

First Presbyterian Evanston

May 2, 2021 – 10 a.m.

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

FOCUS

Prelude

Establish the Work of Our Hands

(Words & Music: Hymns from the Porter's Gate, 2017; CCLI Song #7097860)

Welcome & Announcements

EXALT

Opening Song

O the Love of My Redeemer

(Words: Josh Caterer, 2007; CCLI Song #5874422)

Highest heights or darkest deep,
Be there pain or poverty,
There is nothing that can keep
My Redeemer's love from me.

All alone though I may feel,
All the world my enemy,
Still there's no one that can steal
My Redeemer's love from me.

O the love of my Redeemer,
Never failing, come what may.
He has purchased my forgiveness
And has washed my sins away.

Although burdened by the weight
Of great trial or tragedy,
None of these can separate
My Redeemer's love from me.

O the love of my Redeemer,
Never failing, come what may.
He has purchased my forgiveness
And has washed my sins away.

Though the earth's foundations shake,
Driving wind or raging sea,
Neither death nor life can take
My Redeemer's love from me.

Through this world's few passing days,
And through all eternity,
I will never cease to praise
My Redeemer's love for me!

O the love of my Redeemer,
Never failing, come what may.
He has purchased my forgiveness
And has washed my sins away.

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He has purchased my forgiveness
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Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

All: Holy God, you see into each of us and know us fully as creatures in need of your constant care. We confess that we have neither listened to your word nor followed your will. We have failed our neighbors, families, friends, and ourselves. Give us ears to hear your wisdom, guidance, and instruction. Lead us to honesty and faith so that we may begin again with renewed strength; in Jesus' name. Amen. *(We offer our own silent prayers to the Lord)*

Leader: The God who made you and knows you hears you now and forgives you. Hold on to the truth that in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment & Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture Acts 8:26-40

Sermon *Rev. Henry Coates, Associate Pastor*

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Hymn of Preparation Behold the Lamb

(Words & Music: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, & Stuart Townend, 2007; CCLI Song #5003372)

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us, and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
Torn for you, eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you, drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering,
We proclaim Christ will come again
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King,
Around the table of the King.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right...as we join them in their hymn of praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

(Words of Institution)

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

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 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

(Words: Peter & William Williams, 1771; Music: John Hughes, 1907; CCLI Song #2429409)

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,

Pilgrim through this barren land;

I am weak, but Thou art mighty;

Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield,

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

Benediction

Postlude

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and to grow in him as we serve
and make disciples in Evanston,
the Chicago area, and the world.***



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