

# First Presbyterian Evanston

## Sunday Worship

**March 22, 2020 – 10 a.m.**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

### **FOCUS**

---

#### **Prelude**

Be Still, My Soul  
*(Harold DeCou)*

#### **Welcome**

#### **Opening Sentences**

“It’s not great faith you need; it is faith in a great God.”

- N.T. Wright

### **EXALT**

---

#### **Call to Worship**

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God who was, and is, and is to come.

**All: Amen.**

And from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and ruler of kings on earth.

**Amen.**

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints.

**Amen.**

## **Opening Hymn**

### A Mighty Fortress

*(Words & Music: Christy Nockels and Nathan Nockels, 2009)*

Our God is a consuming fire  
A burning holy flame with glory and freedom  
Our God is the only righteous judge  
Ruling over us with kindness and wisdom

And we will keep our eyes on You  
We will keep our eyes on You

A mighty fortress is our God  
A sacred refuge is Your name  
Your Kingdom is unshakable  
And with You forever we will reign

Our God is jealous for His own  
None could comprehend His love and His mercy  
Our God is exalted on His throne  
High above the heavens forever He is worthy

And we will keep our eyes on You  
We will keep our eyes on You

A mighty fortress is our God  
A sacred refuge is Your name  
Your Kingdom is unshakable  
And with You forever we will reign

We will keep our eyes on You  
We will keep our eyes on You

So we can set our hearts on You  
Lord we will set our hearts on You

A mighty fortress is our God  
A sacred refuge is Your name  
Your Kingdom is unshakable  
And with You forever we will reign

A mighty fortress is our God  
A sacred refuge is Your name  
Your Kingdom is unshakable  
And with You forever we will reign

With You forever we will reign  
With You forever we will reign  
Our God is a consuming fire  
A burning holy flame with glory and freedom

### **Prayer of Confession**

**All: God of tenderness and love, breathe your grace into our lives. Forgive our wandering ways, and guide us along your paths of peace. When we lose our way, and forget the reason and purpose of this season, carry us back to you. Lead us up to that high mountain of faith and hope, that we might truly proclaim: "Here is our God!" In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

(People offer their own private silent prayers to the Lord)

## Trisagion (Holy, Holy, Holy)

*(Words: ancient Greek prayer c. before 451, "Agios o Theos," after Isaiah 6:3 & Revelation 4:8; Music: Fernando Ortega, 2011)*

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy,  
Have mercy on us.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: "Comfort, O comfort my people," says our God.  
You have served your term. Your penalty is paid.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

## **ENCOUNTER**

---

### **Children's Moment**

### **Passing of the Peace of Christ**

**Scripture**                      Isaiah 40:25-31

25 To whom then will you compare me,  
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

26 Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,  
calling them all by name;

because he is great in strength,  
mighty in power,  
not one is missing.

27 Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,

“My way is hidden from the Lord,  
and my right is disregarded by my God”?  
28 Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.  
29 He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.  
30 Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;  
31 but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

**Sermon**

“Waiting On God”

*Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor*

---

**RESPOND**

**Sharing of Tithes and Offerings –**

*You can give online at:*

**<http://firstpresevanston.org/giving/>**

**Stronger**

*(Words & Music: Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan, 2007)*

There is Love that came for us  
Humbled to a sinner's cross  
You broke my shame and sinfulness  
You rose again victorious

Faithfulness none can deny  
Through the storm and through the fire  
There is truth that sets me free  
Jesus Christ who lives in me

You are stronger  
You are stronger  
Sin is broken  
You have saved me  
It is written  
Christ is risen  
Jesus You are Lord of all

No beginning and no end  
You're my hope and my defence  
You came to seek and save the lost  
You paid it all upon the cross

You are stronger  
You are stronger  
Sin is broken  
You have saved me  
It is written  
Christ is risen  
Jesus You are Lord of all

So let Your Name be lifted higher  
Be lifted higher  
Be lifted higher  
(REPEAT 4X)

You are stronger

You are stronger  
Sin is broken  
You have saved me  
It is written  
Christ is risen  
Jesus You are Lord of all  
You are stronger  
You are stronger  
Sin is broken  
You have saved me  
It is written  
Christ is risen  
Jesus You are Lord of all

## **Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer**

### Be Thou My Vision

*(Words & Music: Ancient Irish Poem & Ballad, arr. Elda McGinty, 2014)*

Be Thou my vision,  
O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me,  
save that Thou art -

Thou my best thought,  
by day or by night,

Waking or sleeping,  
Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not,  
nor vain, empty praise,

Thou mine inheritance,  
now and always;

Thou and Thou only,  
first in my heart,

High King of heaven,  
my treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my wisdom,  
and Thou my true word;  
I ever with Thee  
and Thou with me, Lord;

Heart of my own heart,  
whatever befall,  
Still be my vision,  
O Ruler of all.

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

Processional in C  
*(Hal Hopson)*

## **Worship Service Leaders**

**Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton**, Senior Pastor, Welcome & Opening Sentences, Call to Worship, Sermon, Benediction

**Rev. Henry Coates**, Associate Pastor, Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon, Prayers of the People

**Rev. Amanda Golbek**, Minister of Children & Youth, Children's Moment via Video

**Kathy Shiau**, Scripture Reading via Video

**Rebecca Chu**, Organist; **Crofton Coleman**, Worship Band Director, Worship Leader & Keys; **Hannah McConnell**, Dir. of Worship & Music, Worship Leader, Piano; **Dan Allen**, Worship Leader & Guitars; **Christie Miller**, Guitar & Mandolin; **Kon Savoy**, Drum Set

**Noah McLeod**, Guest A/V Coordinator

**Zoe Myatt**, A/V Volunteer & Slides

### **Our Mission Statement**

***First Presbyterian Church of Evanston  
exists to know Christ and to grow in him  
as we serve and make disciples in Evanston,  
the Chicago area, and the world.***

### **First Presbyterian Church**

1427 Chicago Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201

(847) 864-1472 Fax:(847) 864-1494

E-mail address: [info@firstpresevanston.org](mailto:info@firstpresevanston.org)

[www.firstpresevanston.org](http://www.firstpresevanston.org)

*Texts in today's service are reproduced by permission from the following: Presbyterian Hymnal: Hymns, Psalms, and Spiritual Songs. Copyright 1990. Westminster/John Knox Press, CCLI License #253526. OneLicense #A-804550.*