

# First Presbyterian Evanston

August 28, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## FOCUS

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### Prelude

O God Beyond All Praising

*(Words: Michael Perry, 1982;*

*Music: tune "Thaxted," Gustav Holst, 1916, arr. Diane McAninch, 2001)*

*O God beyond all praising, We worship you today  
And sing the love amazing That songs cannot repay;  
For we can only wonder At every gift you send,  
At blessings without number And mercies without end:  
We lift our hearts before you And wait upon your word,  
We honor and adore you, Our great and mighty Lord.*

## EXALT

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**Welcome & Call to Worship** *(Psalm 81:1-3, 10)*

Leader: Sing aloud to God our strength;

**All: Shout for joy to the God of Jacob.**

Raise a song; sound the tambourine,  
the sweet lyre with the harp.

**Blow the trumpet at the new moon,  
at the full moon, on our festal day.**

I am the LORD your God,  
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

**Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.**

**Opening Song** Open the Eyes of My Heart

*(Words & Music: Paul Baloche, 1997; CCLI Song #2298355)*

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

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Open the eyes of my heart, Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up

Shining in the light of Your glory

Pour out Your power and love

As we sing holy, holy, holy

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord

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As we sing holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy

You are holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy  
I want to see You

Holy, holy, holy  
You are holy, holy, holy  
Holy, holy, holy  
I want to see You

Holy, holy, holy  
You are holy, holy, holy  
Holy, holy, holy  
I want to see You

Holy, holy, holy  
You are holy, holy, holy  
Holy, holy, holy  
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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)*

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**

## Here I Am, Lord

*(Words & Music: Daniel L. Schutte, 1981, alt, harm Alfred V. Fedak, 2011;  
One License Song #80670)*

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.  
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## ENCOUNTER

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### Children's Moment

### Passing the Peace of Christ

#### Scripture

Jeremiah 2:4-13

<sup>4</sup>Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the LORD: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? <sup>6</sup>They did not say, "Where is the LORD who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?" <sup>7</sup>I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. <sup>8</sup>The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD, and I accuse your children's children. <sup>10</sup>Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. <sup>11</sup>Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. <sup>12</sup>Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the LORD, <sup>13</sup>for my people have committed two

evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

**Sermon**

Why Do We Wander from God?  
*Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor*

**RESPOND**

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**Sharing of Tithes and Offerings**

**Anthem**

We Fall Down

*(Words and Music: Chris Tomlin, 1998, CCLI Song #2437367)*

*We fall down,  
We lay our crowns  
At the feet of Jesus;  
The greatness of mercy and love,  
At the feet of Jesus.*

*And we cry holy, holy, holy,  
And we cry holy, holy, holy,  
And we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.*

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*Holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.*

### **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**    Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing *(Blue Hymnal #356)*

*(Words: Robert Robinson, c. 1758; Music: tune "Nettleton,"  
from Wyeth's "Repository of Sacred Music," 1813; CCLI Song #108389)*

Come, Thou fount of ev'ry blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,

Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer,  
Hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy grace now, like a fetter,  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

## **Sending & Benediction**

### **Postlude**

### Chaconne

*(Music: Louis Couperin, 1626-1661)*

Today's Worship Service Leaders

**Laurie Kaeser, Zadi Ivaska, Emma Shaw, Carol Surma, Gracie Hu, Hannah McConnell, Peter McLeod, Anne van Heukelem, Teo Ivaska, Ji Han, Pam Pettibone, Sarah Hu, Steve Smith, Matt McLeod,** Chancel Bells  
**Robert McConnell,** Chancel Bells Conductor  
**Crofton Coleman,** Worship Band Director, Vocalist, Piano  
**Darshaya Oden,** Vocalist  
**Erwin Yasukawa,** Bass; **Tina Laughlin,** Percussion  
**Dr. Rebecca Chu,** Organist

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

**Karen Shaw,** Confession & Prayers of the People

**John Powell,** Trustee, Scripture Reading

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

**Mike Campbell,** A/V Volunteer, Projection

**Jacob Collins,** A/V Volunteer, Technical Director

**John Carlson,** A/V Volunteer, Online Chat

**Alexi Langlois,** A/V Volunteer, Live Stream

**Trudy Delfosse Wenger,** A/V Volunteer, Online Chat

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

**Joe Sickles,** Building Team

**Bob Bastian,** Greeter

**Tony Brown, Carol Clanton,** Ushers

**Bob Hecker & Sharon Smith,** 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

**Condolences** – We offer our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the friends and family of Barbara Warnecke, for the passing of Barbara's husband, Dick Warnecke, on August 19, 2022. A memorial service will be held in the Sanctuary on Saturday, September 10 at 4 pm. Reception to follow in the Dining Room.

**Backpack Blessing and Educator Appreciation today** – Heading back to school we want to remind everyone that God is with you in all things! We will formally bless all the students and teachers of our congregation today during the Worship Service. All students and educators will be able pick up a backpack tag for their school bag.

**Presentation on PCUSA General Assembly today after the service** – First Pres Senior Pastor Ray Hylton and former Elder Olga Ricketts-Peart both served as delegates to the PCUSA General Assembly this summer. Join them in the Parlor today after the worship service as they discuss their roles, highlight some of the votes taken by the General Assembly, and answer questions.

**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 series concludes today** – Our adult education class takes place in Room 213 after the service.

**Take your worship journal home!** – As the summer season draws to a close, all children are invited to take home any worship journals they have in the back of the sanctuary. We will be starting fresh in September with a new set of journals that will be released on kickoff Sunday!

**Vision Keepers Dinner 2022** – We are proud to announce that Larry and Barbara Holm will be honored at this year’s Vision Keepers Dinner hosted by Interfaith Action Evanston, benefiting our Evanston Warming Centers and Soup Kitchens. Please join us on September 18 at 5:30 p.m. at the Doubletree Hotel in Skokie, in celebrating the countless hours and years of service and love that Larry and Barbara have poured out on First Presbyterian Evanston, our community and the world. Tickets are \$75.00 per person, and limited scholarships are available. Register by September 6. For registration and payment information, visit <http://firstpresevanston.org/news-notes>.

**Fall Kickoff Sunday is September 11!** – As we mark the beginning of this season we will share a meal together after the service on September 11, and we will hold an open house to highlight various ministries and discipleship opportunities. Kickoff Sunday also begins our return to the 9:30 a.m. Worship Service schedule.

**Nourish Women's Bible Study resumes Thursday mornings this Fall** – The Nourish women's Bible study will resume on Thursday, September 8, at 9:30 a.m., meeting in Room 213 and also on Zoom. All ages are welcome, and childcare will be provided. This fall we will be holding a study series on "Women in the New Testament." Please join us and bring a friend! Questions? Need the Zoom link? Contact [sallyivaska1@gmail.com](mailto:sallyivaska1@gmail.com).

**Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study resumes in September** – The Thursday Women’s Bible Study fall term begins September 15, from 5:45-7 p.m. The meetings will be both in person, in Room 213 at the Church, and on Zoom. The first meeting on September 15 will be a gathering to welcome newcomers, inquirers and returning members. Light refreshments will be provided for those in-person. The study is based on John Stott's guide, "ACTS: Seeing the Spirit at Work." This study is open to women of all ages and newcomers are welcomed. Contact Jennifer Randolph at [jen.rn@verizon.net](mailto:jen.rn@verizon.net) for any additional information and access to the Zoom Link.

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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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August 28, 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  
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Please pray for:

*(This is shared with pastors & confidential prayer team)*