

First Presbyterian Evanston

July 17, 2022 – 10 a.m.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FOCUS

Prelude

Eternal Life

(Words: St. Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226; Music: Olive Dungan, 1904-1997)

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace; Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek To be consoled as to console, To be understood as to understand, To be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; It is in pard'ning that we are pardoned; It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

EXALT

Welcome & Call to Worship *(Psalm 82:1-4,8)*

Leader: God has taken his place in the divine council;
in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

**All: "How long will you judge unjustly
and show partiality to the wicked?"**

Give justice to the weak and the orphan;
maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.

**Rescue the weak and the needy;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked."**

Rise up, O God, judge the earth;
for all the nations belong to you!

Opening Song Before the Throne of God Above

(Words & Music: Charitie Bancroft & Vicki Cook; CCLI Song #2306412)

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Praise the One
Risen Son of God!

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself, I cannot die

My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
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Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

All: Heavenly Father, we come before your throne of grace to confess our sins. We have been selfish instead of generous; we have been proud instead of humble; we have held grudges instead of forgiving; we have proven over and over again that we cannot be good enough on our own. We need more of you and less of ourselves. Gracious God, we ask for your forgiveness and receive it with joyful hearts. Renew our minds so that we may discern what is good. Fill us with your Spirit so that we may be your witnesses in the world. Comfort our hearts that we may

know that we have complete redemption by your grace alone. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Leader: And now we offer our silent prayers of confession.
(People offer their own silent prayers to the Lord.)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd. He refreshes our soul and guides us along the right paths. He comforts us and assures us that as his forgiven followers his goodness and love will follow us, and we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

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

Song of Response Nothing But the Blood

(Text & Music: Robert Lowry, 1876; CCLI Song #21332)

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh, precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon this I see,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing, this my plea,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh, precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;

No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh, precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh, precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Now by this I'll overcome,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Now by this I'll reach my home,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh, precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

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That makes me white as snow;
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ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment

Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture

Amos 8:1-12

This is what the Lord God showed me: a basket of summer fruit. 2
He said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer
fruit." Then the Lord said to me,

"The end has come upon my people Israel;

I will spare them no longer.

3 The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that day,"
says the Lord God;

"the dead bodies shall be many,
cast out in every place. Be silent!"

4 Hear this, you who trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

5 saying, "When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain,

and the Sabbath,

so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier
and practice deceit with false balances,

6 buying the poor for silver

and the needy for a pair of sandals
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

7 The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

8 Shall not the land tremble on this account,
and everyone mourn who lives in it,
and all of it rise like the Nile,
and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?

9 On that day, says the Lord God,
I will make the sun go down at noon
and darken the earth in broad daylight.

10 I will turn your feasts into mourning
and all your songs into lamentation;
I will bring sackcloth on all loins
and baldness on every head;
I will make it like the mourning for an only son
and the end of it like a bitter day.

11 The time is surely coming, says the Lord God,
when I will send a famine on the land,
not a famine of bread or a thirst for water,
but of hearing the words of the Lord.

12 They shall wander from sea to sea
and from north to east;
they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord,
but they shall not find it.

Sermon

When the End Comes

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power

(Words & Music: Andraé Crouch, 1966, arr. Crofton Coleman, 2022, CCLI Song #11885)

*The blood that Jesus shed for me
'Way back on Calvary,
The blood that gives me strength
From day to day,
It will never lose its pow'r!*

*It soothes my doubts and calms my fears,
And it dries all my tears,
The blood that gives me strength
From day to day,
It will never lose its pow'r!*

*And it reaches to the highest mountain
It flows to the lowest valley.
The blood that gives me strength
From day to day,
It will never lose its pow'r!*

And it reaches...

*The blood that gives me strength
From day to day,
It will never lose its pow'r!*

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 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

*(Words: from the Liturgy of St. James, 5th century, tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829-1885;
Music: traditional French Carol, arr. Fernando Ortega & John Andrew Schreiner, 2002;
CCLI Song #3476145)*

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded,
For with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the Body and the Blood;
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph,
Cherubim, with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to His presence,

As with ceaseless voice they cry;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord most high!

Sending & Benediction

Postlude

Amazing Grace

(Words: John Newton, 1779; Music: Virginia Harmony, 1831, arr. H. Leslie Adams, b. 1932)

Today's Worship Service Leaders

Darshaya Oden, Vocalist, Prelude & Postlude; **Chancel Choir**

Crofton Coleman, Worship Band Director; **Judith Hylton**, Vocalist; **Erwin Yasukawa**, Bass; **Paul Bata**, Drums; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor, Sermon, Prayers of the People, Sending & Benediction

Caryl Weinberg, Dir. of Mission, Welcome & Call to Worship, Confession

Jim Teague, Dir. of Communications, Children's Message Video, Peace of Christ

Lisa Brejcha, Scripture Reading

Evan Peters, A/V Coordinator, Live Audio

Mike Campbell, A/V Volunteer, Projection

Jacob 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

Amanda & Tuah Jenta, Stephanie Keene, Ushers

Marge Stromberg, Greeter

Sharon Smith & Mike Denesha, Prayer Companions

Christian Education & Childcare

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

Youth/Children's Education is on Summer Vacation. Please contact Pastor Amanda at agolbek@firstpresevanston.org for summer activities for Children & Youth!

Adult Education – Sundays at 11:30 a.m.

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

First Pres Announcements

Lemonade on the Lawn – After this morning's service, join us for Lemonade on the Lawn, out in front of our building. This event is hosted and sponsored by the Deacons!

'The James Code' Adult Education class resumes today – Our adult education class takes place in Room 213 after this morning's service, taught by Michael Allen, co-founder and chief strategy officer of Together Chicago. It will also be available through Zoom.

Register ASAP for VBS 2022! – 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.

Support Evanston Students through the Deacons' Backpack Project – The Board of Deacons is collaborating with Family Focus to help 55 students begin their academic year with new backpacks! We are fortunate to have a generous donor continue supporting this community outreach endeavor with the gift of new backpacks. We are asking the congregation to please consider a gift of cash to go toward the purchase of ear buds,

insulated water bottles, writing journals, and Target gift cards. To donate, make a check payable to First Presbyterian Church of Evanston with BOD Backpack Project on the memo line. To donate online visit firstpresevanston.org/news-notes.

High School Mission Trip – This week the FPCE youth and leaders head to Knoxville, TN, for the high school mission trip. Please pray for their time away as they join with three other churches from around the country to clean, paint, and repair homes!

Family Open Gym Fridays – Families are invited to use the First Presbyterian gym from 10 a.m. – 5 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.

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.

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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)