

First Presbyterian Church

Morrison, Illinois

February 12, 2023

6th Sunday after Epiphany

10:15AM

Enter This Church That We Might Worship Together!



PRELUDE

Jesus Loves Me

arr. W. Bradbury

THE GATHERING WELCOME

Pastor: Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

INTROIT

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

No. 482 Vs. 3

OPENING PRAYER AND MOMENT FOR MEDITATION (Song of Solomon 8:6-7)

“Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. If one offered for love all the wealth of one’s house, it would be utterly scorned.”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively) (Psalm 119:1-8)

Pastor: Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.

All: Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways.

Pastor: You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.

All: O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!

Pastor: Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

All: I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous ordinances. I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

***HYMN**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

No. 376

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

We have been made in God’s image, and as God is love, we have been made in the image of love. Yet in so many ways, we stray from our true image, and, in such, live our lives as false images of who we actually are. We pray this morning that we be filled with the Holy Spirit so that we may let the love of God cleanse us, seeping into every part of our being, washing away the darkness. In Christ, may we live into God’s new creation that awaits us. We pray this in Jesus’ name.....
.....*Silent prayer followed by “Amen”*.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (Unison)

Our Creator loves us so much that Jesus the Son was sent to us. Jesus Christ loves us so much that he has lived and died for us. The Holy Spirit loves us so much that it is always here for us. All we have to do is be open to that love by letting it enter in, dwell within us and to pass through us in our loving actions to all of God’s creation. Praise be Jesus’ name forever and ever. Amen.

***HYMN**

Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

No. 579

CHILDREN’S CHOIR

All You Need Is Love

The Beatles

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:21-37

SERMON

HYMN

What Wondrous Love Is This

No. 85

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Concluding with “Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers”)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***HYMN**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)

No. 592

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION** (Unison)

We thank you Lord for the gift of love. Help us to remain filled with your love in every aspect of our life. With thanksgiving, we rededicate our lives to you so that we may always be vessels of your love through our thoughts, words and actions. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

***HYMN**

Fill My Cup

No. 350

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE**

Laudation

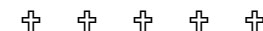
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PASSING OF THE PEACE (*greeting: “Peace be with you,” response: “and also with you”*)

*You are invited to stand for this portion.

**Please remain seated until the conclusion of the postlude.

The Bible verses are read from the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV).



Depart This House That We Might Witness Together!

Remember in prayer: Individuals and families fighting COVID-19 infection; residents and staff of Resthove, Homestead, and Pleasant View; medical workers, essential employees, school teachers & staff; Dan Brandon, Orville Goodenough, Janet Johnson, Joyce Mathew, Shirley Mills, Marian Osborn, Youdelka Philippe (MSH), Cooke Shawver, Jean Temple, Rachel Tucker, Ray Tucker, Dick Vandermyde, Michael Vegter, Jr.

Love one another!

Livestream Worship Services

Each Sunday at 10:15am from the church's Facebook group page: www.facebook.com/groups/firstpresmorrison. And after the service on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcZlobAb6lcNXGA0cbuuVdg>

Bible Study We will meet Tuesdays at 9:30am at Pleasant View. Rick Barr will lead the weeks that Pastor Mike is unable.

Cookie Frost-Off We will be having more cookie frost-offs this year! We will be having them during coffee hour so that our families can attend as well. The next one will be on February 12. We will be in need of cookies to frost.

Birthdays

02/12: Britney Sage

If you would like to donate cookies, please contact Lynn Knox or let Stacie in the office know.

Drive-Up Meal The next meal will be on February 23. We will be serving chili. Meals will begin at 4:30PM. Help is needed on Wednesday at 1:30pm and Thursday starting at 3:30pm.

Prayer Requests Have a prayer request? You can now email them to prayers.firstpresmorrison@gmail.com

STAFF

Minister. Rev. Dr. Mike Selburg
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Organist. Scott Vandermyde
Custodian. Courtney Bruckner

SESSION ELDERS:

Lynn Knox	Tim Reynolds	Carol Wolf
Lexie Laughlin	Ron Shank	Deb Zigler
Angela Reamer	Scott Vandermyde	Stacie Baker, Clerk

*See, I have set before you today life and prosperity,
death and adversity.
If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God
that I am commanding you today,
by loving the Lord your God,
walking in his ways,
and observing his commandments,
decrees, and ordinances,
then you shall live and become numerous,
and the Lord your God will bless you
in the land that you are entering to possess.
But if your heart turns away
and you do not hear,
but are led astray to bow down
to other gods and serve them,
I declare to you today that you shall perish;
you shall not live long in the land
that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.
I call heaven and earth to witness against you today
that I have set before you life and death,
blessings and curses.
Choose life so that you and your descendants may live,
loving the Lord your God,
obeying him,
and holding fast to him;
for that means life to you and length of days,
so that you may live in the land
that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors,
to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.*

—Deuteronomy 30:15-20

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