

# First Presbyterian Evanston

May 22, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

## FOCUS

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### Prelude

*So Send I You*

*(Music: arr. Don Hustad, 1918-2013)*

*So send I you to labor unrewarded, to serve unpaid, unloved, unseen, unknown.  
To bear rebuke, to suffer scorn and scoffing. So send I you to toil for me alone.*

### Welcome & Announcements

## EXALT

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### Introit (*Psalm 67:1-7*)

<sup>1</sup>May God be gracious to us and bless us

**and make his face to shine upon us,**

<sup>2</sup>that your way may be known upon earth,

**your saving power among all nations.**

<sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God;

**let all the peoples praise you.**

<sup>4</sup>Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

**for you judge the peoples with equity**

**and guide the nations upon earth.**

<sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God;

**let all the peoples praise you.**

<sup>6</sup>The earth has yielded its increase;

**God, our God, has blessed us.**

<sup>7</sup>May God continue to bless us;

**let all the ends of the earth revere him.**

## Opening Hymn

### How Great Thou Art (*Blue Hymnal* #467)

*(Words: Carl Gustav Boberg, 1885, English version: Stuart K. Hine, 1953; Music: Swedish folk melody, Harm. Stuart K. Hine, 1949; CCLI Song #)*

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin;

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

### **Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon**

**All: O Lord our God,  
When we stop to consider all the works your hands have made,  
We realize that we've fallen short.  
We've neglected to sing of your greatness,  
And we go about our days without even thinking you're great.  
Instead, we're consumed with ourselves.  
For being self-absorbed, forgive us, Lord.  
For thinking too highly of ourselves, forgive us.**

**We haven't taken the time to wander through the woods,  
to marvel at your creativity and extravagance.  
Instead, we've stayed inside,  
mindlessly scrolling and letting the TV drone on.  
For being too busy to notice your handiwork, forgive us.**

**Father, You spared nothing—not even your Son—  
And he gladly bore the burden of our sin.  
But we aren't so selfless.  
We ensure that if we give something to a neighbor,**

**we get something in return.**

**And when you present us with an opportunity  
to bear another's burden, we give excuses.**

**For hoarding the gifts you've given us, forgive us, Lord.**

**For leaving our neighbor to suffer, forgive us.**

**Would you do what it takes to get our attention?**

**Would you give us the energy and courage to care for the people  
you've put around us?**

**Make us humble, Lord, so that we bow down with adoration  
and proclaim, "God, how great you are!"**

**We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus.**

**Amen.**

*(People offer their own silent prayers to the Lord)*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: "He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that,  
free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you  
have been healed." (1 Peter 2:24)

Sisters and brothers, believe the good news of the gospel.

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

### **Songs of Response**

#### Be Thou My Vision

*(Words: Ancient Irish Poem, trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905, vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt.; Music:  
Irish Ballad, arr. Elda McGinty Peralta, 2014 ; CCLI Song #30639)*

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art –  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord;  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

### Establish the Work of Our Hands

*(Words & Music: Aaron Keyes, Isaac Wardell, Liz Vice Music LLC, Madison Cunningham,  
Orlando Palmer, Paul Zach, Sandra McCracken; CCLI Song #7097860)*

If You don't build it, we labor in vain  
Without Your Spirit, we stand with no strength  
I know my life is passing away  
But the works of Your hands are what will remain

Let the favor of the Lord rest upon us

O Lord, establish the work of our hands  
O Lord, establish the work of our hands

Teach us to number the length of our days  
Pour out Your power, we'll pour out Your praise  
Teach us to run, to finish the race  
For only what's done in love will remain

Let the favor of the Lord rest upon us

O Lord, establish the work of our hands  
O Lord, establish the work of our hands

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

## ENCOUNTER

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### **Children's Moment & Passing the Peace of Christ**

#### **Faith in Action – Summer Koinonia Meals**

##### **Scripture**

Mark 4:3-10, 13-20

<sup>3</sup> “Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seed fell on a path, and the birds came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup> Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup> And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root it withered away. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. <sup>8</sup> Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.” <sup>9</sup> And he said, “If you have ears to hear, then hear!” <sup>10</sup> When he was alone, those who were around him along with the twelve asked him about the parables. <sup>13</sup> And he said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? Then how will you understand all the parables? <sup>14</sup> The sower sows the word. <sup>15</sup> These are the ones on the path where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. <sup>16</sup> And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: when they hear the word, they immediately receive it with joy. <sup>17</sup> But they have no root and endure only for a while; then, when

trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. <sup>18</sup> And others are those sown among the thorns: these are the ones who hear the word, <sup>19</sup> but the cares of the age and the lure of wealth and the desire for other things come in and choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>20</sup> And these are the ones sown on the good soil: they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.”

## **Sermon**

### Healthy Soil, Healthy Growth

*Created for Community: Attachment & Christian Formation*  
*Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor*

## **RESPOND**

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## **Anthem**

### Again I Say, Rejoice

*(Words & Music: Israel Houghton & Aaron Lindsey, 2004; CCLI Song #)*

*Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice!*  
*Come bless the Lord, draw near to worship Christ the Lord,*  
*And bless His name, His holy name, declaring He is good.*  
*O, that men would praise His name to the ends of the earth.*

## **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**

### Here I Am, Lord

*(Words & Music: Daniel L. Schutte, 1981, alt, harm Alfred V. Fedak, 2011;*

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry,  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

## March in D Major

*(Music: George Friederic Handel, 1685-1759; arr. Michael Rondeau, b. 1948)*

Today's Worship Service Leaders

**Dr. Rebecca Chu**, Organist, Piano, Prelude, Postlude, Hymns & Songs

**Crofton Coleman**, Worship Band Director; **Romel Sims**, Trumpet; **Erwin Yasukawa**, Bass;

**James Simms**, Drum Set; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion

**Hannah Dixon McConnell**, Dir. of Worship & Music, Choir Director, Children's Message & Peace; **Members of the First Presbyterian Church of Evanston Chancel Choir**

**Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton**, Senior Pastor, Welcome, Introit, Sermon, Benediction

**JJ Ivaska**, Confession & Prayers of the People

**Grace Claus**, [forsythiaroot.wordpress.com](http://forsythiaroot.wordpress.com), Author, Prayer of Confession (adapt. by Hannah McConnell)

**Sally Ivaska & Kathy Shiau**, Faith in Action

**Dave Sloan**, Scripture Reading

**Evan Peters**, A/V Coordinator, Live Audio

**Jacob 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, Audio

**Qin Zhou**, A/V Volunteer, Online Chat

**Jim Teague, Director of Communications**, Projection

**Joe Sickles**, Building Team

**Stephanie Keene, Amanda Jenta, Tuah Jenta**, Ushers

**Bob Bastian & Marilyn Haase**, Greeter

**Mike Denesha & Kim Klamm**, 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.

**There is no Adult Education class this morning.** Our study on the Book of James will resume in June.

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.

**Koinonia Meals sign-up** - See today's insert and learn how to sign up to take part in one of these community-building events. You can also find information on our website home page.

**Prayer Gathering May 25 on Zoom** - Gather with us on Wednesday at 7 p.m. for our bi-monthly Prayer Gathering. We will have a brief devotional time and then bring our cares

and those of the ones we love to our amazing, loving God! Access the zoom link by visiting [firstpresevanston.org/events](http://firstpresevanston.org/events) and clicking on “Wednesday Prayer Gathering.”

**International Potluck June 5** - Join us as we, gathered from every nation and language together in Christ, savor bounteous flavors from around the globe. Bring a dish to share from the country of your heritage or the country of your heart. Find the sign-up link at [firstpresevanston.org](http://firstpresevanston.org)!

**Mark your calendar for Life Together class** – The spring Life Together class will be a one-day event on Sunday, June 5 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sign up online or at the front desk.

**TAKE NOTE: Sunday Worship will move to 10 a.m. beginning June 5 as we move into 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.

May 22, 2022

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Your Name

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Family members' names/ages

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Street Address, City, State, Zip

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Phone:     Cell         Home

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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)*