

First Presbyterian Evanston

Sunday Worship

December 27, 2020 – 10 a.m.
First Sunday after Christmas

FOCUS

Prelude

Joyful Sound
(Janet Linker, b. 1938)

Welcome & Announcements

EXALT

Opening Hymn

Joy to the World
*(Words: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.; Music: tune "Antioch,"
attr. George Frederick Handel, 1742; arr. Lowell Mason, 1836;
CCLI Song #24016)*

Joy to the world the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing

Joy to the world the Savior reigns
Let us our songs employ
While fields and floods
Rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy

Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat repeat the sounding joy

No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found
Far as the curse is found
Far as far as the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders wonders of His love

Prayer of Confession

All: Dear Lord, you are Almighty God, the creator of the Universe. You are the King of the world and the keeper of my soul. You are infinite, yet you care for us who are finite. You are strong and mighty, yet you comfort the weak and broken. You are complete in yourself, yet you reach out for a relationship to us. We praise you O God. We come to you now to open our hearts to you. We are in search of forgiveness, for we have sinned. We have too many times tried to live life by our own rules and not followed you. We have just been plain stubborn and wanted our own way. We have not been generous with our hearts, our money, or our time. We are sorry. Please forgive us. Holy Spirit, change us. Turn us in a

new direction. Cause us to share with others what you have so graciously given to us. Amen. Now fill us with your grace as we continue our silent prayers.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: From John 3:16-17: “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.”

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 Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

11 For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent,

and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
2 The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
3 You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Sermon

The God who saves
Rev. Henry Coates, Associate Pastor

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes, Offerings, & Thanksgivings

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

All Along the Road
(Words & Music: Fred Bryant;

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You are all that I was ever meant to be
You are all that I will ever need to see
You are all that I will ever need to know
And you're with me all the places I would go
And You walk with me

All along the road
All along the road

You are with me through the sunshine and the rain
You are with me through the joy and through the pain
Lord you pick me up when I have fallen down
And you carry me across the rocky ground

And you're with me every day,
Each step along the way
You take me where You know I need to be
Oh Lord, the mercies that You show as You walk with me

All along the road
All along the road

You are all that I will ever need to know
You are with me all the places I may go
You are all I need

All along the road
All along the road

You are all that I will ever need to know
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You are all I need

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All along the road

You are all that I was ever meant to be

You are all that I will ever need to see

You are all that I will ever need to know

And You're with me all the places I would go

And You're with me every day

Each step along the way

You take me where You know I need to be

Oh Lord the mercies that You show as you walk with me

All along the road

All along the road

You'll be standing there beside me 'til the end

As the twilight of my life comes closing in

As I reach out to meet my destiny

I will find that you've been waiting there for me

For you've walked with me

All along the road

Benediction

Postlude

Go Tell It on the Mountain

(Janet Linker, b. 1938)

Worship Service Leaders

Rebecca Chu, Organ, Prelude, Opening Hymn, Postlude

Christie Miller, Clarinet, Prelude, Opening Hymn

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

Tina Laughlin, Percussion, **Christie Miller**, Clarinet,

Daniel Allen, Louise Burton, Julia Coll, Allison Deady,

Timothy Henry, Paul Koch, John MacDonald, Darshaya

Oden, Ben Perri, Beth Rice, Clark Robinson, Carol Smith,

Kay Sugiura, David & Judy Taylor, Verna Todd, Chancel Choir, Opening Hymn

Caryl Weinberg, Dir. of Mission, Confession & Assurance, Scripture Reading

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

Rev. Henry Coates, Sermon, Offering, Benediction

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor, Prayers of the People

Jim Teague, Communications Coordinator, Thanksgivings, Video Editing

Fred Bryant, Guitar, Words, Music; **Christie Miller**, Bass Clarinet; **Kon Savoy**, Drum Set; **Darshaya Oden**, Vocals;

Daniel Allen, Electric Guitar, **Crofton Coleman**, Worship Band Director, Keyboards, Vocals, Video & Audio Editing – Closing Song

Neal Ostrovsky, A/V Coordinator, Sound Equalization

Marilyn Haase & Kim Klamm, Zoom Prayer Companions

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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