

**Psalm of the Day**  
**Psalm 139:1-12, 23-34**

<sup>1</sup>O Lord, you have searched me and known me. <sup>2</sup>You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. <sup>3</sup>You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. <sup>4</sup>Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. <sup>5</sup>You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. <sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. <sup>7</sup>Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? <sup>8</sup>If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. <sup>9</sup>If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, <sup>10</sup>even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. <sup>11</sup>If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night," <sup>12</sup>even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you. <sup>23</sup>Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. <sup>24</sup>See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

**Household Prayer: Morning**

The sunlight greets me this morning, reminding me that I begin a new day in your presence. You search me and know me. Even before I rise you seek me out. Your intimate knowledge of me is too wonderful for me. Lord, I acknowledge you are my God! I will seek your face in those I meet and make my aim to please and serve you alone, Jesus, my Lord. Amen.

**Household Prayer: Evening**

The numerous stars shine the wonder of God whose grace is beyond measure. Whisper to me your abundant grace which sustains me. As I lay down my head, O God, I ask that lay your hand upon me and hold me tight. Keep watch over my time of rest through Jesus Christ our Peace. Amen.



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*“Kirkwood Presbyterian Church is a joyful community of faith—  
seeking, serving, and sharing Jesus Christ.”*

*Kirkwood's Mission Statement*

*Please remember to "Bring a Can of Food to Church for ECHO" each Sunday for our Springfield and Burke neighbors who need help feeding their families!*

### SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

#### SILENT REFLECTION

“Jesus’ stories offer us a sense of connection, a handle on mystery, an invitation to wonder.”  
~ Barbara Brown Taylor

#### WE GATHER TOGETHER

*As you enter the sanctuary, please prepare for worship with quiet reverence.*

**PRELUDE** *Concerto for Two Violins in C minor, I-Allegro* J.S. Bach  
Diana Sundsvold and Mark Wessman, violin  
Hongju Lee, piano

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#### TOLLING OF THE BELLS

**WORDS OF WELCOME** Maggie Snyder

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.  
People: **We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Maggie Snyder  
~adapted from Psalm 8:1, 3-5, 9

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God  
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
People: **And also with you.**  
Leader: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
People: **You have set your glory above the heavens.**  
Leader: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
The moon and the stars that you have established.  
People: **What are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
Mortals that you care for them?**  
Leader: Yet you have made them a little lower than God  
and crowned them with glory and honor.  
People: **O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

#### Joys & Concerns

##### *This Week's Birthdays:*

July 27 Ethan Jennette  
July 27 Tammy Mottl  
July 28 Heather Telfer

##### *This Week's Anniversaries:*

July 24 Joe & Donna Ross

##### *Special Concerns:*

Dustin & Sherri Ellington and family, mission workers in Zambia  
Ensign Will Campbell, deployed to the Persian Gulf onboard USS Thunderbolt

##### *Health & Personal Concerns:*

Bob Flory  
Bob Hemm  
Dick Pape  
Joan Reynolds  
Dani Schwalb  
Lee & Linda Knutson  
Deanna Johnson's father  
Abigail, daughter of Joan Reynolds' nephew  
James and Bryce, friends of Anne Myers  
Dick Glymph, father of Amy Jennette  
Hez Spinner, brother-in-law of Clydette Lobred  
Jerrold Ross, brother of Joe Ross

#### *This Week at Kirkwood*

##### **Sunday, July 23, 2017**

10:00 AM Worship Service (S)  
1:30 PM Washington Mission Church (S)  
2:30 PM Washington Mission Church (FH)  
3:00 PM Carpe Diem Choir (CO)  
4:00 PM Carpe Diem Choir (S)

##### **Monday, July 24, 2017**

##### **Tuesday, July 25, 2017**

8:30 AM Men's Breakfast (Bob Evans)

##### **Wednesday, July 26, 2017**

8:30 PM Discussion Group AA (SB)

##### **Thursday, July 27, 2017**

6:45 PM Ladies Night Out AA (SB)

##### **Friday, July 28, 2017**

6:30 PM NA (SB)

##### **Saturday, July 29, 2017**

*(S) Sanctuary (CO) Conference Room (CL) Classrooms (SB) Sanctuary Basement (FH) Fellowship Hall (P) Parlor*



*Flowers this morning are given by Joe and Donna Ross.*

**Today's Revised Common Lectionary Readings:    Next Sunday's Revised Common Lectionary Readings:**

Genesis 28:10-19a  
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24  
Romans 8:12-25  
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Genesis 29:15-28  
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b (or) Psalm 128  
Romans 8:26-39  
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

**Nursery:** Nursery care is available for newborns through age 2.

Rev. Lees will be in the Narthex after worship to greet you. We welcome you to join us for a time of refreshments and fellowship.

**Calling All Musicians!** Do you have a talent to share? Do you play an instrument or sing? Are you part of a musical performing group? If so, please share your own or your group's talents during one of the Summer Worship Services. During the summer months, our regular performing groups will be taking a well-earned break and we would love to have you help us with music. If you can help, or have a friend to recommend, please contact our music director Christopher Smith by calling (202) 704-7303 or emailing music.director@kirkwoodpres.com.

**Men's Breakfast:** All the Men of Kirkwood are invited to attend the upcoming Men's Breakfast on **Tuesday, July 25** at 8:30 am. It will be held at Bob Evans Restaurant (6310 Augusta Drive) in Springfield. Please look for a sign-up sheet in the Commons Area. You may contact Pastor Larry for further information at pastor@kirkwoodpres.com.

**Summer Soiree:** Did you know there are presidential appointees, nuclear engineers, and FBI agents who are among the worshipers at Kirkwood? Would you like to have more time to visit? Please join us for a relaxing evening of fellowship and a casual dinner at the Larson home, 5785 Ladues End Court, Fairfax, on **Saturday, August 5** at 6:30 pm. This is open to all adults, singles, couples, members of Kirkwood, and their guests. It will be a pot luck and we would ask you to sign up, for planning purposes, on the signup sheet by the fellowship table. We will be having chicken and salmon on the grill, and drinks will be provided.

**Two Baseball Night Outs:** We are planning outings to both the Washington Nationals and the Potomac Nationals baseball games. The Washington Nationals game will be on **Saturday, August 12** at 7:05 pm against the San Francisco Giants. We need 12 people to sign up to get the group discount. The Potomac Nationals game will be on **Saturday, August 19** at 6:35 pm. against the Winstom-Salem Dash. Please sign up in the commons area or see Doug Amon by Sunday, July 30.

**Kirkwood Fantasy Football League:** Kirkwood Fantasy Football League (KFFL) enters its 14th year of fellowship and it is time to register a team in the Kirkwood Fantasy Football League 2017 season. Our draft will be **Friday, August 25 and Saturday, August 26** at 7:30 pm in the Kirkwood Conference Room. Mission is an important component of the KFFL. We continue to provide contributions to Fisher House in memory of Jeff Ghen. Last season we donated \$100 to Fisher House from dues and donations. Please fill out a sign up sheet which can be found in the commons area and join the fun.

**ECHO Needs:** Currently, ECHO's greatest needs are for 2# bags of rice or dried beans, boxed pasta, 6 oz. tomato paste, 8 oz. tomato sauce, shaving cream, deodorant, plastic bandages, toilet tissue as well as over-the-counter cold and pain medicines. ECHO's Housewares Department is always trying to fill requests for large pots and pans, and queen sized bedding, but there is now also a need for toasters and irons that are in good working order. The Clothing Department is hoping for donations of size 6 diapers and children's sneakers in larger sizes (13-6).

**GATHERING PRAYER**

Lord, we come this day, marveling at the miracles and mysteries of everyday creation in your world. We have enjoyed both the bright sunshine and the gentle rains. We have marveled over the beauty of flowers and the complexity of the heavens. Make our hearts ready to receive your word for us this day, that we may go forth from this place ready to joyfully serve you as your new creation in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**HYMN**

*It Is Good to Sing Your Praises*

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**WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

~adapted from Romans 8:14-15

Beloved in Christ, we did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but we received a spirit of adoption. Let us then confess our sin with the freedom of children who know how deeply they are loved. Let us pray...

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

Strong yet Gentle God, You know us as we are and see deeply into our lives. You know our impatience and frustration. We are quick to rush and push our agendas rather than wait upon your wise and good ways. We seek results at the expense of others; we are quick to judge and slow to understand that growth takes time and cannot be manipulated to meet our ends. Forgive us for our shallow faith, and our blaming ways. Grant us mercy that the seeds of patience and forgiveness you plant within us may grow nurtured in grace and bearing the fruit of your Spirit among us all. In Christ we pray. Amen.

*(moment of silence for personal confession)*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

~adapted from Romans 8:1

**Leader:** Sisters and brothers, in Christ there is not condemnation, for perfect love casts out sin. Know you are forgiven and be at peace.  
**People:** **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

(PLEASE STAND)

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

*Hear the Good News of Salvation*

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*Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love. Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above. Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin! How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.*

**WE PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Leader: The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
People: **And also with you.**

(PLEASE SIT)

**A MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN**

*Children ages 3 through 6th grade are dismissed at this time.*

**GREETING, NEWS OF THE CHURCH**

*Please sign the friendship folder and pass it along the pew.  
You may complete prayer request cards and give them to an usher.*

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*Jesus Loves Me*

arr. McMichael

(PLEASE STAND)

**DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below.  
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

(PLEASE SIT)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**WE HEAR THE WORD**

**FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT**

Psalm 65:1-13

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(PLEASE STAND)

**HYMN**

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

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(PLEASE SIT)

**THE GOSPEL**

Mark 4:26-29

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**SERMON**

*Jesus, Jesus, ‘How Does Your Kingdom Grow?’*

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*Amazing Grace*

arr. McMichael

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (RESPONSIVE)**

~adapted from Isaiah 55:10-13

Leader: As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

People: You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. Instead of the thorn bush will grow the juniper, and instead of briers the myrtle will grow. This will be for the Lord’s renown, for an everlasting sign, that will endure forever.

(PLEASE STAND)

**HYMN**

*We Will Go Out with Joy*

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**BENEDICTION**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

*O Lord, Our Lord*

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*O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.  
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.  
O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name:  
Prince of Peace, mighty God, O Lord God Almighty.*

**POSTLUDE**

*Concerto for Two Violins in C minor, III—Allegro*

J.S. Bach