

First Presbyterian Evanston

August 15, 2021 – 10 a.m. *Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

FOCUS

Prelude

Jesus is All the World to Me

(Music: Larry Shackly, b. 1956)

Welcome & Announcements

EXALT

Opening Song

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

(Words & Music: Traditional Gospel Song, CCLI Song #28263)

I am weak, but Thou art strong
Jesus, keep me from all wrong
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee

Just a closer walk with Thee
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea
Daily walking close to Thee
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be

Through this world of toil and snares
If I falter, Lord, who cares
Who with me my burden shares
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee

Just a closer walk with Thee

Grant it, Jesus, is my plea
Daily walking close to Thee
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be

When my feeble life is o'er
Time for me will be no more
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore

Just a closer walk with Thee
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea
Daily walking close to Thee
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

All: Gracious God, in Jesus Christ You set us free from sin and death and called us into Your family of faith. But we have not been living like free people. Instead we live as though we are still in bondage. We complain and doubt Your providence. We lie and curse our neighbors. We act like practical atheists much of the time. We think the things of this world will provide us with what we need. We are deluded, confused, and blinded by our pride. Forgive us, O God. Cleanse our hearts and minds. Open our eyes to Your grace, so we may live in the freedom Your Son gives. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

(Time of silent confession.)

Leader: To those who turn from sin and seek Jesus Christ, there is no god like our God, for He promises to pardon sin and forgive transgression. He treads our sins underfoot and hurls all our iniquities into the depths of the sea. He is faithful, loving, and true to His promises. *(Based on Micah 7:18-20)*

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

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

ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment

Passing the Peace of Christ

Minute for Mission – First Friends

Scripture

Psalm 34:9-22

- 9 O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,
for those who fear him have no want.
- 10 The young lions suffer want and hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.
- 11 Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- 12 Which of you desires life,
and covets many days to enjoy good?
- 13 Keep your tongue from evil,
and your lips from speaking deceit.
- 14 Depart from evil, and do good;
seek peace, and pursue it.
- 15 The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their cry.
- 16 The face of the Lord is against evildoers,
to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
- 17 When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears,
and rescues them from all their troubles.
- 18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted,
and saves the crushed in spirit.

19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the Lord rescues them from them all.
20 He keeps all their bones;
not one of them will be broken.
21 Evil brings death to the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.
22 The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Sermon **How to have a long and happy life**
Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Response

Whenever God Shines His Light

(Words & Music: Van Morrison, 1989)

Whenever God shines his light on me
Opens up my eyes so I can see
When I look up in the darkest night
And I know everything's going to be alright

In deep confusion, in great despair
When I reach out for him he is there
When I am lonely as I can be
And I know that God shines his light on me

Reach out for him (reach out for him), he'll be there (he'll be there)
With him your troubles (with him your troubles)
you can share (you can share)
If you live (if you live), the life you love (the life you love)
You get the blessing (yeah) from above (from above)

Heals the sick and he heals the lame
Says you can do it too in Jesus' name
He'll lift you up and turn you around
And put your feet back on higher ground
Mmm

Reach out for him (reach out for him), he'll be there (he'll be there)
With him your troubles (with him your troubles) you can share (you
can share)
Oh, you can use his higher power
Every day (every day) and any hour (any hour)

Heals the sick and heals the lame
And he says you can heal them too in Jesus' name
He lifts you up and turns you around
Puts your feet back on higher ground
Mmm

When he shines his light
Whenever God shines his light
On you
On you
He is the way
He is the truth
He is the light

Put your feet back, put your feet back, higher ground,
put your feet back
Higher ground

Put your feet back, put your feet back, higher ground,

put your feet back
On higher ground

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 God of Our Life

*(Words: Hugh Thomas Kerr, 1916, alt. 1928; Music: Charles Henry Purday, 1860;
Harm. John Weaver, 1986; One License Song #97948)*

God of our life, through all the circling years,
We trust in Thee;
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears,
Thy hand we see.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
We own Thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.

God of the past, our times are in Thy hand;
With us abide.
Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land;
Be Thou our guide.
With Thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,
And faith's fair vision changes into sight.

God of the coming years, through paths unknown
We follow Thee;
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone;
Our refuge be.

Be Thou for us in life our daily bread,
Our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

Benediction

Postlude

Triumphal March

(Music: Theodore Dubois, 1837-1924)

First Pres Announcements

Facemasks strongly encouraged – Due to the increasing number of COVID-19 cases and the recommendations of the City of Evanston and the Centers for Disease Control, we are strongly encouraging EVERYONE over the age of two to wear facemasks when indoors at First Pres. Those who have NOT been vaccinated are required to wear masks when in the building, and anyone visiting the children's wing or children's worship time is also required to wear a mask.

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

All-Church Cookout & Baptism, TODAY - All are invited to join First Pres down at the Greenwood Beach picnic area for a cookout, Sunday, August 15, at 3 pm. Please consider bringing a side dish or dessert. We'll also be having a baptism in Lake Michigan! See more info online.

Deacons' Backpack Drive - The Deacons are collecting funds to cover the cost of our backpack project. You can give by check or online. See the website's News & Notes section on the home page for details.

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:

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

Rev. Henry Coates, Associate Pastor, Welcome, Prayers of the People

Hannah McConnell, Dir. of Worship & Music, Vocals, Piano, Children's Message & Peace

Crofton Coleman, Worship Band Dir., Vocals, Piano

Tina Laughlin, Percussion

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

Sally Ivaska, Minute for Mission

Alyce Claerbaut, Scripture Reading

Jim Teague, Dir. of Communications,
Live Stream

Noah McLeod, Interim A/V Coordinator

Sharon Williams, A/V Volunteer, Projection

Jake Collins, A/V Volunteer, Video Director

Aaron Budoff, Building Team

Prayer Companions:

Sally Ivaska & Bob Bastian

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