

First Presbyterian Evanston

Sunday Worship

March 21, 2021 – 10 a.m.
Fifth Sunday in Lent

FOCUS

Prelude

Herzlich tut mich verlangen (O Sacred Head, Now Wounded)
(Friedrich Wilhelm Zachow, 1663-1712)

*O sacred Head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown;
O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.*

Welcome & Announcements

EXALT

Opening Hymn

Thy Mercy, My God

*(Words: John Stocker, 1776; Music: Sandra McCracken, 2001;
CCLI Song #3422560)*

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart, and the boast of my tongue.
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy, I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;

But through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart.
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground
And weep for the praise of the mercy I found.

Hallelujah.

Hallelujah.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own
And the covenant of love of Thy crucified Son.
All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.
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Prayer of Confession

**All: Almighty God,
you despise nothing you have made,
and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent.
Create in us new and contrite hearts,
that, truly repenting of our sins
and acknowledging our brokenness,**

**we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy,
full pardon and forgiveness,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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

Assurance of Pardon

(from 1 Timothy 1:15 and 1 Peter 2:24)

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,
so that we, free from sins, might live for righteousness;
by his wounds we have been healed.

Friends, hear the good news of the Gospel:

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Faith in Action

Scripture

John 12:20-33

20 Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. 21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." 22 Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. 23 Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Very truly, I tell you,

unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25 Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also.

Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

27 “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”

29 The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” 30 Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. 31 Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” 33 He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Sermon

From the inside out: Your love

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes & Offerings

Song of Response

O Jesus, I Have Promised

*(Words: John Ernest Bode, 1866; Music: Finnish folk melody,
adapt. and harm. David Evans, 1927, CCLI Song #2399773;*

O Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me,

My Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If Thou wilt be my Guide.

O let me hear Thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self will;
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, Thou hast promised
To all who follow Thee
That where Thou art in glory
There shall Thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my friend.

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

Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church

(Words: Thomas H. Cain, 1931-2003;

Music: "Old 124th" from "Trente quatre pseumes de David," Geneva, 1551;

One License Music #28086 & Words #AF20210320)

Eternal Lord of love, behold your church
Walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent,
Led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
Moved by your love and toward your presence bent:
Far off yet here – the goal of all desire.

So daily dying to the way of self,
So daily living in your way of love,
We walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod,
Knowing ourselves baptized into your death:
So we are dead and live with you in God.

If dead in you, so in you we arise,
You the firstborn of all the faithful dead;
And as through stony ground the green shoots break,
Glorious in springtime dress of leaf and flow'r,
So into life and glory shall we wake.

Benediction

Postlude

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(Johannes Walther, 1765-1856)

Worship Service Leaders

Rebecca Chu, Organ, Prelude, Closing Hymn, Postlude

Jim Teague, Director of Communications, Welcome, Service Video Editing, Slides

Daniel Allen, Electric Guitar, **Fred Bryant**, Acoustic Guitar, **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion, **Crofton Coleman**, Worship Band Director, Keyboards, Vocals, Video & Audio Editing – Opening Song

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

Rev. Henry Coates, Associate Pastor, Confession & Assurance

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

Suzanne Sawada, Scripture Reading

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

Hannah McConnell, Dir. Of Worship & Music, Piano, Vocals, Hymn of Response; Audio & Video Mixing, Vocals, Closing Hymn

Andrew Griffin, Prayers of the People

Allison Deady, Paul Koch, Darshaya Oden, Chancel Choir Section Leaders, Closing Hymn

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***First Presbyterian Church of Evanston
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as we serve and make disciples in Evanston,
the Chicago area, and the world.***

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