

First Presbyterian Evanston

August 14, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FOCUS

Prelude

The Lord is My Light

(Words: based on Psalm 27; Music: Frances Allitsen, 1848-1912)

*The Lord is my light, my light and my salvation, Whom, then, shall I fear?
Whom, then, shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, Of whom then shall I be afraid?
Though an host of men were laid against me, Yet shall not my heart be afraid;
And though there rose up war against me. Yet will I put my trust in Him.
For, in the time of trouble, He shall hide me in His tabernacle,
Yea, in the secret places of His dwelling shall He hide me,
And set me up upon a rock of stone. The Lord is my light...*

EXALT

Welcome & Call to Worship *(Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19)*

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth
before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.

**All: Stir up your might,
and come to save us!**

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.
You cleared the ground for it;
it took deep root and filled the land.

**The mountains were covered with its shade,
the mighty cedars with its branches;
it sent out its branches to the sea,**

and its shoots to the River.

Why then have you broken down its walls,
so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?
The boar from the forest ravages it,
and all that move in the field feed on it.

**Turn again, O God of hosts;
look down from heaven, and see;
have regard for this vine,
the stock that your right hand planted.**

They have burned it with fire, they
may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance.
But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one whom you made strong for yourself.

**Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name.
Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

Opening Hymn

We Plow the Fields and Scatter (*Blue Hymnal #560*)

(*Words: Matthias Claudius, 1782, transl. Jame Montgomery Campbell, 1861, alt.; Music:
Finnish folk melody, adapt. and harm. David Evans, 1927;
CCLI Song #2647133*)

We plough the fields and scatter
The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
By God's almighty hand;
God sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine,
And soft, refreshing rain.

You only are the Maker
Of all things near and far;
You paint the wayside flower,
You light the evening star;
The winds and waves obey You,
By You the birds are fed;
Much more to us, Your children,
You give our daily bread.

We thank You, then, Creator,
For all things bright and good,
The seed time and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food;
Accept the gifts we offer,
For all Your love imparts,
And what You most would welcome,
Our humble, thankful hearts.

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

All: Heavenly Father, you have gone to great lengths to redeem us by your son Jesus Christ. Furthermore, you invite us into a life of hope, joy, and freedom. And yet, we forget, Lord. We forget that you have sanctified us for greater things. We confess that we abandon you when our comfort is threatened. We admit that we get consumed with serving ourselves and our own interest. Have mercy on us, Lord. Cause us to turn our gaze squarely back on you. Speak to our fearful hearts. Forgive us and open our eyes and ears to a greater awareness of you and to the adventure of living for your glory each and every day. May we represent you well this week, acting as instruments of your

**hands and feet. We pray this humbly in Christ's Name. Amen.
Now hear our silent prayers of confession.**

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

Leader: Hear these words of assurance from Jeremiah:

“You have taken up my cause O Lord; you have redeemed my life.
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come
to an end. They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness.”
Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

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

Hymn of Response

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

(Blue Hymnal #510 v. 1-4,

to the tune “Hamburg” / When I Survey the Wondrous Cross)

(Words: attrib. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153, transl. Ray Palmer, 1858, alt.;

Music: tune “Hamburg,” Blue Hymnal #101, Lowell Mason, 1824; CCLI Song #7107413)

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts,
Thou fount of life, Thou light of all,
From the best bliss that earth imparts
We turn, unfilled, to heed Thy call.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;
Thou savest those that on thee call;
To them that seek Thee Thou art good,
To them that find Thee, all in all.

We taste thee, O Thou living bread,
And long to feast upon thee still;
We drink of Thee, the fountain head,

⁵ And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
⁶ I will make it a wasteland;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.
⁷ For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his cherished garden;
he expected justice
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness
but heard a cry!

John 15:1-8

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for

whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.0

Sermon

Great Expectations

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

By Our Love

(Words & Music: Christy Noeckels, 2009; CCLI Song #5489329)

*Brothers, let us come together.
Walking in the Spirit,
There's much to be done.
We will come reaching
Out from our comforts,
And they will know us by our love.*

*Sisters, we were made for kindness.
We can pierce the darkness
As He shines through us.
We will come reaching
With a song of healing,
And they will know us by our love.*

*The time is now,
Come, church, arise.
Love with His hands,
See with His eyes.
Bind it around you,*

*Let it never leave you,
And they will know us by our love.*

*Children, you are hope for justice.
Stand firm in the Truth now,
Set your hearts above.
You will be reaching
Long after we're gone,
And they will know you by your love.*

*The time is now,
Come, church, arise.
Love with His hands,
See with His eyes.
Bind it around you,
Let it never leave you,
And they will know us by our love.*

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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

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me (*Blue Hymnal* #366)

(Words: Paul Gerhardt, 1653, transl. John Wesley, c. 1739, alt.;

Music: Henri Frederick Hemy, 1864, alt. James George Walton, 1874; CCLI Song #4188597)

Jesus, Thy boundless love to me
No thought can reach, no tongue declare;
O knit my thankful heart to Thee,
And reign without a rival there!
Thine wholly, thine alone, I'd live,
Myself to Thee entirely give.

O grant that nothing in my soul
May dwell, but Thy pure love alone;
O may Thy love possess me whole,
My joy, my treasure, and my crown!
All coldness from my heart remove;
May every act, word, thought be love.

O Love, how gracious is Thy way!
All fear before Thy presence flies;
Care, anguish, sorrow melt away,
Where'er Thy healing beams arise.
O Jesus nothing, may I see,
Nothing desire, or seek, but Thee.

Sending & Benediction

Postlude

If With All Your Hearts Ye Truly Seek Me

from *Elijah*, Op. 70

(Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847)

*If with all your heart ye truly seek Me, Ye shall ever surely find Me, Thus saith our God.
Oh, that I knew where I might find Him, That I might even come before His presence. If with
all your heart...*

Today's Worship Service Leaders

Dr. Rebecca Chu, Organ, Piano

Maximiliano Illanes, Tenor

Allison Allen, Vocalist

Hannah Dixon McConnell, Dir. of Worship, Vocalist

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor, Welcome & Call to Worship, Sermon, Sending & Benediction

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

Dan Shiau, Confession & Prayers of the People

Yemi Ajisebutu, Scripture Reading

Evan Peters, A/V Coordinator, Live Audio

Kristen Collins, 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

Sonia Bodi, Greeter

Tony Brown, Carol Clanton, Marcia Smith, Ushers

Marilyn Haase & Bob Hecker, Prayer Companions

Christian Education & Childcare

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

Adult Education – Sundays at 11 a.m.

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

First Pres Announcements

Officer nominations sought - The First Pres Officer Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for trustee, elder (member of session), and deacon, for 2023. You can submit your nominations in-person by filling out a nominating form at the First Pres front desk. To complete an online form, or download a fillable PDF, visit <http://firstpresevanston.org/news-notes>. Questions? Contact the committee at fpce2022nominate@gmail.com with questions. Nominations for all positions are needed ASAP.

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!

Hobbit Party and Hobbit Hole Contest TODAY after the service - All friends, elves, hobbits, and families of FPCE are invited to gather for a second breakfast and party where we will play games, make merry, and celebrate the Christian themes found in "The Hobbit" by J.R.R. Tolkien. The Mini Hobbit Hole competition will be judged during today's party!

'The James Code' Adult Education class resumes today after the service – Our adult education class takes place in Room 213 after the service.

First Friends picnic gathering August 21 – First Friends, our ministry to local refugees, will host its summer get-together at Evanston’s Elnora Smith Park, at Ashland and Lyons, 3-6 p.m. next Sunday. If you would enjoy interacting with our refugee friends, hearing interesting stories and eating great food, please join us. Please bring a side dish to share.

Fall Kickoff Sunday is September 11! We will be moving back to our regular service time of 9:30 a.m.

2022 All-Church Picnic Canceled – This year's All-Church Picnic (originally scheduled for last Sunday and postponed because of inclement weather) has been canceled. With school beginning, families traveling (including some staff members), and many preparations underway for the coming church season, we are turning our efforts toward the future. Our kickoff Sunday, on September 11, will include an Agape Meal where we can all gather together.

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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)