

First Presbyterian Evanston

March 20, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

Third Sunday in Lent

FOCUS

Prelude

Aus meines Herzens Grunde

*My inmost heart now raises, In this fair morning hour,
A song of thankful praises To Thine Almighty pow'r;
And so I have begun This day, my God, my life shall be
Begun and closed with praise to Thee,
Through Christ Thy only Son.*

Es ist das Heil uns kommen her

*Salvation has come to us from grace and sheer kindness.
Works never help, they cannot protect us.
Faith looks towards Jesus Christ who has done enough for all of us.
He has become our mediator.*

Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein

*When in the hour of utmost need We know not where to look for aid,
When days and nights of anxious thought Nor help nor counsel yet have brought,
Then this our comfort is alone, That we may meet before Thy throne,
And cry, O faithful God, to Thee, For rescue from our misery,*

Erwünschtes Freudenlicht

*Lord, I hope that you will in no trouble abandon
those who as loyal servants rightly hold your word
in their hearts and faith;
You give them already blessedness and do not let them perish.
O Lord, through you I ask that you grant
that I may die joyfully and willingly.*
(Words: Georg Niede, c. 1586, Paul Speratus, 1523, Paul Eber 1566, Anon.;
Music: harm. J.S. Bach, 1685-1750)

Ricercar del primo tuono

(Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, c. 1525-1594)

Welcome & Announcements

EXALT

Opening Hymn

Blessed Assurance (*Blue Hymnal #341*)

(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.

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (*Hebrews 4:14,16*)

**All: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

(Time of silent confession.)

Leader: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

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

Song of Confession

O God, Will You Restore Us

(Words: Psalm 80:19, Psalm 85:10, Isaiah 58:6;

Music: Isaac Wardell, from Lamentations by Bifrost Arts, 2016)

O God, will You restore us,
and grant us Your salvation?

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and grant us Your salvation?

*The Lord will guide you on a righteous path.
His vindication will shine forth as the dawn.
Your people will be called repairers of broken walls,
Making straight the path to proclaim his reign.*

O God, will You restore us,
and grant us Your salvation?

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and grant us Your salvation?

Song of Response

There is a Balm in Gilead (*Blue Hymnal* #394, v. 1, 2)

(Words & Music: American-American spiritual, arr. Melva W. Costen, 1989, alt.;

CCLI Song #4357689)

There is a balm in Gilead
To make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead
To heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged,
And think my work's in vain,

But then the Holy Spirit
Revives my soul again.

There is a balm in Gilead
To make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead
To heal the sin-sick soul.

Don't ever feel discouraged,
For Jesus is your friend,
And if you lack for knowledge
He'll not refuse to lend.

There is a balm in Gilead
To make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead
To heal the sin-sick soul.

ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment & Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, 2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, 3 and all ate the same spiritual food, 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. 5 Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. 6 Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. 7 Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink,

and they rose up to play.” 8 We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. 9 We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. 10 And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. 11 These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. 12 So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. 13 No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Sermon

Learning from Others' Mistakes

Walking the Path: Choices for Every Disciple of Jesus

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

Witness

(Words & Music: African American Spiritual, arr. Jack Halloran, arr. Dick Bolks, 2000)

Who'll be a witness for my Lord?

Oh, I'll be a witness for my Lord.

I'll be a witness for my Lord.

There was a man of the Pharisees,

His name was Nicodemus and he didn't believe.

The same came to Christ by night,

Wanted to be taught out of human sight.

Nicodemus was a man who desired to know

How a man can be born when he is old.
Christ told Nicodemus as a friend,
"Man you must be born again.
(He said) Marvel not, man, if you want to be wise,
Repent, believe, and be baptized,"

Then you'll be a witness for my Lord.
Soul is a witness for my Lord.

You read about Samson, from his birth
He was the strongest man that ever lived on earth.
Way back yonder in ancient times
He killed ten thousand of the Philistines.
Then old Samson went a-wand'rin' about.
Samson's strength was never found out.
'Til his wife sat upon his knee.
She said, "Tell me where your strength lies, if you please!"
Well, old Samson's wife she talk so fair
Samson said, "Cut off a my hair! Cut it off!
Shave my head just as clean as your hand,
and my strength will come like a natural man,"

Samson was a witness for my Lord.
Soul is a witness for my Lord.

There's another witness for my Lord!
My soul is a witness for my Lord!

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 Songs

Take Up Your Cross (*Blue Hymnal* #393, v. 1, 2)
(Words: Charles William Everest, 1833, alt.; Music: Attr. Freeman Lewis, 1825,
harm. John Leon Hooker, 1984; CCLI Song #7147653)

Take up your cross, the Saviour said,
If you would my disciple be;
Take up your cross with willing heart,
And humbly follow after me.

Take up your cross, let not its weight
Fill your weak spirit with alarm;
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up
And brace your heart and nerve your arm.

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me
(Words & Music: African American Spiritual, arr. Nolan Williams, Jr., 2000;
One License Song #94941)

I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
When my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Benediction

Postlude

Achieved is the Glorious Work
(from The Creation by Joseph Haydn, 1797)

Alleluia

(William Boyce, 1710-1798)

Today's Worship Service Leaders

Ben Poirot, Nick Collins, Matthew Gaunt, Hunter Farley, Tuba Quartet
Chancel Choir

Dr. Rebecca Chu, Organist, Piano

Hannah Dixon McConnell, Dir. of Worship & Music, Choir Director, Vocals, Confession

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

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

Hugh Parry, Scripture Reading

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

Noah McLeod, Interim A/V Coordinator, Live Audio

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Joe Sickles, Building Team

Stephanie Keene, Amanda Jenta, Tuah Jenta, Ushers

Sally Ivaska & Kim Klamm, Prayer Companions

Christian Education & Childcare

The Nursery will be open from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Youth/Children's Education - 11 a.m. Sunday Morning

Pre-K through 4th Grade meets on the 3rd floor.

5th through 8th Grade does NOT meet this week.

Confirmation Class meets in Room 206.

Youth Group does NOT meet this week.

Adult Education - Sundays at 11 a.m.

'The James Code' Class - Meets in Room 213 and on Zoom.

First Pres Announcements

Condolences - We offer our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to Tom and Jan Sullivan, for the passing of Jan's brother, James Lee Smith on November 11, 2021 and sister-in-law, Betty Holdridge Smith on October 4, 2020. The memorial service for both Jan's brother and sister-in-law will take place on March 25, 2022 in Texas.

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

'The James Code' Adult Ed class continues today at 11 a.m. - Our adult education class, taught by Michael Allen, co-founder and chief strategy officer of Together Chicago, meets today in Room 213 at 11 a.m. This course will focus on the letter of James, with supplemental reading from *The James Code: 52 Scripture Principles for Putting Your Faith into Action*, by O.S. Hawkins. Copies of the book are available by loan from the FPCE Library.

First Pres hosting Overnight Shelter - Please join other volunteers in serving our homeless neighbors by signing up to volunteer for the overnight shelter, now through March 27 at First Pres! Though you won't be called on to spend the nights, we do ask that you will help us set up from 8 to 9:30 p.m. or help clean up 6 to 7 a.m. Go to <https://firstpresevanston.org/overnight2022/> to sign up. Contact Caryl at cweinberg@firstpresevanston.org for more information or with questions.

Memorial service for Elinor Smith at First Pres March 23 - A memorial service to honor the life of Elinor Smith (who passed away October 1, 2021) will be held on March 23 at 1 p.m. A reception will follow in the dining room. The live stream of the service can also be attended at <https://firstpresevanston.org/smith/>.

Prayer Gathering online, Wednesday at 7 p.m. - Join us online on Zoom this coming Wednesday as we bring our prayers and concerns before God, listening for his response, and seeking his guidance. All are welcome. See the event listing on our home page for the registration link.

Hygiene Item Donation Drive - First Presbyterian is hosting a community wide drive of items for Evanston Produce Mobile's "SNAP GAP" booth. This helps families who depend on government support programs to get the hygiene items they need which are not provided through the programs. Help support this incredible cause by donating items not eligible to be purchased with SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits. More information is available on the First Pres home page or in the insert in today's bulletin.

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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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Your Name

Family members' names/ages

Street Address, City, State, Zip

Phone: Cell Home

Email address

Send me the weekly E-newsletter

First time visitor

Occasional attendee

Regular attendee/member

Single

Married

Have children at home

Junior/High School student

College student/Graduate student

I'm interested in:

Knowing Jesus better

I need prayer or support

I would like to speak with a pastor

Joining a Small Group

Joining the Welcome Team

Worship Music Team

Sound/AV/Video Team

Prayer Team

Becoming a Member

I need a Stephen Minister

Communion at home suggested for

_____ (name)

Please pray for:

(This is shared with pastors & confidential prayer team)