

First Presbyterian Evanston

Sunday Worship

January 24, 2021 – 10 a.m.
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

FOCUS

Prelude

Softly and Tenderly

(Melody by Will L. Thompson, 1880; arr. Rex Koury, 1911-2006)

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
Calling for you and for me;
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
Watching for you and for me.

Come home, come home;
Ye who are weary come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
Calling, O sinner, come home!

Welcome & Announcements

EXALT

Opening Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

*(Words: Irish, 6th-8th c., trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905, vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912; Music:
tune "Slane," Irish ballad publ. 1909, harm. David Evans, 1927,
CCLI Song #30639)*

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,
Great God 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.

Prayer of Confession

**All: Lord, we hear you call us,
and we confess that we duck under the table,
hoping you didn't notice.**

**We hear your still small voice,
and we confess that we grab our devices,
trying to look busy.**

**We sense your paths of righteousness,
and we confess that too often we just say, "no."**

**We confess that we forget your call
to be your hands and feet**

in the times and places you give to us.

Lord, give us the grace to look to you,

lay down our burdens at the cross,

**and respond, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening,"
even now, as we offer our silent prayer of confession.**

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

Assurance of Pardon

We respond anew,

"Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."

We rejoice again,

"You have the Words of eternal life."

We accept your words,

"Your sins are forgiven."

Alleluia! Amen.

ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Scripture

Mark 1:14-20

14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

16 As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. 17 And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." 18 And immediately they left their nets and followed him. 19 As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. 20 Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Sermon

The kingdom of God and my life
Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes & Offerings**Hymn of Response**

Today We All Are Called To Be

*(Words: H. Kenn Carmichael, 1985; Music: "English Country Songs," 1893,
arr. & harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906; One License # 55612)*

Today we all are called to be
Disciples of the Lord,
To help to set the captive free,
Make plowshare out of sword,
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
Make love and peace our fast,
To serve the poor and homeless first,
Our ease and comfort last.

May we in service to our God
Act out the living Word,
And walk the road the saints have trod
Till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we
Give thanks in one accord
To God who calls us all to be
Disciples of the Lord.

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

This Kingdom

*(Words & Music: Geoff Bullock, 1995;
CCLI Song # 1650898)*

Jesus God's righteousness revealed
The Son of Man the Son of God
His kingdom comes
Jesus redemption's sacrifice
Now glorified now justified
His kingdom comes

And this kingdom will know no end
And its glory shall know no bounds
For the majesty and power
Of this kingdom's King has come
And this kingdom's reign
And this kingdom's rule
And this kingdom's power and authority
Jesus God's righteousness revealed

Jesus the expression of God's love
The grace of God the Word of God

Revealed to us
Jesus God's holiness displayed
Now glorified now justified
His kingdom comes

And this kingdom shall know no end
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Benediction

Postlude

O Worship the King
(Stephen Burtonwood, b. 1951)

Worship Service Leaders

Rebecca Chu, Organ, Prelude, Opening Hymn, Hymn of Response, Postlude

Jim Teague, Director of Communications, Welcome, Bass Guitar – Closing Song, Video Editing, Slides

Allison Deady, Paul Koch, Darshaya Oden, Ben Perri, Chancel Choir Section Leaders, Opening Hymn & Closing Hymn
Evan Fojtik, Flute, Opening Hymn

Christie Miller, Clarinet, Opening Hymn & Hymn of Response

Tina Laughlin, Percussion, Opening Hymn, Hymn of Response, Closing Song

Hannah McConnell, Dir. Of Worship & Music, Vocals, Audio & Video Editing, Opening Hymn & Hymn of Response, Confession

Rev. Scott Cervas, Liturgy Link website, Author, Confession, adapted by Hannah McConnell

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

John Powell, Scripture Reading

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

Daniel Allen, Fred Bryant, Guitar, **Kon Savoy**, Drum Set, Closing Song

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***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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