

First Presbyterian Evanston

October 31, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

FOCUS

Prelude

The Love of God Comes Close

(Words: John L. Bell & Graham Maule; Music: tune “Melanie,” John L. Bell, CCLI Song #3330315)

*The love of God comes close where stands an open door to let the stranger in,
to mingle rich and poor: The love of God is here to stay, embracing those who walk His way.
The grace of God comes close to those whose grace is spent, when hearts are tired or sore
and hope is bruised or bent: The grace of God is here to stay, embracing those who walk His way.
The joy of God comes close where faith encounters fears, where heights and depths of life are found
through smiles and tears: The joy of God is here to stay, embracing those who walk His way.*

Welcome & Announcements

EXALT

Opening Hymn

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

(Words: Martin Luther, 1529, transl. Frederick Henry Hedge, 1852;

Music: Martin Luther, 1529; CCLI Song #42964)

A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great,
And, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side,
The Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He,
Lord Sabaoth His name,
From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

(Words & Music: Christy & Nathan Nockels; 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

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

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Loving God, you asked for our hands,
that you might use them for your purpose.
We gave them for a moment, then withdrew them,
for the work was hard.
You asked for our mouths
to speak out against injustice.
We gave you a whisper that we might not be accused.
You asked for our eyes
to see the pain of poverty.

We closed them, for we did not want to see.
You asked for our lives,
that you might work through us.
We gave a small part, that we might not get too involved.
Lord, forgive our calculated efforts to serve you—
only when it is convenient for us to do so,
only in those places where it is safe to do so,
and only with those who make it easy to do so.
Holy God, forgive us,
renew us, send us out
as usable instruments,
that we might take seriously
the meaning of your cross. Amen.

(Time of silent confession.)

Brothers and sisters, hear the good news of the gospel.

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

ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment

Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture

Mark 10:46-52

46 They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. 47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" 48 Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" 49 Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." 50 So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. 51 Then Jesus said

to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” 52 Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Sermon

Rise Up, He’s Calling You
Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes, Offerings, and 2022 Pledges

Song for Stewardship

Take Heart, Rise Up

(Words: Mark 10:49; Music: Dr. Robert McConnell, 2021; used by permission)

Be gracious, O Lord, for my soul is troubled,
How long, O Lord, how long?
Return, O Lord, and deliver my soul,
And save me for the sake of your steadfast love.

“Take heart; rise up, he is calling you.”

I believe I will see His goodness
Here in the land of the living.
My soul waits for God like the watchman for the dawn,
But, O my God, how long must we wait?

“Take heart; rise up, he is calling you.”

“Take heart; rise up, he is calling you.”

Song of Response

In Everything Give Him Thanks

(Words & Music: Lanny Wolfe, 1978; CCLI Song #7239)

In everything give Him thanks, give Him thanks

In everything give Him thanks

In the good times praise His name

In the bad times do the same

In everything give the King of kings all the thanks

With all the good things that had come His way

It's no wonder you could hear Job say,

“The Lord giveth and He taketh away, I'll give Him thanks”

But when the tables were all turned around

And Job's world came crashing down

His faith in God caused Job to say, “I'll still give Him thanks”

In everything give Him thanks, give Him thanks

In everything give Him thanks

In the good times praise His name

In the bad times do the same

In everything give the King of kings all the thanks

When trouble comes and there's no one around

Satan tries to tell me that God's let me down

Through ev'ry dark hour the best thing I've found

Is to give God the thanks

For He has never, never failed me yet

So why should I start now to worry or fret

In ev'rything I won't ever forget to give God the thanks

In the good times praise His name

In the bad times do the same

In everything give the King of kings all the thanks

In everything give Him thanks, give Him thanks

In everything give Him thanks

In the good times praise His name

In the bad times do the same

In everything give the King of kings all the thanks

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

All Along the Road

(Words & Music: Fred Bryant; used by permission)

You are all that I was ever meant to be

You are all that I will ever need to see

You are all that I will ever need to know

And you're with me all the places I would go

And You walk with me

All along the road

All along the road

You are with me through the sunshine and the rain

You are with me through the joy and through the pain

Lord, You pick me up when I have fallen down

And You carry me across the rocky ground

And you're with me every day,
Each step along the way
You take me where You know I need to be
Oh, Lord, the mercies that You show as You walk with me
All along the road
All along the road

You are all that I will ever need to know
You are with me all the places I may go
You are all I need
All along the road
All along the road

You are all that I will ever need to know
You are with me all the places I may go
You are all I need
All along the road
All along the road
All along the road

You are all that I was ever meant to be
You are all that I will ever need to see
You are all that I will ever need to know
And You're with me all the places I would go
And You're with me every day
Each step along the way
You take me where You know I need to be
Oh, Lord, the mercies that You show as you walk with me
All along the road
All along the road

You'll be standing there beside me 'til the end
As the twilight of my life comes closing in

As I reach out to meet my destiny
I will find that You've been waiting there for me
For You've walked with me
All along the road

Benediction

Postlude Improvisation on "All Along the Road"

(FPCE Worship Band, 2021)

First Pres Announcements

Notice of November 7 congregational meeting - A special meeting of the congregation is scheduled by session for November 7 immediately following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to dissolve the associate pastor relationship and approve the terms of separation. All active members of the church are invited.

Final Days of Winter Coat Drive - The Board of Deacons' Winter Coat Drive for our Souper Saturday guests is underway. Please donate men's or women's winter coats that are clean and in good repair. We would appreciate donations of warm scarves as well. The Deacons plan to purchase new hats and gloves, so those items are not needed. *Please drop off your items for donation on the coat rack set up in the courtyard entrance vestibule between October 23 and November 2.*

Submit names for A Service in Memory of All Souls – Our annual tradition of remembering those who have passed on will be held Saturday, November 6, in the Sanctuary from 9 to 10 a.m. Those wishing to memorialize a loved one are invited to add the name to the list at the front desk or call the church at 847-864-1472 and they will add the name for you.

Adult Education – Sundays at 11 a.m.

Missions hosts a class & film series on racial injustice as seen through the lens of Jesus' life and teachings. Classes are in Room 213. Learn more online.

Youth/Children's Education – Sundays at 10:45 a.m.

Infants thru 3 year olds – Nursery care is available on the first floor, up the short stairs to the south.

4 year olds thru 5th grade – Gather in the dining room each Sunday.

6th and 7th grade – Meet in the 3rd floor Youth Lounge.

Confirmation Class: 8th and 9th grade – Meet in room 206.

10th thru 12th grades – Contact Pastor Amanda for Education Hour options.

Today's Worship Service Leaders

Hannah Dixon McConnell, Director of Worship & Music, Choir Director, Piano, Prelude, Hymns & Songs

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

Crofton Coleman, Worship Band Director, Piano, Vocals, Hymns & Songs

Dione Ewang, Vocals, **Christie Miller & Fred Bryant**, Guitars, **Erwin Yasukawa**, Bass,

Kon Savoy, Drums, **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion

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

Pam Pettibone, Scripture Reading

Marilyn Haase, Prayers of the People

Noah McLeod, Interim A/V Coordinator

Jim Teague, Communications Director, Projection

Jake Collins, A/V Volunteer, Live Stream

John Carlson & Qin Zhou, A/V Volunteers, Online Chat

Joe Sickles, Building Team

Daniel Teague, Front Desk

Bob Bastian & Kim Klamm, Prayer Companions

Marcia Smith, Carol Clanton, LeRoy Klemt, Ushers

Kaci Smith & Paul Haase, Greeters

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***First Presbyterian Church of Evanston
exists to know Christ and to grow in him
as we serve and make disciples in Evanston, the Chicago area,
and the world.***



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