

First Presbyterian Evanston

November 14, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

FOCUS

Prelude O How He Loves You and Me

(Words & Music: Kurt Kaiser, 1975, arr. Paul Mickelson, 1927-2001; CCLI Song #15850)

*Oh, how He loves you and me...
He gave His life, what more could He give...Oh, how He loves you and me.
Jesus to Calv'ry did go, His love for sinners to show.
What He did there brought hope from despair. Oh, how He loves you and me.*

Welcome & Announcements

EXALT

Choral Introit The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee

(Words: Psalm 145:4-5; Music: Jean Berger, 1959; One License #71299)

*The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.
Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.*

Opening Hymn How Blest Are Those

(Blue Hymnal #184; Words: Fred R. Anderson, 1986; Music: Memmingen Manuscript, 17th century, harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1904)

How blest are those whose great sin
Has freely been forgiv'n.
Whose guilt is wholly covered
Before the sight of heav'n.
Blest those to whom our Lord God
Will not impute their sin,
Whose guilt has been forgiven,
Whose heart is true again.

While I kept guilty silence,
My strength was spent with grief.
Your hand was heavy on me;
My life found no relief.
But when I made confession
And hid no sin from You,
When I revealed my own guilt,
You gave me life anew.

So let the godly seek You
When troubling times are near;
No storm or flood shall reach them,
Nor cause their hearts to fear.
In You, O Lord, I hide me,
You save me from all ill,
And songs of Your salvation
My heart with rapture fill.

"I graciously will teach you
The way that you should go,
And with My eye upon you,
My counsel you shall know.
But be not then unruly,
Or slow to understand;
Be not perverse, but willing
To heed My wise command."

The sorrows of the wicked
In number shall abound,
But those who trust our own God
Great mercy shall surround.

Then in the Lord be joyful,
In song lift up your voice;
Be glad in God, you righteous;
Rejoice, O saints, rejoice.

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

**All: Loving God, you have called us together to worship you –
to remember that in your world,
resurrection leads to reign
and to remember that in your love,
we know and are known by the reigning Lord of all –
our savior, Jesus Christ.**

**We gladly gather to sing and pray,
admiring your power and might,
proclaiming your love and faithfulness,
thanking you for freeing us from the death-grip of sin.
But as we praise you, we realize we have failed to follow you.
We confess that our worship and our witness
are often two different things.**

Our life this week has not always been what you desire.

**So, we repent this morning
so that our worship will be what you deserve.**

**In your mercy, loving God,
empower us now and throughout this coming week,
to worship you by following Jesus
and to proclaim you by loving your world and your people.
Amen.**

(Time of silent confession.)

Leader: Can anyone separate us from the love of Christ?

All: No, in all things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Rom. 8:31-35, 37-39)

Friends, believe 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

Hebrews 10:19-25

19 Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Sermon

A Gracious Invitation

Rev. Michael Allen, Guest Preacher

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes & Offerings

Anthem of Response

The Best of Rooms

(Words: Robert Herrick, 1591-1674; Music: Randall Thompson, 1963)

*Christ, He requires still, wheresoe'er He comes,
To feed, or lodge, to have the best of rooms:
Give Him the choice; grant Him the nobler part
Of all the house, the best of all's the heart.*

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

Blessed Assurance

(Words: Fanny Jane Crosby, 1873; Music: Phoebe Palmer Knapp, 1873; CCLI Song #22324)

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels, descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest.
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Benediction

Postlude

God is So Good

(Words & Music: African trad, arr. Paul Makai, transl. Marilyn Foulkes, 1970)

Today's Worship Service Leaders

Emma Shaw, Horn, Prelude, Hymns, Postlude

Rebecca Chu, Organist, Prelude, Hymns, Postlude

Hannah Dixon McConnell, Director of Worship & Music, Choir Director, Welcome

Caryl Weinberg, Dir. of Mission, Confession & Assurance

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

John Powell, Scripture Reading

Rev. Michael Allen, Guest Preacher, Sermon, Benediction

JJ Ivaska, 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 & Sharon Smith, Prayer Companions

Stephanie Keene, Tuah Jenta, Fred Wenger, Ushers

Kaci Smith, Marge Stromberg, Greeters

First Pres Announcements

Fellowship time in Roy Hall, TODAY - Join us today after the service in our 2nd Floor gym as our Deacons host our Sunday social gathering.

Taking the next steps after the All-Church Retreat, TODAY - Last month, Dr. Andy Root gave us a challenging and thought-provoking word during the all-church retreat. We are meeting today to brainstorm and workshop potential next steps during the Sunday School.

Prayer Gathering this Wednesday on Zoom - Our bi-monthly prayer gathering takes place on Zoom this Wednesday at 7 p.m. See the event details on our website.

Advent Adult Education Class begins November 28 - The annual all-congregation Advent course will be taught by FPCE member David Ivaska. Entitled "Tough Questions at Christmas – Surprised by Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace," the class will meet for four weeks in the Sanctuary and online via Zoom, beginning November 28. More information is online.

Christian Education Classes

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 11 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 grades – Gather in the dining room each Sunday.

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

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

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

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