

First Presbyterian Evanston

Sunday Worship

November 8, 2020 – 10 a.m.
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

FOCUS

Prelude From My Heart, I Hold You Dear, O Lord
(J.G. Walther, 1684-1848)

Welcome & Announcements

EXALT

Opening Hymn Wonderful Words of Life
*(Words & Music: Philip P. Bliss, 1874;
CCLI Song # 47392)*

Sing them over again to me
Wonderful words of life
Let me more of their beauty see
Wonderful words of life
Words of life and beauty
Teach me faith and duty

Beautiful words wonderful words
Wonderful words of life
Beautiful words wonderful words
Wonderful words of life

Christ the blessed One gives to all
Wonderful words of life

Sinner list to the loving call
Wonderful words of life
All so freely given
Wooing us to Heaven

Beautiful words wonderful words
Wonderful words of life
Beautiful words wonderful words
Wonderful words of life

Sweetly echo the gospel call
Wonderful words of life
Offer pardon and peace to all
Wonderful words of life
Jesus only Savior
Sanctify forever

Beautiful words wonderful words
Wonderful words of life
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Prayer of Confession

All: Generous God, in abundance you give us things both spiritual and physical. Help us to hold lightly the fading things of this earth and grasp tightly the lasting things of your Kingdom, so that what we are and do and say may be

our gifts to you. Forgive us when we turn from our call to love you and love neighbor and choose instead, to worry about ourselves above all things. We pray this through Christ who beckons us all to see and hold on to the things above where he lives and reigns with you. Amen.

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

Assurance of Pardon

(From Ephesians 1:4,5 NLT)

Leader: Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.

Friends believe the Good News of the Gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Scripture Joshua 24:1-3; 14-25

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. 2 And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. 3 Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and

led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

14 “Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. 15 Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

16 Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; 17 for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; 18 and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

19 But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. 20 If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” 21 And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the Lord!” 22 Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” 23 He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of

Israel.” 24 The people said to Joshua, “The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” 25 So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Sermon

The Choice

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes & Offerings

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.

Closing Song

Every Promise

*(Words & Music: Keith Getty & Stuart Townend, 2005;
CCLI Song #4642105)*

From the breaking of the dawn
To the setting of the sun
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word

Words of power strong to save
That will never pass away
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
For Your covenant is sure
And on this I am secure
I can stand on ev'ry promise from Your word

When I stumble and I sin
Condemnation pressing in
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
You are faithful to forgive
That in freedom I might live
So I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
Guilt to innocence restored
You remember sins no more
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your word

When I'm faced with anguished choice
I will listen for Your voice
And I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
Through this dark and troubled land
You will guide me with Your hand
As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
And You've promised to complete
Ev'ry work begun in me
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your word

Hope that lifts me from despair
Love that casts out ev'ry fear
As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
Not forsaken not alone
For the Comforter has come

And I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
Grace sufficient grace for me
Grace for all who will believe
We will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word

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Benediction

Postlude

How Majestic His Name
(Peggy Bettcher, b. 1961)

Worship Service Leaders

Rebecca Chu, Organ, Prelude, Opening Hymn, Postlude

Hannah McConnell, Dir. Of Worship & Music, Welcome, Piano, Vocals, Audio & Video Editing – Opening Hymn

Allison Deady, Paul Koch, Darshaya Oden, Ben Perri, Chancel Choir Section Leaders, **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion, Opening Hymn

Caryl Weinberg, Director of Missions, Confession & Assurance

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

Jeannette Moss-Ren, Scripture Reading

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor, Sermon, Offering, Benediction

Liz & Dennis Fledderjohann, Prayers of the People

Elizabeth Scoble Bennett & Bryan Carmody, Vocals, **Fred**

Bryant, Guitar, **Kon Savoy**, Drum Set, **Jim Teague**, Bass,

Crofton Coleman, Worship Band Director, Keyboards, Vocals, Video & Audio Editing – Closing Song

Jim Teague, Director of Communications, Video Editing, Slides; **Meghan Dietrich**, Lyric Slide Preparation

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***First Presbyterian Church of Evanston
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as we serve and make disciples in Evanston,
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