

First Presbyterian Evanston

September 25, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FOCUS

Prelude

This is My Father's World

*(Words: Maltbie Davenport Babcock, 1901; Music: Franklin Lawrence Sheppard, 1906
arr. Cory Alstad & Tony Hiebert, , CCLI Song #3163379)*

This is my Father's world, And to my listening ears All nature sings and round me rings The music of the spheres. This is my Father's world! I rest me in the thought Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world! The birds their carols raise; The morning light, the lily white Declare their Maker's praise. This is my Father's world! He shines in all that's fair. In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world! Dreaming, I see His face. I ope my eyes, in glad surprise cry, "God is in this place!" This is my Father's world: from shining courts above The Beloved One, His only Son, came, pledge of deathless love.

EXALT

Welcome & Call to Worship *(Psalm 91:1-5, 14-15)*

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
will say to the LORD,

**"My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust."**

For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence;

**he will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**

Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.
When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honor them.

Opening Song

How Great is Our God

(Words & Music: Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves, 2004; CCLI Song # 4348399)

The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
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Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

All: God, we are blessed because you do not count our sins against us. When we acknowledge our sins, you forgive us and we are guilty no more. When we acknowledge our sins, you become our hiding place and surround us with songs of deliverance. Free us now from the trappings of our sin. Give us hearts that yearn for you instead of hearts filled with rebellion. Remind us that dwelling with you and your purpose for our lives is far better than any temptation we face. Thank you for Your great grace and unfailing compassion. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Leader: Let us now silently confess our sins to God.

(People offer their own silent prayers to the Lord)

Leader: For God so loved the world that he gave his only son so that we might not perish but have eternal life. *(John 3:16 RSV)*

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

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

Hymn of Response

Children of the Heavenly Father

(Words: Carolina Sandell-Berg, 1855; trans. Ernst Olsen, 1925;

Music: tune "Tryggare kan ingen vara," Swedish folk song; One License #123517)

Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.

God His own doth tend and nourish;
In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them;
In His mighty arms He bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.

Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment

Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture

Mark 10:13-16

¹³ People were bringing children to him in order that he might touch them, and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus

saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Sermon

Let the Children Come

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings – Stewardship Testimony Video

Anthem

Teach the Children Well

(Words & Music: Graham Nash, arr. Crofton Coleman)

*You, Who are on the road, Must have a code That you can live by. So
trust, Not in yourself, Because this world Is just a goodbye...
Teach Your children well Through life you tell The code they'll live by.
Your faith Will feed their dreams, Though it may seem Somedays you
run dry. If you ever wonder why Our Lord would give his life, Just
look at them and smile, And know God loves you...
You, Of tender years, Can't know the trials Your elders grew by. So
honor them in love, They speak the truth That you may live by.
Teach Your children well...*

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 Song

Every Mother, Every Father

*(Words: Andy Bast & Bruce Benedict, 2017, Hymns from the Porter's Gate;
CCLI Song #7097861)*

Every mother, every father
Called to raise up sons or daughters,
May your heart be patient,
May your mind be clear,
May our God be with you and calm your fears.

Every mother, every father
Called to raise up sons or daughters,
May your heart be patient,
May your mind be clear,
May our God be with you and calm your fears.

Every sister, every brother
Called to raise up God's own children,
May your heart be patient,
May your mind be clear,
May our God be with you and calm your fears.

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May your heart be patient,
May your mind be clear,
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Sending & Benediction

Sending Song

Together We Serve

*(Glory to God Hymnal #767; Words and Music:
Daniel Charles Damon, 1996; CCLI Song #3379644)*

Together, by grace, we witness and work,
Remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
Remembering love is the strength of our song.

Postlude

Blessed Be Your Name

(Words & Music: Beth Redman & Matt Redman, 2002, CCLI Song #3798438)

*Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name*

*Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name*

*Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say*

*Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name*

*Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name*

*Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name*

Ev'ry blessing You pour out...

Blessed be the name of the Lord...

*You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name*

You give and take away...

Today's Worship Service Leaders

Crofton Coleman, Worship Band Director, Piano, Vocals

Fred Bryant & Christie Miller, Guitars

Erwin Yasukawa, Bass

Waldo Ocana, Drums

Tina Laughlin, Percussion

Bethany Vaughan, Trumpet

Hannah Dixon McConnell, Dir. of Worship, Vocals

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

Caryl Weinberg, Dir. Of Mission, Confession

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

Phoebe Yeo, Scripture Reading

Steve Smith, Prayers of the People

Evan Peters, A/V Coordinator, Live Audio

Kristen Collins, Projection

Jacob Collins, A/V Volunteer, Video Switcher

John Carlson & Qin Zhou, A/V Volunteer, Online Chat

Joe Sickles, Building Team

Stephanie Keene & Tuah Jenta, Ushers

Sonia Bodi, Greeter

Yemi Ajisebutu & Kim Klamm, Prayer Companion

Christian Education & Childcare

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

Youth/Children's classes meet from 11 a.m.-noon.

Kindergarten through 4th grade meets in the 3rd Floor East Room.

5th thru 7th grade meets in the 3rd Floor Center Room.

8th-12th grade meets in Room 206.

Adult Education – Sundays at 11 a.m.

'God's Big Picture' class – Meets in Room 213 and on Zoom.

The Book of Ruth class – Meets in the Parlor and on Zoom.

Life Together class – Meets in the Choir Room and on Zoom.

First Pres Announcements

Unicameral Governance Consideration Meeting TODAY– This fall, First Pres members are being asked to consider whether changes to the Bylaws should be enacted to streamline the operations of the church's governance. Information sessions are being held so members and regular attendees can learn more and ask questions about the proposals. The next session is TODAY in the sanctuary following the service. The final meeting is Sunday, October 2 (after the service). To attend today's meeting on Zoom, go to <http://firstpresevanston.org> and click on today's event.

Adult Ed classes continue today – “God’s Big Picture: Tracing the Storyline of the Bible,” led by Phil and Marlene Sefton and a study of the Book of Ruth led by John Mauck meet today at 11 a.m. See above for details.

Life Together begins today – This class is intended for those investigating membership at First Pres, and for those interested in learning more about engaging in the life of the church. The class will meet again on October 9 and conclude on October 16.

Young Adult Small Group meets today – Young Adult Small Group (for those in their 20’s and 30’s) will meet today from 4-5:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Pastor Ray will lead this initial gathering. Beginning in October Young Adult Small Group will meet on the third Sunday from 4-6 p.m. at FPCE.

Wednesday Prayer Gathering – Our bi-monthly Prayer Gathering meets this Wednesday, September 28 on Zoom. We will have a brief devotional time and then bring our cares and those of the ones we love to our amazing, loving God! Register on Zoom by visiting <http://firstpresevanston.org/wednesday-prayer-gathering>.

Bright Stars of Bethlehem Virtual Gala–RSVP by Wednesday! – Please join us at FPCE on Saturday, October 1, for a watch party for Bright Stars of Bethlehem’s “Recipe for Hope” 2022 Virtual Gala. The evening begins at 5:45 p.m. with fellowship and a Palestinian Dinner, followed by a virtual message from Dr. Mitri Raheb (founder and President of Dar al-Kalima University) and then the virtual fundraising Gala at 7 p.m. There is no cost for the dinner, but you must RSVP by Wednesday, September 28. To RSVP visit <http://firstpresevanston.org/virtual-gala>.

Share a dish at the International Potluck! – This World Communion Sunday, October 2, you’re warmly invited to join in as the celebration, “A Place at the Table,” continues at our International Potluck! Celebrate how Christ gathers us from every tribe and nation by bringing a dish to share from your country of origin or the country of your heart. Sign-up to bring a dish at <http://firstpresevanston.org/potluck>.

Seeking Halloween costume donations for kids at New Life Shelter – Donations of new and gently used Halloween costumes are being solicited for the October Halloween outing for the kids at New Life Shelter. Costumes of any youth size are welcome! Drop off donations at the front desk anytime the building is open until October 23.

Parish Nurse Book Club corrected date! – Our next book club meeting will be on Tuesday, **October 11** from 1:30-3 p.m. in the Parlor. We will be reading “The Personal Librarian” by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray.

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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)