

First Presbyterian Evanston

May 1, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

Third Sunday of Easter

FOCUS

Prelude

Alpha and Omega

(Words & Music: Erasmus Mutanbira, 2005; CCLI Song #4654148)

You are Alpha and Omega;
We worship You, our Lord.
You are worthy to be praised.

We give You all the glory;
We worship You, our Lord.
You are worthy to be praised.

Welcome & Announcements

EXALT

Introit *(from Psalm 30)*

Leader: Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones,

All: and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment;

his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night,

but joy comes with the morning.

You have turned my mourning into dancing;

you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Opening Song Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

(Words & Music: Phil Wickham, Jeremy Riddle, & Josh Farro, 2012, CCLI Song #117947)

Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
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Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

All: Gracious and Almighty Lord, you created the heavens and set the solar system spinning. You created us in your own image, and then poured out blessing upon blessing. Despite the abundant evidence of your power and faithful love, we confess that we hesitate to look to you for all that we need. We confess our tendency to rely upon our own efforts and wisdom in the misguided belief that we know best, and that we can make our way by ourselves. Forgive us! Reorient our hearts and make us less enamored of our own abilities, that we might be humble enough and wise enough to live in gratitude and dependence, looking to you in faith every minute of every day. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen. Now, Lord, please hear our silent prayers of confession.

(Time of silent confession.)

Leader: Hear these words of assurance from the book of Nehemiah, chapter 9: "But you are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love."

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

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

Song of Response

The Heavens are Telling

(Words: from Psalm 19; Music: Sandra McCracken)

The heavens are telling the glory of God.
The earth declares the work of His hands.
The law of the Lord, more desired than gold,
Sweeter than honey, reviving the soul.

ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment & Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture

Acts 5:27-32

²⁷ When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Sermon

Witness or Silence

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

All who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desire to live in obedience to Him, are invited to take communion.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Prayer)...and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

(Prayer)...Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

(Prayer)...Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Communion Anthem

Glory, Hallelujah!

(Words: Samuel Medley, 1728-1799; Music: Mark Burrows, 2010)

Glory, hallelujah!

I know that my Redeemer lives. What joy His resurrection gives. Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground; The dead's alive, the lost is found.

He lives, all glory to His name. He lives, my Savior still the same.

What joy the blest assurance gives, I know that my Redeemer lives.

Prayer after Communion

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Closing Song

Mighty to Save

(Words & Music: Ben Fielding & Reuben Morgan, 2006; CCLI Song #4591782)

Ev'ryone needs compassion

Love that's never failing

Let mercy fall on me

Ev'ryone needs forgiveness

The kindness of a Savior

The hope of nations

Savior, He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever, Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Ev'rything I believe in
Now I surrender

Savior, He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever, Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King
Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world see
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Savior, He can move the mountains
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Forever, Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

Savior, You can move the mountains
God, You are mighty to save
You are mighty to save
Forever, Author of salvation
You rose and conquered the grave
Yes, you conquered the grave

You are mighty to save

Benediction

Postlude

Die Schule der Galäufigkeit (The School of Dexterity)

Op. 299, No. 21

(Music: Carl Czerny, 1797-1857)

Today's Worship Service Leaders

Crofton Coleman, Worship Band Dir., Vocals, Piano; **Erwin Yasukawa**, Bass;
Tina Laughlin, Percussion; **Ash Hardin & Peter McLeod**, Percussion
Hannah Dixon McConnell, Dir. of Worship & Music, Choir Director; **Chancel Choir**
Caryl Weinberg, Dir. of Mission, Confession & Assurance, Communion Server
Rev. Amanda Golbek, Minister of Children & Youth, Welcome, Children's Message & Peace,
Communion
Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor, Sermon, Sharing of Tithes, Communion
Nancy Sadek, Scripture Reading
FPCE Elders, Communion Servers

Evan Peters, A/V Coordinator, Live Audio
Jim Teague, Director of Communications
Jacob Collins, A/V Volunteer, Live Stream Technical Director
Mike Campbell, A/V Volunteer, Projection
John Carlson, A/V Volunteer, Online Chat
Trudy Delfosse Wenger, A/V Volunteer, Online Chat
Alexis Langlois, A/V Volunteer, Audio
Qin Zhou, A/V Volunteer, Online Chat
Joe Sickles, Building Team
Tony Brown, Carol Clanton, Stephanie Keene, Ushers
Marilyn Haase & Sally Ivaska, Prayer Companions

Christian Education & Childcare

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

Youth/Children's Education – Sundays at 11 a.m.
Pre-K through 4th Grade meets on the 3rd Floor.
5th through 8th Grade meets in the Choir room.
Youth Group meets from 4 to 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 social gathering.

'The James Code' Adult Ed continues today at 11 a.m. - Our adult education class takes place in Room 213 at 11 a.m. Taught by Michael Allen, co-founder and chief strategy officer of Together Chicago, 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.

Our Agape Meal will take place today at noon in the Dining Room - First Pres members and friends are invited to enjoy a time of fellowship with each other, and a delicious, free meal. It is our way of continuing the feast we celebrate at the communion table. No RSVP is needed.

Interfaith Action Evanston's next Hygiene Item Drive is May 7, 10 a.m.-noon – Interfaith Action Evanston operates the “ProduceMobile” once a month which distributes food to Evanston's families experiencing food insecurity. Interfaith has recently added a new dimension to the distribution of food: the “SNAPGap” program. SNAPGap collects and distributes items that most of us consider necessary but are not eligible for purchase with federal benefits, such as

toilet paper, toothpaste, soap, or shampoo. Interfaith identifies 1-3 items for distribution each month. The items Interfaith will be distributing in May are **razors, shaving cream, and deodorant**. If you purchase these items locally for donation, you can drop them off at First United Methodist Church, 516 Church St. Evanston, IL 60201 at the date/time listed above.

Join with other FPCE volunteers on May 14 for Rebuilding Together – On Saturday, May 14 we'll continue the work we started last summer to revitalize Sandra Dozie's home. This year we will include some interior work that was not feasible due to Covid. Sandwiches and light snacks will be provided. Two shifts are available: 8 a.m.-noon and 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Volunteers are welcome to sign up for more than one shift. For more information contact Caryl Weinberg: cweinberg@firstpresevanston.org.

Submit info for Graduation Sunday – On Sunday May 15 we will celebrate our graduates during worship! Please send info about your middle school, high school, or college graduate to Pastor Amanda at agolbek@firstpresevanston.org. Include the school/program they are graduating from and what their future plans will be.

Beginning Sunday, June 5, our worship services will start at 10 a.m. as we move to our summer schedule.

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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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Welcome! We're glad you are here. We ask everyone to complete and return this page. Please tear it off from the stapled bulletin, to slip to the offering basket every week.

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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)