

Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church  
in Cape Girardeau, Missouri



May we all be....

just,

kind,

and humble.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 22

# The Gathering of God's People

Prelude.....Mary Mims, Organist

Processional.....LEVAS #189 Great is thy faithfulness (p. 9)

*All standing, the Presider says*

*Presider:* Come Holy Spirit, our souls inspire.

*People:* **And fill us with celestial fire!**

*Presider:* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Song of Praise.....Be a bright flame before me (on p. 11)

## The Collect of the Day

*Presider:* God is with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Let us pray:

Almighty God, who created us in your image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## First Reading

Micah 6:6-8

**“W**ith what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He hastold you, O mortal, what is good; and what doesthe Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm**

Psalm 99:1-5

The LORD is King; let the people tremble; \*  
he is enthroned upon the  
cherubim; let the earth shake.

The LORD is great in Zion; \*  
he is high above all peoples.

Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \*  
he is the Holy One.

"O mighty King, lover of justice, you have  
established equity; \*  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before his  
footstool; \*  
he is the Holy One.

**The Second Reading**

James 2:14-17

**W**hat good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*The People stand for the Hymn and the reading of the Gospel.*

**The Sequence Hymn**.....#651 This is my Father's world

**The Gospel**

Luke 4:16-21

*Presider:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**W**hen he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

*Presider:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## Sermon

Greg Heinsman

## Affirmation of Faith

*Presider:* Let us affirm our faith: Do you believe in God?

*People:* I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

*Presider:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

*People:* I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the  
dead.

*Presider:* Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

*People:* I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers Of The People

*Presider:* God has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what  
does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to  
love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?  
*Micah 6:8*

*Reader:* Let us, in this season of national preparation, offer our prayers and thanksgiving to Almighty God who calls us to dwell together in unity...

*People:* Let us pray: Christ our Light.  
**Shine in our hearts.**

*Reader:* You who framed the brightness of the first light in creation; dispel the arrogance, animosity, and anger that shatters the unity of your holy Church.

Fill your faithful people with the radiant light of truth, that we may be made one in faith, hope and love.

*People:* Christ our Light.  
**Shine in our hearts.**

*Reader:* You who delivered your people from the misery of bondage in slavery to the land of promise; set us free us from enslavement to division, disunity and distrust in our public life and labor.

Illumine those in authority with the light of vision, that they may lead the peoples of the nations to greater unity and concord.

*People:* Christ our Light.  
**Shine in our hearts.**

*Reader:* You who patterned the stars and called the sun into being, who appointed the moon and chartered the cosmos.

Pattern the hearts of people everywhere to see in each other the beauty of the universe and the splendor of creation, that divisions of race, class, gender and ethnicity may dissolve into one common humanity.

*People:* Christ our Light.  
**Shine in our hearts.**

*Reader:* You who delight in the complexity of creation and the splendor of each creature; help us to delight in the diversity of the earth our island home.

Inspire your people to care for the earth and its creatures and repent and return when we abuse, misuse and neglect our fellow creatures.

*People:* Christ our Light.  
**Shine in our hearts.**

*Reader:* You who call us into relationship with you and one another; renew our hearts to be people of community.

Knit us together to listen respectfully to one another so that all might glorify you by using our various gifts to raise up those most in need in our neighborhoods.

Christ our Light.

*People:* **Shine in our hearts.**

*Reader:* You who shower comfort and hope to the lowest, the lost and the least; help us to be your compassion and hope in the world.

Show the light of compassion on the sick, the sorrowful and the suffering, especially those we now name...

Christ our Light.

*People:* **Shine in our hearts.**

*Reader:* You who welcome into the brilliant light of eternity the souls of those who have died; welcome those whose lives have been cut short by violence, warfare, and strife.

Shine the light of hope on our faithful dead, especially those we now name...

Christ our Light.

*People:* **Shine in our hearts.**

*Presider:* Just and compassionate God, you walk with your people in humility and compassion in times of trial. You call us to do justice, love kindness, and to walk humbly with You and each other. Set us free from the rancor of division and distrust that infect our hearts and fracture our nation; that following the Way of Jesus we may cast out fear; all for your love's sake. Amen.

*Presider:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*All:* **Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Presider:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*Presider:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

*We greet each other in the name of the risen Christ.*

**The Offertory Hymn**.....#312 Strengthen for service Lord

### **The Agape Meal**

*The Presider and People give thanks for the gift of our daily bread.*

*Presider:* Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe.

***People:* You bring forth bread from the earth; we long for the day when we may once again partake of the bread of life, the Body of your Son Jesus Christ. As grain scattered upon the earth is gathered into one loaf, so gather your Church in every place into the kingdom of your Son. Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The Presider and People give thanks for the gift of wine.*

*Presider:* Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe.

***People:* You create the fruit of the vine; we long for the day when you will once again refresh us with the cup of salvation in the Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The Presider and People give thanks for the gift of food.*

*Presider:* Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe.

***People:* You have blessed the earth to bring forth food to satisfy our hunger. Let this food strengthen us in the**

Eucharistic fast that is before us, that following our Savior in the way of the cross, we may come to the joy of his resurrection. Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

**The Lord's Prayer**

*The Presider then continues*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All:** 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

**Blessing**

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Presider:* May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. Amen.

**Announcements**

**Recessional Hymn**.....#657 Love divine, all loves excelling

**Dismissal**

*Presider:* Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more that we can ask or imagine; Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus forever and ever. **Amen.**

*Ephesians 3:20, 21*

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the spirit.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Postlude**.....Mary Mims, Organist

# LEVAS #189 Great is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,  
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

1. There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;  
2. Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,  
3. Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

1. Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,  
2. Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,  
3. Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

1. As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
2. To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.  
3. Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

# Be a bright flame before me

Carmina Gadelica

Richard Michael Joseph

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Be a bright flame before me'. It consists of five staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The lyrics are: 'Be a bright flame be - fore me, Be a guid - ing star a - bove me, Be a smooth path be - low me, And a kind - ly shep - herd be - hind me, To - day, to - night and for - ev - er. A - men.'

## Servers

*Presider*  
*Preacher*  
*Reader*  
*Greeter*  
*Altar Guild*  
*St. Isidore's Guild*  
*Vestry Counter*  
*Organist*

Chris Masters  
Greg Heinsman  
Kent Miller  
Donna Richardet  
Monica Waldon  
Bruce Mims  
Cheryl Essner  
Mary Mims

# Thank you for visiting Christ Episcopal Church!

## Who are We?

We are a community, forgiven and loved by God, joyfully called to the work of reconciliation.

Known throughout Cape Girardeau as "the Red Door Church" by those we serve, our mission is to share God's love and grace.

## When are our Services?

Services are held 10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. on Sundays and Evening Prayer is from 5:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. on Wednesdays.

We are hosting a Bible study group before service at 9:00 A.M. on Sundays as well.

