

First Presbyterian Evanston

July 25, 2021 – 10 a.m. *Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

FOCUS

Prelude

Immortal, Invisible

(Music: C.B. Putnam, b. 1941)

Welcome & Announcements

EXALT

Opening Song

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*(Words: Robert Robinson, c. 1758; Music: Wyeth's "Repository of Sacred Music," 1813,
CCLI Song #108389)*

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,

Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

All: O my Savior, help me. I am slow to learn, prone to forget, and weak to climb; I am in the foothills when I should be on the heights; I am pained by my graceless heart, my prayerless days, my poverty of love, my sloth in the heavenly race, my sullied conscience, my wasted hours, my unspent opportunities. I am blind while the light shines around me: take the scales from my eyes, grind to dust my heart of unbelief. Make it my highest joy to study you, meditate on you, gaze on you, sit like Mary at your feet, lean like John on your breast, appeal like Peter to your love, count like Paul all things but dung. I believe, help my unbelief as I wait before you in silent prayer.

(Time of silent confession.)

Leader: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

(Psalm 103:8-12)

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

ENCOUNTER

Sacrament of Baptism & Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture

Psalm 14

- 1 Fools say in their hearts, “There is no God.”
They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds;
there is no one who does good.

- 2 The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind
to see if there are any who are wise,
who seek after God.

- 3 They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse;
there is no one who does good,
no, not one.

- 4 Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers
who eat up my people as they eat bread,
and do not call upon the Lord?

- 5 There they shall be in great terror,
for God is with the company of the righteous.

- 6 You would confound the plans of the poor,
but the Lord is their refuge.

- 7 O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!
When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

Sermon

The fool's gambit

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Hymn of Response

Seek Ye First

*(Words: after Matthew 6:33; Music: Karen Lafferty, 1972, arr. Elda McGinty Peralta;
CCLI Song #1352)*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness,
And all these things
Shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness,
And all these things
Shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door
Shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
Seek ye first the kingdom of God.

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 Hymn How Great is Our God

*(Words & Music: Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, Ed Cash, 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

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

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

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

Postlude

Prelude in F Major
(Music: J.S. Bach, 1685-1750)

First Pres Announcements

Baptism - We welcome for the sacrament of baptism this morning, Emery Elizabeth Wright, daughter of Brett and Shelby Wright.

Lemonade on the Lawn, Today - Join us today, outside, after the service as our Deacons host our Sunday social gathering.

Rebuilding Together, July 26-28 - There are still volunteer times open for Monday and Wednesday afternoon. Visit the FPCE website to sign up!

CPR/descilation training, August 11, 24 - CPR Training is being offered at First Pres on Wednesday, August 11, from 1 - 2:30 pm. De-Escalation Training will take place on Tuesday, August 24, from 1 - 3 pm. See the website for more details and registration links.

Hobbit Party, August 29 - We will host a book party celebrating J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Hobbit*, complete with costumes, games and goodies!

All-Church Retreat with Dr. Andy Root, October 15-17. Save the dates! - We've rescheduled our 2020 retreat with educator and author Dr. Andy Root. All congregation members are strongly urged to attend. More details to come!

Today's Worship Service Leaders:

Caryl Weinberg, Dir. of Mission, Welcome

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor, Confession & Assurance, Sermon, Sharing of Tithes, Benediction

Rev. Amanda Golbek, Minister of Children and Youth, Children's Message & Peace

Gina Chang, Scripture Reading

LeRoy Klemt, Elder, Prayers of the People

Rebecca Chu, Organ & Piano, Prelude, Hymns, Postlude

Crofton Coleman, Worship Band Dir., Vocals, Piano

Daniel Allen, Guitar; **Fred Bryant**, Guitar & Drums; **Erwin Yasukawa**, Bass; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion; **Paul Koch, & Darshaya Oden**, Vocals; Worship Band

Jim Teague, Dir. of Communication, Live Stream

Noah McLeod, Interim A/V Coordinator

Jake Collins, A/V Volunteer

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