

First Presbyterian Evanston

Sunday Worship

March 14, 2021 – 10 a.m.
Fourth Sunday in Lent

FOCUS

Prelude

O Divine Redeemer

(Words & Music: Charles Gounod, 1893, transl. Alfred William Phillips)

Ah! Turn me not away,
Receive me tho' unworthy;
Hear Thou my cry,
Behold, Lord, my distress!

Answer me from thy throne
Haste Thee, Lord to mine aid,
Thy pity show in my deep anguish!

Let not the sword of vengeance smite me,
Though righteous thine anger,
O Lord! Shield me in danger, O regard me!
On Thee, Lord, alone will I call.

O Divine Redeemer!
I pray Thee, grant me pardon,
And remember not, remember not my sins!

Forgive me, O Divine Redeemer!
Night gathers round my soul;
Fearful, I cry to Thee;

Come to mine aid, O Lord!
Haste Thee, Lord, haste to help me!
Hear my cry! Save me Lord in Thy mercy;
Come and save me O Lord.

O Divine Redeemer!
I pray Thee, grant me pardon,
And remember not, remember not my sins!

Save, in the day of retribution,
From Death shield Thou me, O my God!
O Divine Redeemer, have mercy!
Help me, my Saviour!

Welcome & Announcements

EXALT

Opening Hymn

Lift High the Cross

*(Words; George William Kitchin, 1827-1912, rev. Michael Robert Newbold, 1916;
Music: Sidney Hugo Nicholson, 1916; CCLI Song #5169)*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
The Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.
O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw the world to Thee.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Prayer of Confession

All: Dear Lord, we worship you this morning as our God and king as the one true God as the faithful guardian of our souls. We come to you in this time of worship to stop, to breathe and to listen. We want to open our hearts to you and share the secrets we keep, our sins and our lack of faith. We lay it all out before you. We confess that we have sinned and are in desperate need of you, Jesus, our redeemer. We have followed the enticing idols offered by the world instead of worshiping you alone. In this safe place of prayer, Lord, hear our hearts speak. We are sorry; please forgive us. Holy Spirit come inside our hearts and transform us by your love and forgiveness. Fill us with your grace and hope. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Let us lift our up our own prayers to God in silence.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear these words of assurance from the book of Jeremiah: For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for good and not for evil; plans to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to

me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

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

Faith in Action – Discovery Survey Response

<http://volunteeraccelerator.ministryarchitects.com/FPCE/survey.html>

God So Loved the World

(Words: John 3:16-17; Music: Sir John Stainer, 1840-1901)

God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world
to condemn the world;
but that the world through him might be saved.

Scripture

John 3:14-21

14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

17 “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18 Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. 19 And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. 20 For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. 21 But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

Sermon

From the inside out: Your 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 Hymn From the Inside Out

(Words & Music: Joel Houston, 2005; CCLI Song #4705176)

A thousand times I've failed
Still Your mercy remains
And should I stumble again
Still I'm caught in Your grace
Everlasting
Your light will shine when all else fades
Never-ending
Your glory goes beyond all fame

Your will above all else
My purpose remains
The art of losing myself
In bringing You praise
Everlasting
Your light will shine when all else fades
Never-ending
Your glory goes beyond all fame

In my heart in my soul
Lord I give You control
Consume me from the inside out Lord
Let justice and praise
Become my embrace
To love You from the inside out

Your will above all else
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Become my embrace
To love You from the inside out

Everlasting
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Never-ending
Your glory goes beyond all fame
And the cry of my heart
Is to bring You praise
From the inside out
Lord my soul cries out

My heart in my soul
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Consume me from the inside out Lord
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Benediction

Postlude

Amazing Grace
(Gilbert Martin, b. 1941)

Worship Service Leaders

Darshaya Oden, Soprano, Prelude

Rebecca Chu, Organ, Piano, Prelude, Opening Hymn, Postlude

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

Hannah McConnell, Dir. Of Worship & Music, Base Tracks, Vocals, Audio & Video Editing, Opening Hymn, Anthem

Allison Deady, Paul Koch, Darshaya Oden, Ben Perri, Chancel Choir Section Leaders, Opening Hymn, Anthem

Tina Laughlin, Percussion, Opening Hymn & Closing Song

Christie Miller, Clarinet, Opening Hymn, Mandolin, Closing Song

Caryl Weinberg, Director of Mission, Confession

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

Jim Teague, Director of Communications, Faith in Action, Service Video Editing, Slides

Carol Smith, Scripture Reading

Marilyn Haase, Prayers of the People

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

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

Neal Ostrovsky, A/V Coordinator, Sound Equalization

Bob Bastian & 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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