

First Presbyterian Evanston

August 7, 2022 – 10 a.m.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FOCUS

Prelude

Sing Unto the Lord a New Song

(arr. Mark Hayes and Rebecca Chu)

EXALT

Welcome

Introit (*Psalm 50:1-6, 23*)

Leader: The mighty one, God the LORD,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**All: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.**

Our God comes and does not keep silence,
**before him is a devouring fire,
and a mighty tempest all around him.**

He calls to the heavens above
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

**"Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"**

The heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge. *Selah*

Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor me;
**to those who go the right way
I will show the salvation of God."**

Opening Song

My Lighthouse

(Words & Music: Chris Llewellyn & Gareth Gilkeson, 2013, CCLI Song #7002032)

In my wrestling and in my doubts,
In my failures You won't walk out.
Your great love will lead me through.
You are the peace in my troubled sea,
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

In the silence You won't let go,
In the questions Your truth will hold.
Your great love will lead me through.
You are the peace in my troubled sea,
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You.
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,
I will trust the promise,
You will carry me safe to shore,
Safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.

I won't fear what tomorrow brings,
With each morning I'll rise and sing.
My God's love will lead me through.
You are the peace in my troubled sea,
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You.
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,
I will trust the promise,
You will carry me safe to shore,
Safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.

Fire before us, you're the brightest,
You will lead us through the storms.
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Prayer of Confession

**All: God of promises fulfilled,
we gather as spiritual descendants of Abraham:
in faithful testimony to your covenant
and as living proof that your love for humanity knows no limits.
Eternal God, we confess that we are quick to join in Abram's
doubt and impatience,
but we find it difficult to emulate Abraham's faith and trust.
When we feel overwhelmed by stress,
and when our focus on you is blurred by life's problems,
help us to remember your faithfulness to Abraham,
and to us, his descendants, as we too gaze on the stars in the sky.
Open our eyes to your light.
Open our hearts to your love.
Open our minds to see your presence.**

**Speak to us today, O God, and strengthen our faith,
that we, too, may know and may feel
the everlasting power of your love.**

**We pray now in the name of the light of the world,
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

(Time of silent confession.)

Song of Confession

Great is Thy Faithfulness

*(Words: Thomas Obadiah Chisholm, 1923; Music: William Marion Runyan, 1923;
CCLI Song #18723)*

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

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Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear these words of assurance and comfort from Psalm 27.
When God is with us, whom shall we fear? The God of salvation will
never forsake you. God's patience knows no limits. Wait for the Lord.
Be strong and take heart.

Friends believe the good news of the gospel.

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

Song of Response The Steadfast Love

(Words & Music: Edith McNeill, 1974; CCLI Song #21590)

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
His mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning,
New every morning.
Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord!
Great is Thy faithfulness.

“The Lord is my portion,”
Says my soul,
“Therefore I will hope in Him.”

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
His mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning,
New every morning.
Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord!
Great is Thy faithfulness.

The Lord is good to those who wait for Him,
To the soul that seeks Him.
It is good that we should wait quietly
For the salvation of the Lord.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
His mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning,
New every morning.
Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord!
Great is Thy faithfulness.

The Lord will not cast off forever,
But will have compassion.
For He does not willingly afflict
Or grieve the sons of men.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
His mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning,
New every morning.
Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord!
Great is Thy faithfulness.

So let us examine all our ways,
And return to the Lord.
Let us lift up our hearts and hands
To God in heav'n.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
His mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning,
New every morning.
Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord!
Great is Thy faithfulness.

Children's Moment

Passing the Peace of Christ

ENCOUNTER

Faith in Action – Deacons' Backpack Project

Scripture

Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ² But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³ And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵ He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Sermon

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Rev. Amanda Golbek, Minister of Children & Youth

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

All who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desire to live in obedience to Him, are invited to take communion.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*(Prayer)...*joining the archangels as they continually sing anthems of heavenly praise.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

(Prayer)...Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

(Prayer)...all honor and glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

Communion Song Be Thou My Vision

(Words: Ancient Irish Poem, trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905, vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt.; Music: Irish Ballad, arr. Crofton Coleman, 2022; CCLI Song #30639)

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art –
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Prayer after Communion

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by
the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the
third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence

He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Closing Song This Little Light of Mine

(Words & Music: Harry Dixon Loes, c. 1920; CCLI Song #34680)

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Oh, 'til Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine,
Oh, 'til Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine,
Oh, 'til Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Sending & Benediction

Postlude

Yes, Lord, Yes

(Words & Music: Lynn Keesecker, 1983; CCLI Song #12224)

*I'll say, "Yes, Lord, yes" to Your will and to Your way; I'll say, "Yes, Lord, yes," I will trust
You and obey. When the Spirit speaks to me, With my whole heart I'll agree,
And my answer will be, "Yes, Lord, yes!"*

*Lord, I give You all the glory for all You've given me, You have filled my life until I overflow; All
I have is Yours to use In any way You choose, You are Lord of all so how can I say, "No?"
So I'll say, "Yes, Lord, yes"...*

*If I never knew the fullness of living in Your will, I would never know how rich my life could
be; Lord, my willingness to serve Is the least that you deserve, For the blessings You have
showered over me. So I'll say, "Yes, Lord, yes"...*

Today's Worship Service Leaders

Dr. Rebecca Chu, Organist

Crofton Coleman, Worship Band Director, Songs; **Erwin Yasukawa**, Bass; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion

Maximiliano Illanes, Vocalist

Hannah Dixon McConnell, Dir. of Worship & Music, Vocalist, Welcome & Call to Worship, Children's Message & Peace

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor, Confession, Communion

Confession adapted from ministrymatters.com by Hannah McConnell

Cynthia Bridges, Deacon, Minute for Mission

Rev. Amanda Golbek, Minister of Children & Youth, Sermon, Sharing of Tithes, Communion, Benediction

Jim Wildenradt, Scripture Reading

JJ Ivaska, Rick Parris, Elders, Communion Servers

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

Alexis Langlois, A/V Volunteer, Video Stream

Trudy Delfosse Wenger, A/V Volunteer, Online Chat

Qin Zhou, A/V Volunteer, Online Chat

Joe Sickles, Building Team

Susan Anderson, Tony Brown, Stephanie Keene, John Powell Ushers

Marilyn & Paul Haase, Greeters

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 – The James Code class continues today in Room 213 and online.

First Pres Announcements

Condolences - We offer our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the friends of Rev. Jack Mathison, for his passing on May 24, 2022. Rev. Mathison was a former Associate Pastor of First Pres in the late 1900s. An online obituary can be found here: <https://pres-outlook.org/did-you-hear/navigator-of-peace-the-rev-jack-mathison-dies-at-97/>

Condolences – We offer our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the friends and family of Rev. Paul Suzuki, for his passing on June 8, 2022. Rev. Suzuki served as associate pastor of missions and evangelism at First Pres from 1971 to his retirement in 1991. He is survived by his wife, Ruth, and their two sons, Steve and Dan, and their families.

Officer nominations sought - The First Pres Officer Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for trustee, elder (member of session), and deacon, for 2023. You can fill out an [online nominating form here](#), download a [fillable PDF form here](#) (and email it to

fpce2022nominate@gmail.com, or bring it to the front desk), or fill out a form by hand at the First Pres front desk. 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!

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

All-Church Picnic on August 7 - The Community Life Council is hosting our annual All-Church Picnic, Sunday, August 7, at 4 p.m. at Greenwood Street Beach Park. We will hold a Vespers Service right at 4 p.m. and then celebrate the summer together, with grilled burgers and hot dogs. See today’s insert for details about parking and what to bring.

Hobbit Party August 14 - You’re Invited to an ‘Unexpected’ Hobbit Party, next week after the worship service! All friends, elves, hobbits, and families of FPCE are invited to gather and celebrate the Christian themes found in “The Hobbit” by J.R.R. Tolkien. Join us for a second breakfast and party where we will play games, and generally make merry!

Mini Hobbit Hole building contest - Unleash your inner Hobbit architect! Build a miniature Hobbit Hole (a house for a Hobbit)! Supplies will be available at a table at Lemonade on the Lawn this morning, or you can use whatever you come up with to build your own special version. Mini Hobbit Holes will be judged at the Hobbit Party on August 14.

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! To donate towards items included in these backpacks, put a check into the collection plate payable to First Presbyterian Church of Evanston with BOD Backpack Project on the memo line, or visit <https://firstpresevanston.org/backpacks2022>.

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***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)