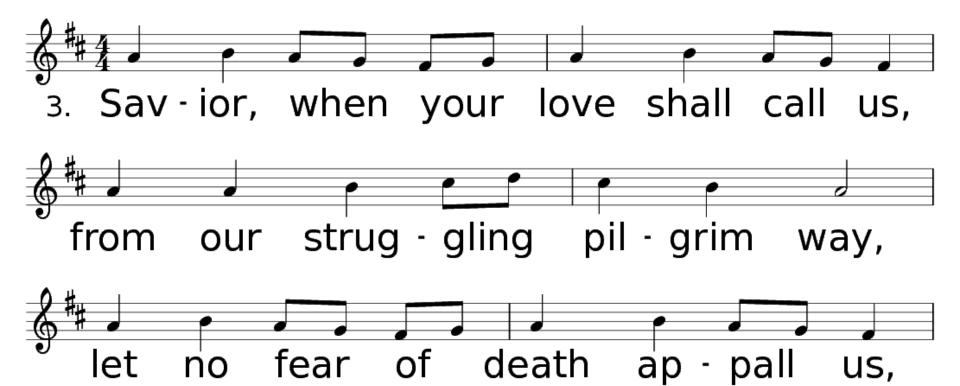
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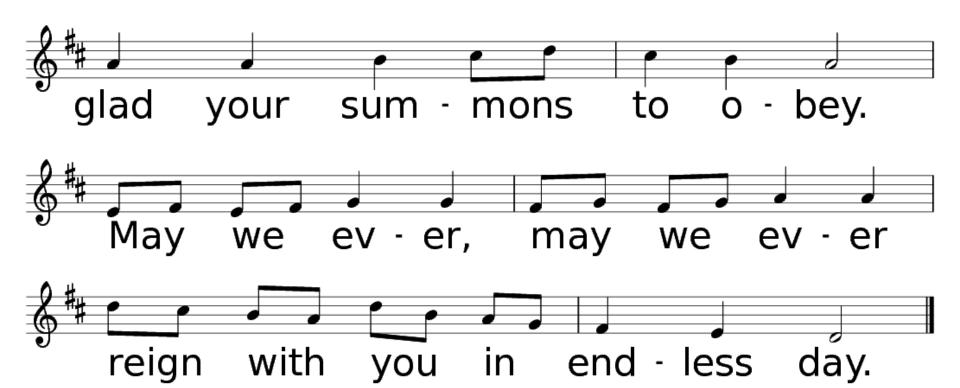












#### **Charge and Blessing**