

First Presbyterian Evanston

August 29, 2021 – 10 a.m.

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

FOCUS

Prelude

Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling

(Music & Tune: Will L. Thompson, 1880, arr. Rebecca Chu)

*Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.*

*Come home, come home; you who are weary come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!*

Welcome & Announcements

EXALT

Opening Song

Blessed Be Your Name

(Words & Music: Beth Redman & Matt Redman, 2002, CCLI Song #3798438)

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise

When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name

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Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

All: Dear Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before you, and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God, and we fall short of being a credible witness to You. For these things, we ask your forgiveness, and we also ask for your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to You in our world. Remind us to be who You would have us to be regardless of what we are doing or who is with us. Draw us closer to you as we offer our silent confessions.

(People offer their own private silent prayers to the Lord)

Leader: Hear this promise from the Lord: “As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.” *(Psalm 103:11–12)*

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

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

ENCOUNTER

Children’s Moment – Blessing of the Backpacks

Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture

Psalm 15

Leader: O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**All: Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart;**

who do not slander with their tongue,

and do no evil to their friends,

nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

**in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those
who fear the Lord;**

who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

**who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe
against the innocent.**

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Sermon

Preparation for worship

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Response Here I Am to Worship

(Words & Music: Tim Hughes, 2000, CCLI Song #3266032)

Light of the world

You stepped down into darkness

Opened my eyes let me see

Beauty that made

This heart adore You

Hope of a life spent with You

So here I am to worship

Here I am to bow down

Here I am to say that You're my God

And You're altogether lovely

Altogether worthy

Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days

Oh so highly exalted

Glorious in heaven above

Humbly You came

To the earth You created

All for love's sake became poor

So here I am to worship

Here I am to bow down

Here I am to say that You're my God

And You're altogether lovely

Altogether worthy

Altogether wonderful to me

And I'll never know how much it cost

To see my sin upon that cross

And I'll never know how much it cost

To see my sin upon that cross

So here I am to worship

Here I am to bow down

Here I am to say that You're my God

And You're altogether lovely

Altogether worthy

Altogether wonderful to me

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 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

*(Blue Hymnal #478; Words: Henry Francis Lyte, 1834, alt; Music: John Goss, 1869; CCLI
Song #2646677)*

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor
To His people in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore Him:
Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Benediction

Postlude

Praise Him, Praise Him

(Music: Myra Schubert, b. 1938)

A retiring offering can be made as you exit.

Offering plates have been stationed at the East and West doors of the Sanctuary so those who wish to do so can safely make donations by cash or check.

First Pres Announcements:

Evanston facemasks mandate – Due to the increasing number of COVID-19 cases and the mandate by the City of Evanston, First Pres is now **REQUIRING EVERYONE** over the age of two to wear facemasks when indoors at our facilities. Masks should be worn over the nose, mouth and chin. Your cooperation is appreciated.

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

Blessing of the Backpacks this morning - In recognition of the new school year, we will hold a “Blessing of the Backpacks” during today’s service. We will be praying for all students (preschool to graduate school), teachers, and administrators--basically anyone associated with a school this year; backpacks not required).

Deacons’ Backpack Drive meets goal - The Deacons’ annual backpack project has met its fundraising goal. Thank you to everyone who participated! Children who participate in Family Focus Evanston will be given backpacks generously funded by First Presbyterian and Northminster Presbyterian Churches.

Kick-off Sunday, September 12, with 9:30 am service - We will begin our fall schedule on Sunday, September 12. That day and going forward our Sunday services will begin at 9:30 am unless otherwise noted. We will have a celebration in Roy Hall that morning after the service. Adult and Children’s Education classes will begin September 19 at 11 am.

Today’s Worship Service Leaders:

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

Hannah McConnell, Dir. of Worship & Music, Welcome, Vocals, Piano

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

Crofton Coleman, Worship Band Dir., Vocals, Piano

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

Erwin Yasukawa, Bass Guitar; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion

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

Nancy Sadek, Scripture Reading

Caryl Weinberg, Dir. of Mission, Prayers of the People

Noah McLeod, Interim A/V Coordinator

Jim Teague, Dir. of Communications, Projection

Jake Collins, A/V Volunteer, Live Stream

Aaron Budoff, Building Team

Prayer Companions: Sally Ivaska & Mike Denesha

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



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