

First Presbyterian Evanston

April 11, 2021 – 10 a.m.

The Second Sunday of Easter

FOCUS

Prelude

What a Friend

(Words & Music: Erica Monique Atkins-Campbell, Trecina Atkins-Campbell, Warryn Campbell, 2000, from the album "Thankful," by Mary Mary, arr. Crofton Coleman, 2021)

Welcome & Announcements

EXALT

Opening Songs What a Friend We Have in Jesus

(Words: Joseph Mendlicott Scriven, 1855; Music: Charles Crozat Converse, 1868; CCLI Song #27714)

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful

Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
Do thy friends despise,
forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take
and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

How Great is Our God

(Words & Music: Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves, & Chris Tomlin, 2004; CCLI Song #4348399)

The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb
(Chorus, repeat Chorus)

(Chorus)

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

Prayer of Confession

All: Heavenly Father, you have gone to great lengths to redeem us by your son Jesus Christ. Furthermore, you invite us into a life of hope, joy, and freedom. And yet, we forget, Lord. We forget that you have sanctified us for greater things. We confess that we abandon you when our comfort is threatened. We admit that we get consumed with serving ourselves and our own interest. Have mercy on us, Lord. Cause us to turn our gaze squarely back on you. Speak to our fearful hearts. Forgive us and open our eyes and ears to a greater awareness of you and to the adventure of living for your glory each and every day. May we represent you well this week, acting as instruments of your hands and feet. We pray this humbly in Christ's Name. Amen. Now hear our silent prayers of confession.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear these words of assurance from Jeremiah:

“You have taken up my cause O Lord; you have redeemed my life.”

“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness.”

Friends believe the good news of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

ENCOUNTER

Children’s Moment & Passing of the Peace of Christ

Scripture

John 20:19-31

Sermon

Rev. Henry Coates, Associate Pastor

RESPOND

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Closing Song

Come Light our Hearts

(Words & Music: Sandra McCracken, 2015; CCLI Song #7054135)

(Chorus)

For You O Lord our souls
in stillness wait

For You O Lord our souls
in stillness wait

Truly our hope is in You

Truly our hope is in You

O Lord of life our only hope

Your radiance shines

On all who look

to You in the dark

Emmanuel come

come light our hearts

Oh joy above all other loves

In You we find

more than enough

We come as we are

O heal and restore

Come light our hearts

Benediction

Postlude

How Great is Our God

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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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