

First Presbyterian Evanston

May 16, 2021 – 10 a.m.

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

FOCUS

Prelude

Sweet Jesus

(Wendall Whalum, 1931-1987)

Sweet Jesus, he's the lily of the valley, the bright and morning star. Sweet Jesus, he's the fairest of ten thousand, praise his name. One day when I was a-walkin' along the heavenly road, my Savior came unto me and filled my heart with love. Sweet Jesus... I took my Gospel trumpet and I began to blow, and if my Savior's with me, I'll blow wherever I go. Oh, don't you be discouraged, for Jesus is your friend. He'll fill your heart with gladness, on him you can depend. Sweet Jesus...

Welcome & Announcements

EXALT

Opening Song

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

(Words: The Venerable Bede, 673-735, st. 1-2 trans. Elizabeth Rundle Charles, 1828-1896, st. 3 trans. Benjamin Webb, 1819-1885; Music: tune "Deo Gracias," "The Agincourt Song," England, c. 1415, based on E. Power Biggs, 1947, ar. Richard Proulx, 1937-2010; CCLI Song #2414452)

A hymn of glory let us sing,
New hymns throughout the world shall ring;
By a new way none ever trod
Christ takes his place,
The throne of God!

You are a present joy, O Lord,
You will be ever our reward,
And great the light in You we see
To guide us to eternity.

O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to You let earth accord.
You are, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit One.

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

All: Loving God,

We confess that we do not always bring honor and glory to your name. We are rebellious and weak; we flee before your goodness. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us by the grace and mercy of Christ, that we may rise up again in peace to love and serve the world. Amen. *(Time of silent confession.)*

Sisters and brother, the Spirit of God is resting on you, to restore, support, and strengthen you. Live out your faith knowing that in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment & Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture Acts 1:1-11

Sermon A Kick to the Senses: Where is God?
Rev. Dr. K.K. Yeo

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Hymn of Response Alleluia, He is Coming
(Words & Music: Martha Butler 1974; CCLI Song #34642)

I looked up and I saw my Lord a-coming
I looked up and I saw my Lord a-coming down the road
Alleluia, He is coming
Alleluia, He is here
Alleluia, He is coming
Alleluia, He is here

I looked up and I saw my Lord a-rising
I looked up and I saw my Lord a-rising from the grave
Alleluia, He is coming

Alleluia, He is here
Alleluia, He is coming
Alleluia, He is here

I looked up and I saw my Lord a-coming
I looked up and I saw my Lord a-coming through the clouds
Alleluia, He is coming
Alleluia, He is here
Alleluia, He is coming
Alleluia, He is here

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

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

*(Words: William Chatterton Dix, 1866; Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831;
CCLI Song #3255892)*

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, his the throne!
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone!
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
Hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now,

Alleluia! He is near us;
Faith believes nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him,
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of angels,
Thou on earth our food, our stay.
Alleluia! Here the sinful
Flee to thee from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
Earth thy footstool, heav'n thy throne.
Thou within the veil hast entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim
In the Eucharistic feast.

Benediction

Postlude

Blessed Assurance

(Fanny Crosby, 1820-1915, arr. Mark Hayes, b. 1953)

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

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as we serve and make disciples in Evanston, the Chicago area,
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