

First Presbyterian Evanston

August 1, 2021 – 10 a.m. *Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

FOCUS

Prelude

Amazing Grace

(Music: arr. TBD)

Welcome & Announcements

EXALT

Opening Song

This is Amazing Grace

(Words & Music: Phil Wickham, Jeremy Riddle, & Josh Farro, 2012, CCLI Song #6333821)

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life that I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory, the King of Glory

Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love
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That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life that I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
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Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy, worthy, worthy

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All that You've done for me

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions.

Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin! For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.

Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Hide your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit.

For you will not delight in sacrifice, or we would give it;
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

Our sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

-from Psalm 51:1-4; 9-12; 16-17 (ESV)

Assurance of Pardon

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost.

This is the good news of the gospel!

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven**

Thanks be to God. Amen.

ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment & Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture

Psalm 51:1-12

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according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.

- 3 For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.
- 5 Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.

- 6 You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
- 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8 Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
- 9 Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.

- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
- 11 Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
- 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Sermon

Recovering From a Fall

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Response I Need Thee Every Hour

(Words: Annie S. Hanks, 1872; Robert Lowry, 1872; CCLI Song #78811)

I need Thee ev'ry hour,
Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine
Can peace afford.

I need Thee, oh, I need Thee;
Ev'ry hour I need Thee;
Oh, bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.

I need Thee ev'ry hour,
Stay Thou nearby;
Temptations lose their pow'r
When Thou art nigh.

I need Thee, oh, I need Thee;
Ev'ry hour I need Thee;
Oh, bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

All who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desire to live in obedience to Him, are invited to take communion. Ushers will release each row, so those who chose to do so may come forward at that time. Prepackaged communion elements are available, though our gluten free option is not prepacked.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Eternal God, holy and mighty, it is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, and to worship You in every place where Your glory abides. You commanded light to shine out of darkness, divided the sea and dry land, created the vast universe, and called it good. You made us in your image to live with one another in love. You gave us the breath of life and freedom to choose Your way. You promised Yourself in covenant with Abraham and Sarah, told us Your purpose in commandments through Moses and called for justice in the cry of prophets. Through long generations, You have been faithful and kind to all your children. Great and wonderful are Your works, Lord God Almighty. Your ways are just and true. Therefore we lift our hearts in joyful praise, joining our voices with choirs of angels, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

All: 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.

Leader: We praise you, most holy God, for sending your only Son to live among us, sharing our joy and sorrow. Jesus Christ told your story, healed the sick, and is a friend of sinners. Obeying you, Jesus took up His cross and died that we might live. We praise you that He overcame death and is risen to rule the world. He is still the friend of sinners. We trust Him to overcome every power that can hurt or divide us, and believe that when He comes in glory, we will celebrate victory with God.

All: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by His blood. Send us out in the power of the Spirit to live for others, as Christ lived for us, announcing His death for the sins of the world, and telling His resurrection to all people and nations. By your Spirit, draw us together into one body and join us to Christ the Lord, that we may remain His glad and faithful people until we feast with Him in glory.

Leader: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, forever and ever.

All: Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

All: 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 Hymn

I Will Arise

(Words & Music: JoAnne Hart & Elda McGinty Peralta, 2017; used by composer permission)

I will arise for only You.

The old has passed; I've been made new!

My hands and feet to You belong;

My voice to speak Your freedom song.

I will arise for only You.

The old has passed; I've been made new!

My hands and feet to You belong;

My voice to speak Your freedom song.

I will arise for only You.

The old has passed; I've been made new!

My hands and feet to You belong;

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Benediction

Postlude

Amazing Grace

(Music: Kenneth D. Varner, 1927-2002)

First Pres Announcements

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

CPR/First Aid/Deescalation Training - CPR/AED, first aid, and de-escalation training sessions are being offered on different days and times in August and September. See the website for details.

All-Church Cookout August 15

All are invited to join First Pres down at the Greenwood Beach picnic area for a cookout, Sunday, August 15, at 3 pm. See more info online!

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

Today's Worship Service Leaders

Rev. Henry Coates, Associate Pastor, 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

Peg Forbes, Scripture Reading

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

Crofton Coleman, Worship Band Dir., Vocals, Piano

Daniel Allen, Guitar; **Fred Bryant**, Guitar & Drums; **Christie Miller**, Clarinet & Mandolin; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion; **Elizabeth Bennett & Darshaya Oden**, Vocals; Worship Band

Jim Teague, Dir. of Communication, Live Stream

Noah McLeod, Interim A/V Coordinator

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Prayer Companions

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



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