

# First Presbyterian Evanston

April 18, 2021 – 10 a.m.

*The Third Sunday of Easter*

## FOCUS

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### Prelude

### The Call

*(Words: George Herbert, 1611 ; Music: from "Five Mystical Songs," Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1911;  
CCLI Song #1412885)*

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:   Such a Feast, as mends in length:  
Such a Way, as gives us breath:    Such a Strength,  
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:    as makes his guest.  
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light,  
my Feast, my Strength:  
Such a Light, as shows a feast:

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
Such a Joy, as none can move:  
Such a Love, as none can part:  
Such a Heart, as joys in love.

### Welcome & Announcements

## EXALT

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### Opening Songs    There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

*(Words: Frederick William Faber, 1854, alt.; Music: Dutch melody,  
arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855-1933; CCLI Song #2789589)*

There's a wideness in God's mercy,    where earth's sorrows  
Like the wideness of the sea;        Are more felt than up in heaven;  
There's a kindness                        There is no place  
in God's justice,                         where earth's failings  
Which is more than liberty.            Have such kindly judgment giv'n.  
There is no place

For the love of God is broader  
Than the measures of the mind;  
And the heart of the Eternal  
Is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more faithful,  
We would gladly trust God's Word;  
And our lives reflect thanksgiving  
For the goodness of our Lord.

### 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 love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.**

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

## **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.

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

## **ENCOUNTER**

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### **Children's Moment & Passing the Peace of Christ**

### **Faith in Action – Deacons' Suit Drive**

**Scripture** Acts 3:1-19

**Sermon** Repentance in the Shadow of the Church  
*Rev. Henry Coates, Associate Pastor*

## **RESPOND**

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### **Sharing of Tithes and Offerings**

### **Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer**

## Closing Song

## Just as I Am

(Words: Charlotte Elliot, 1834; Music: William Batchelder Bradbury, 1849; CCLI Song #23206)

Just as I am, without one plea  
But that Thy Blood  
was shed for me,  
And that Thou bidd'st me  
come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict,  
many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within,  
without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon,  
cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, Thy Love unknown  
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

## Benediction

## Postlude

## The Savior's Love

(played by Rebecca Chu)

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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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**Today's Worship Service Leaders:** **Rev. Amanda Golbek**, Minister of Children & Youth, Welcome, Children's Message; **Hannah Dixon McConnell**, Dir. of Worship, Confession, Vocals, Keyboard; **Rebecca Chu**, Organist, Piano; **Allison Deady, Paul Koch, Darshaya Oden**, Choir Section Leaders; **Dave Sloan**, Deacon, Faith in Action; **Hugh Parry**, Scripture Reading; **Rosemary Mauck**, Elder, Prayers of the People; **Jim Teague**, Dir. of Communication, Live Stream; **Neal Ostrovsky**, A/V Coordinator; **Noah McLeod**, A/V Volunteer