

First Presbyterian Evanston

May 8, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.
Fourth Sunday of Easter

FOCUS

Prelude

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

(Words: Jean Janzen, 1991, derived from Julian of Norwich, 1393;

Music: Carolyn Jennings, 1995)

*Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world.
Creator, source of every breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light,
grain of life, and grape of love, your very body for my peace.
Mothering Spirit, nurturing one, in arms of patience hold me close,
so that in faith I root and grow until I flower, until I know.*

Welcome & Announcements

EXALT

Introit *(from Revelation 7)*

Leader: After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count,

All: from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,

standing before the throne and before the Lamb,

robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders

and the four living creatures,

and they fell on their faces before the throne

and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!

Amen."

Opening Song

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

(Words & Music: Doris Akers, 1962, CCLI Song #18204)

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord
There are sweet expressions on each face
And I know that it's the presence of the Lord

Sweet Holy Spirit
Sweet Heav'nly Dove
Stay right here with us
Filling us with your love
And for those blessings
We lift our hearts in praise
Without a doubt we know
That we have been revived
When we shall leave this place

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Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

All: Lord God, in the light of your glory we see the evil that we have done, the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied. Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow your way and tell the good news of the gospel. Amen.

(People offer their own silent prayers to the Lord)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God has loved us since the beginning, and God's love for us will never end. Hear the good news!

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

Song of Response

Show Us Christ

*(Words & Music: Bob Kauflin & Doug Plank, 2011;
CCLI Song #6169253)*

Prepare our hearts, O God;
Help us to receive.
Break the hard and stony ground.
Help our unbelief.
Plant Your Word down deep in us;

'Cause it to bear fruit.
Open up our ears to hear,
Lead us in Your truth.

Show us Christ. Show us Christ.
O God, reveal Your glory
Through the preaching of Your Word,
Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord.

Your Word is living light
Upon our darkened eyes.
Guards us through temptations,
Makes the simple wise.
Your Word is food for famished ones,
Freedom for the slave,
Riches for the needy soul;
Come speak to us today.

Show us Christ. Show us Christ.
O God, reveal Your glory
Through the preaching of Your Word,
Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord.

Where else can we go, Lord,
Where else can we go?
You have the words of eternal life.

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ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment & Passing the Peace of Christ

Faith in Action – Kaci Smith

Scripture

Acts 2:42-47

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Sermon

Irresistible Community

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

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings – Discovery Tool Survey**Anthem**

Reason to Sing

(Words & Music: Leslie Jordan, David Leonard, & Alli Rogers; CCLI Song #6092351)

When the pieces seem too shattered To gather off the floor, And all that seems to matter Is that I don't feel You anymore, No, I don't feel You anymore, I need a reason to sing. I need a reason to sing. I need to know that You're still holding The whole world in Your hands. I need a reason to sing. When I'm overcome by fear, And I hate ev'rything I know, If this waiting lasts forever, I'm afraid I might let go. I'm afraid I might let go. I need a reason to sing... Will there be a victory, Will You sing it over me now? Your peace is the melody, Will You sing it over me now? Will there be a victory... I need a reason to sing...

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

Shine, Jesus, Shine

(Words & Music: Graham Kendrick, 1987; CCLI Song #30426)

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining:
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance.
By the blood I may enter your brightness;
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness.
Ever-changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

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Benediction

Postlude

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

(Douglas Wagner, b. 1952)

Today's Worship Service Leaders

Dr. Rebecca Chu, Organist, Piano

Hannah Dixon McConnell, Dir. of Worship & Music, Welcome, Introit

Crofton Coleman, Worship Band Director, Piano, Vocals; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion;

Erwin Yasukawa, Bass; **Noah McLeod**, Piano; **Christie Miller**, Guitar

Kaytlin Withers, Maximiliano Illanes, Paul Koch, Vocalists

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

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

Kaci Smith, Faith in Action

Marge Stromberg, Scripture Reading

Bob Bastian, Prayers of the People

Evan Peters, A/V Coordinator, Live Audio

Noah McLeod, Interim A/V Coordinator, 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

Joe Sickles, Building Team

Stephanie Keene, Tuah Jenta, Ushers

Kaci Smith, Greeter

Bob Bastian & Bob Hecker, 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.

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

Happy Mother's Day! – To the mothers-all the mothers- raising children, caring for teens, loving your grown children who have long left home; to those who have lost a child, lost a mother, or those longing to become mothers; to the spiritual mothers, the aunties and grandmas, who pour into the lives of those around you; we see you, we love you, and we honor you today.

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 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.

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 Graduate 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.

Wednesday Prayer Gathering meets this week 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 and clicking on “Wednesday Prayer Gathering.”

TAKE NOTE: Sunday Worship will move to 10 a.m. beginning June 5!

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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 8, 2022

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)



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ONLINE VOLUNTEER ACCELERATOR INSTRUCTIONS

Choose one of the methods below

Option 1) Use the camera and scan this QR code:



You'll be taken to a web form, which should take less than 5 minutes to complete.

OR:

Option 2) Visit <https://firstpresevanston.org/va> and fill out the web form.

OR:

Option 3) Call the First Pres office at 847-864-1472 and ask for them to assist you in filling out the form.

After the form is filled out and submitted, you will receive an email listing your top 10 volunteer opportunities along with links to their descriptions. These are simply suggestions. The job description web pages include a contact person for each position. Reach out to the contact to express an interest in volunteering!

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