First Presbyterian Evanston
Sunday Worship

July 26, 2020 – 10 a.m.
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FOCUS

Prelude Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now
(Music: Johann Walther, 1684-1748)

Welcome & Announcements

EXALT

Opening Hymn

Stronger
(Words & Music: Ben Fielding & Reuben Morgan, 2007;
CCLI Song #5060810)

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
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Prayer of Confession
All: Holy God, creator of all,
hear our prayer.
There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us from one another and from You.
We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow,
for fear of admitting our part in the separation,
for fear of being rejected when we reach out.
You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships,
to a wholeness with each other and with You.
Holy God, mend us, we pray, and make us new creations

through the power and love of Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.
(People offer their own private silent prayers to the Lord)

Assurance of Pardon
Leader: Friends, hear this Good News:
the love of God is beyond measure,
and you are included in that love.
Know that you are forgiven and freed to love and serve.
All: Alleluia! Amen.

ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment

Faith in Action – Reopening Taskforce

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Scripture Romans 8:26-39

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. 27 And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

28 We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. 30 And those whom he predestined he also

called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

31 What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32 He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? 33 Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. 35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Sermon More Than Conquerors

Rev. Henry Coates, Associate Pastor

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes & Offering

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song Before the Throne of God Above

(Words & Music: Charitie Bancroft & Vicki Cook, 1997;
CCLI Song # 2306412)

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Saviour died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Alleluia
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Praise the One
Risen Son of God

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace

One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Saviour and my God
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Benediction

Postlude "Promenade" from *Pictures at an Exhibition*
(M. Mussorgsky, 1839-1881, arr. Rebecca Chu)

Worship Service Leaders

Rebecca Chu, Organist, Prelude, Postlude
Hannah Dixon McConnell, Dir. Of Worship & Music, Welcome
Daniel Allen, Vocals & Guitars, Opening Song, **Bryan Carmody**, Vocals, **Crofton Coleman,** Worship Band Director, Keyboards, Vocals, Video & Audio Editing, Opening Hymn & Closing Song, **Tina Laughlin,** Percussion, Closing Song
Rev. Amanda Golbek, Minister of Children & Youth, Confession & Assurance of Pardon
Karen & Peter McLeod, Children's Moment
Matt McLeod, Faith in Action
Kenneth & Eunice Evans, Scripture Reading
Rev. Henry Coates, Associate Pastor, Sermon, Benediction
Caryl Weinberg, Director of Missions, Prayers of the People
Neal Ostrovsky, A/V Coordinator, Sound Equalization
Jim Teague, Communications Coordinator, Video Editing, Slides
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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.

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