

First Presbyterian Evanston

March 27, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

FOCUS

Prelude

Peace, Be Still

(Words: Shaker Hymn, Mt. Lebanon, NY; Music: Philip Orem, 2019)

Peace, ye wild winds that shake the dark forest!

Be still, ye fierce tempests that rock the great sea!

Your strength is as weakness, compared with the power

Of those, who from bondage have set themselves free.

My soul shall be strong 'mid the wild storms of nature,

And firmly my spirit on God will depend;

The angels of light shall my dark path illumine,

For God is my Father, my Mother, and my Friend.

Welcome & Announcements

EXALT

Opening Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

(Blue Hymnal #281)

(Words: William Williams, 1745, transl. Peter Williams, 1771-72;

Music: John Hughes, 1907; CCLI Song #1448)

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,

Pilgrim through this barren land;

I am weak, but Thou art mighty;

Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand;

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,

Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Holy God, we groan at our weaknesses, and we ask your forgiveness.

All: Your word is so clear and your grace is abundant. But we close our ears to your call and in our pride, squander the gifts you have given us.

Like your servant Paul, we know what you require of us; yet, like Paul, we do not do the good we want to do, and the evil we do not want to do, we keep on doing.

We mistreat those we love, and dishonor you, the one who made us. How long, O Lord, will we continue to ignore your will?

Yet you provide streams of living mercy; you invite us again and again to live renewed lives.

So, we turn once again to the cross, to our interceding Lord Jesus Christ seated at your right hand, for the mercy you so freely give. We seek your forgiveness through Jesus Christ our Savior. We draw upon your promises for grace. With your Holy Spirit, sanctify us. Hear our prayer O Lord, for we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Time of silent confession.)

Leader: Hear these words from Galatians: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to set us free from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. 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?

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

Near indeed is His salvation to those who call on Him.

He will incline His ear and hear their prayers.

Truth shall spring out of the earth

And Justice will rain down from heaven.

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

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and grant us Your salvation?

Song of Response

Change My Heart, O God

(Words & Music: Eddie Espinosa, 1982; CCLI Song #1565)

Change my heart, O God,
Make it ever true,
Change my heart, O God,
May I be like You.

You are the potter,
I am the clay.
Mold me and make me,
This is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God,
Make it ever true,
Change my heart, O God,
May I be like You.

You are the potter,
I am the clay.
Mold me and make me,
This is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God,
Make it ever true,
Change my heart, O God,
May I be like You.

ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment & Passing the Peace of Christ

Minute for Mission – Ukraine

Scripture

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Sermon

A New Beginning

Walking the Path: Choices for Every Disciple of Jesus

Rev. Amanda Golbek, Minister of Children & Youth

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

The Road Home

(Words: Michael Dennis Brown;

Music: tune "Prospect" from Southern Harmony, 1835, adapt. Stephen Paulus, 2005)

Tell me where is the road
I can call my own,

That I left, that I lost,
So long ago?
All these years I have wandered,
Oh when will I know
There's a way, there's a road
That will lead me home?

After wind, after rain,
When the dark is done,
As I wake from a dream
In the gold of day,
Through the air there's a calling
From far away,
There's a voice I can hear
That will lead me home.

Rise up, follow me,
Come away is the call,
With love in your heart
As the only song;
There is no such beauty
As where you belong,
Rise up, follow me,
I will lead you home.

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

Wonderful Grace of Jesus

(Words & Music: Haldor Lillenas, 1918; CCLI Song #17054)

Wonderful grace of Jesus,
Greater than all my sin.
How shall my tongue describe it?
Where shall its praise begin?
Taking away my burden, setting my spirit free;
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus;
Deeper than the mighty rolling sea.
Higher than the mountain; sparkling like a fountain;
All-sufficient grace for even me.
Broader than the scope of my transgressions,
Greater far than all my sin and shame.
O magnify the precious name of Jesus;
Praise His name!

Wonderful grace of Jesus,
Reaching to all the lost.
By it I have been pardoned,
Saved to the uttermost.
Chains have been torn asunder,
Giving me liberty;
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus;
Deeper than the mighty rolling sea.

Higher than the mountain; sparkling like a fountain;
All-sufficient grace for even me.
Broader than the scope of my transgressions,
Greater far than all my sin and shame.
O magnify the precious name of Jesus;
Praise His name!

Wonderful grace of Jesus,
Reaching the most defiled.
By its transforming power
Making him God's dear child.
Purchasing peace and heaven
For all eternity;
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus;
Deeper than the mighty rolling sea.
Higher than the mountain; sparkling like a fountain;
All-sufficient grace for even me.
Broader than the scope of my transgressions,
Greater far than all my sin and shame.
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Praise His name!

Benediction

Postlude

Fantasia in A Minor
(Emma Louise Ashford, 1850-1930)

Today's Worship Service Leaders

Crofton Coleman, Worship Band Director, Piano, Vocals;

Tina Laughlin, Percussion; **Erwin Yasukawa**, Bass; **Chancel Choir**

Dr. Rebecca Chu, Organist, Piano

Hannah Dixon McConnell, Dir. of Worship & Music, Choir Director, Vocals, Welcome, Children's Message & Peace

Caryl Weinberg, Dir. of Mission, Confession, Minute for Mission

Rev. Amanda Golbek, Minister of Children & Youth, Sermon, Sharing of Tithes, Benediction

Verna Todd, Scripture Reading

Lisa Fisher, Prayers of the People

Evan Peters, A/V Coordinator, Live Audio

Noah McLeod, Interim A/V Coordinator, Live Audio

Jake Collins, A/V Volunteer, Live Stream Technical Director

John Carlson, A/V Volunteer, Online Chat

Trudy Delfosse Wenger, A/V Volunteer, Online Chat

Alexis Langlois, A/V Volunteer, Projection/Audio

Qin Zhou, A/V Volunteer, Online Chat

Joe Sickles, Building Team

Stephanie Keene, John Powell, Ushers

Bob Bastian & Sally Ivaska, Prayer Companion

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 meets in the Choir room.

Confirmation Class meets in Room 206.

Youth Group meets 4-6 p.m.

Adult Education - Sundays at 11 a.m.

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

First Pres Announcements

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.

Taizé Service this Wednesday at 7 p.m. - Please join us in person or via Zoom for our Taizé Worship Service, held in the Parlor at 7 p.m. on Wednesday. This one-hour service of contemplative simple song, Scripture reading, and prayer is a meaningful way to... *(Continued on next page)*

...walk with Christ and each other on our Lenten journeys. If you are not able to join us in person, you can join via Zoom. The final Taizé Service of this Lenten season will be held April 6.

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 and a list of items to be purchased are available on the First Pres home page.

Seeking donations for Easter Sunday Egg Hunt - The Our Families, Our Children Council is collecting donations of plastic Easter eggs, individually wrapped candy, or small prizes. Donations should be labeled for Pastor Amanda and dropped off at the front desk.

Confirmation Sunday, lunch on April 3 - Join us in worship and stay for lunch as we celebrate the decision of six of our youth as they take another step in their faith journey.

Holy Week Workshop, April 10 - Join us in Roy Hall on April 10 from 11-Noon as the Our Families, Our Children Council hosts a workshop for everyone designed to inspire us to take a deep dive into the meaning of Good Friday, the events of Holy Week, and Easter Sunday.

Prayer stations available for Lenten reflection - Prayer stations sponsored by the Our Families, Our Children Council are available in the Parlor. Each station is interactive and has instructions posted. The stations are another way to participate in the Lenten season. Stop by the next time you are at the church!

**Palm Sunday/Holy Week 2022
Schedule at First Pres**

Palm SundayApril 10, 9:30 a.m.

(Holy Week Workshop, 11 a.m. – Noon, Roy Hall)

Maundy ThursdayApril 14, 7 p.m.

Good FridayApril 15, 7 p.m.

Easter SundayApril 17, 9:30 a.m.

All services will be held in the First Pres Sanctuary AND online at <https://live.firstpresevanston.org>.

*(There are no other meetings or events to be held during Holy Week,
to allow for a time of reflection contemplation.)*

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Mission Statement:
***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)