

First Presbyterian Evanston

June 26, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FOCUS

Prelude

Eravie

(Alexej Gerassimez, b. 1987)

EXALT

Welcome & Call to Worship *(Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20)*

I cry aloud to God,

aloud to God, that he may hear me.

In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord;

in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying; my soul refuses to be comforted.

I will call to mind the deeds of the LORD;

I will remember your wonders of old.

I will meditate on all your work,

and muse on your mighty deeds.

Your way, O God, is holy.

What god is so great as our God?

You are the God who works wonders;

you have displayed your might among the peoples.

With your strong arm you redeemed your people,

the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

Your way was through the sea, your path, through the mighty waters; yet your footprints were unseen.

You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Opening Song

'Tis So Sweet

*(Words: Louisa M.R. Stead, 1882; Music: William J. Kirkpatrick, 1838-1921;
CCLI Song #22609)*

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take Him at His word;
Just to rest upon His promise,
Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus,
O for grace to trust Him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust His cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus,
O for grace to trust Him more!

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that Thou art with me,
Wilt be with me to the end.

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus,
O for grace to trust Him more!

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence.

All: 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 and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Song of Response

Change My Heart, O God

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

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

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 – Stephen Ministry 35th Anniversary

Scripture

Acts 12:1-18

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. 2 He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. 3 After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the Festival of Unleavened Bread.) 4 When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him,

intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. 5 While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. 6 The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. 7 Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared, and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his wrists. 8 The angel said to him, "Fasten your belt and put on your sandals." He did so. Then he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." 9 Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. 10 After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. 11 Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

12 As soon as he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many had gathered and were praying. 13 When he knocked at the outer gate, a maid named Rhoda came to answer. 14 On recognizing Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed that, instead of opening the gate, she ran in and announced that Peter was standing at the gate. 15 They said to her, "You are out of your mind!" But she insisted that it was so. They said, "It is his angel." 16 Meanwhile Peter continued knocking, and when they opened the gate they saw him and were amazed. 17 He motioned to them with his hand to be silent and described for them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he added, "Tell this to James and to the brothers and sisters." Then he left and went to another place.

18 When morning came, there was no small commotion among the soldiers over what had become of Peter.

Sermon

A Praying Community

Created for Community: Attachment & Christian Formation

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

Whenever God Shines His Light

(Words & Music: Van Morrison, 1989)

*Whenever God shines his light on me
Opens up my eyes so I can see
When I look up in the darkest night
And I know everything's gonna be alright*

*In deep confusion, in great despair
When I reach out for him, he is there
When I am lonely as I can be
I know that God shines his light on me*

*Reach out for Him, He will be there
With him your troubles you can share
If you receive His precious love
You'll get the blessing from God above*

*Heals the sick and he heals the lame
Says you can do it too in Jesus' name*

*He'll lift you up, He'll turn you around
He'll put your feet back on higher ground*

*Reach out for him, he will be there
With him your troubles, you can share
You can use his higher power
Every minute and every hour*

*Heals the sick and He heals the lame
Says you can do it too in Jesus' name
He'll lift you up, He'll turn you around
He'll put your feet back on higher ground*

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 Hymn

To God be the Glory

(Words: Fanny Jane Crosby, 1875; Music: William H. Doane, 1832-1915; CCLI Song #23426)

To God be the glory – great things He has done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus, the Son,
And give Him the glory – great things He has done!

Great things He has taught us;
Great things He has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son.
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus, the Son,
And give Him the glory – great things He has done!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus, the Son,
And give Him the glory – great things He has done!

Sending & Benediction

Postlude

Be Thou My Vision

(Music: Irish Ballad)

Today's Worship Service Leaders

Nathaniel Holman, Percussion, Prelude, & **Jordan Nielsen**, Postlude, & **Noah McLeod**, Hymns & Songs

Dr. Rebecca Chu, Organist, Piano, Hymns & Songs

Crofton Coleman, Worship Band Director; **Erwin Yasukawa**, Bass

Chancel Choir, Hymns & Songs

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

Caryl Weinberg, Dir. Of Mission, Welcome & Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor, Sermon, Sending & Benediction

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

Julie Ruchniewicz, Parish Nurse, Minute for Mission

Mike Denesha, Confession

Richard Bell, Scripture Reading

RuthAnn Ostrowski, Prayers of the People

Evan Peters, A/V Coordinator, Live Audio

Jim Teague, Director of Communications, Projection

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

John Carlson, A/V Volunteer, Online Chat

Trudy Delfosse Wenger, A/V Volunteer, Online Chat

Qin Zhou, A/V Volunteer, Online Chat

Joe Sickles, Building Team

Tony Brown, Carol Clanton, Marcia Smith, Ushers

Bob Bastian & Marilyn Haase, Prayer Companions

Christian Education & Childcare

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

'The James Code' Adult Education class will NOT meet today.

First Pres Announcements

Stephen Ministry Anniversary celebration TODAY – Join us out on the lawn after the service (or in Roy Hall in case of rain) as we recognize the 35th anniversary of Stephen Ministry here at First Pres Evanston! The deacons will provide a special cake and refreshments to celebrate.

Children's Summer Worship Passport Challenge – All First Presbyterian children are invited to participate in our worship challenge. Pick-up a Worship Passport from Pastor Amanda or from the back of the sanctuary. Complete the different challenges and earn prizes along the way! This activity runs all summer.

VBS 2022 Registration is now open! – All 4-year-olds through 5th graders are invited to join us August 1-5, 9 a.m.- noon as we explore God's greatness! Due to a volunteer shortage we have very limited capacity this year. Register early to guarantee a spot for your child. To register, visit firstpresevanston.org/children.

First Kids and Youth Picnic and Play in the Park – The Our Family, Our Children’s Council is hosting bring your own picnic meet ups in the park throughout the summer. The next gathering is Wednesday, June 29 from 5-7 p.m. at Penny Park. Friends are very welcome to join, too. Come when you can, leave when you are ready!

Family Open Gym Fridays – Families are invited to use the First Presbyterian gym from 10:00 a.m. – 5: 00 p.m. every Friday. Drop by to stay out of the rain or to enjoy a contained space for FPCE kids to play with friends.

Flat Jesus returns for another fun summer at FPCE – Jesus said, “And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:20) Let’s celebrate that by seeing Jesus all around us this summer! To join the fun, pick up a copy of Flat Jesus at the front desk (or find a copy at firstpresevanston.org/news-notes/), color him and cut him out, then take pictures of Flat Jesus hanging with you throughout the summer. Post pictures on Facebook and Instagram with #fpceflatjesus or email pictures to Pastor Amanda at agolbek@firstpresevanston.org.

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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)