

First Presbyterian Evanston

August 22, 2021 – 10 a.m.

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

FOCUS

Prelude

His Eye is on the Sparrow

*(Words: Civilla D. Martin, 1905; Music: tune "Sparrow" by Chas. H. Gabriel, 1905,
arr. Kenneth Varner, b. 1954)*

Welcome & Announcements

EXALT

Opening Song

You're Worthy of My Praise

(Words & Music: David Ruis, 1991, CCLI Song #487976)

I will worship (I will worship)
With all of my heart (with all of my heart)
I will praise You (I will praise You)
With all of my strength (all my strength)

I will seek You (I will seek You)
All of my days (all of my days)
I will follow (I will follow)
All of Your ways (all Your ways)

I will give You all my worship
I will give You all my praise
You alone I long to worship
You alone are worthy of my praise

I will bow down (I will bow down)
And hail You as King (and hail You as King)
I will serve You (I will serve You)
Give You everything (everything)

I will lift up (I will lift up)
My eyes to Your throne (my eyes to Your throne)
I will trust You (I will trust You)
Trust You alone (You alone)

I will give You all my worship
I will give You all my praise
You alone I long to worship
You alone are worthy of my praise

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Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

All: Dear God, we hear that you are a mighty God. We sing about your greatness. We read that you command the wind and waves. We talk as if you are in control. But if we're really honest, our prayers reveal that we often don't expect that much from you. Forgive us for our lack of faith. Forgive us for believing that your greatness is more of an interesting idea than a deep reality. Forgive us for yielding to resignation when we see so many disturbing events in our cities and our world. Give us a faith that matches what we sing. Make us bold, Heavenly

Father. We ask not just for ourselves, but for the sake of the world, which needs you more than ever. Amen.

(Time of silent confession.)

Leader: Hear these words of assurance. Jesus, even when dying on the cross thought first of us saying, "Father forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

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

Moment for Celebration – Baptisms & Church Picnic

Scripture

Psalm 84

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

All: My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home,

and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness.**

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk
uprightly.

O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

Sermon

Peace for a restless soul

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Response

What Grace is Mine

(Words: Kristyn Getty, 2008; Music: Traditional Irish Melody "Londonderry Air,"

arr. Keith & Kristyn Getty, 2008; CCLI Song #5418895)

What grace is mine

That He who dwells in endless light

Called through the night

To find my distant soul

And from His scars

Poured mercy that would plead for me

That I might live

And in His name be known

So I will go wherever He is calling me

I lose my life to find my life in Him

I give my all to gain the hope that never dies

I bow my heart take up my cross and follow Him

What grace is mine
To know His breath alive in me
Beneath His wings
My wakened soul may soar
All fear can flee
For death's dark night is overcome
My Saviour lives
And reigns forevermore

So I will go wherever He is calling me
I lose my life to find my life in Him
I give my all to gain the hope that never dies
I bow my heart take up my cross and follow Him

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

A Mighty Fortress

(Words & Music: Christy Nockels & Nathan Nockels, 2009; CCLI Song #5488935)

Our God is a consuming fire
A burning holy flame with glory and freedom
Our God is the only righteous judge
Ruling over us with kindness and wisdom

And we will keep our eyes on You

We will keep our eyes on You

A mighty fortress is our God
A sacred refuge is Your name
Your Kingdom is unshakable
And with You forever we will reign

Our God is jealous for His own
None could comprehend His love and His mercy
Our God is exalted on His throne
High above the heavens forever He is worthy

And we will keep our eyes on You
We will keep our eyes on You

A mighty fortress is our God
A sacred refuge is Your name
Your Kingdom is unshakable
And with You forever we will reign

We will keep our eyes on You
We will keep our eyes on You
So we can set our hearts on You
Lord we will set our hearts on You

A mighty fortress is our God
A sacred refuge is Your name
Your Kingdom is unshakable
And with You forever we will reign

A mighty fortress is our God
A sacred refuge is Your name

Your Kingdom is unshakable
And with You forever we will reign

With You forever we will reign
With You forever we will reign

Our God is a consuming fire
A burning holy flame with glory and freedom

Benediction

Postlude Trumpet Tune with A Mighty Fortress is Our God

(Music: arr. Susan Caudill, b. 1952)

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.

Online Prayer Gathering, Wednesday - Please join us for our Wednesday Prayer Gathering on August 25 at 7 pm on Zoom! We will come together online to seek God’s presence, guidance, and wisdom. All are welcome! Details are on our website.

Blessing of the Backpacks next Sunday - In recognition of the beginning of the school year for many in our congregation, we will hold a “Blessing of the Backpacks” during next Sunday morning’s worship service. More details are 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 postponed - Due to unforeseen circumstances, the party to share in and celebrate all the fun of J.R.R. Tolkien’s *The Hobbit* has been postponed.

Today's Worship Service Leaders:

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

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor, Welcome, Sermon, Sharing of Tithes, Benediction

Caryl Weinberg, Director of Mission, Confession & Assurance

Hannah McConnell, Director of Worship & Music, Children's Moment, Vocals, Piano

Crofton Coleman, Worship Band Director, Vocals, Piano

Christie Miller, Clarinet & Mandolin; **Daniel Allen**, Vocals & Guitar; **Allison Allen**, Vocals; **Erwin**

Yasukawa, Bass; **Fred Bryant**, Drum Set; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion

Cheryl McKay, Scripture Reading

TBD, Prayers of the People

Jim Teague, Communications Director, Live Stream

Noah McLeod, Interim A/V Coordinator

John Carlson, A/V Volunteer, Online Chat

Aaron Budoff, Building Team

Prayer Companions: Marilyn Haasse & Mike Denesha

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



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