

First Presbyterian Evanston

October 2, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

FOCUS

Prelude

Praise Him

*(Words & Music: Donnie Harper, 1987, as recorded by the Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir;
CCLI Song #648774)*

*Praise Him. Jesus, blessed Savior, He's worthy to be praised. From the rising of
the sun Unto the going down of the same, He is worthy, Jesus is worthy. He's
worthy to be praised. Glory. Jesus, blessed Savior, He's worthy to be praised.
God is our Rock, Hope of salvation. A strong Deliverer,
In Him will I always trust.*

EXALT

Welcome & Call to Worship *(from Revelation 7)*

Leader: After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no
one could count,

**All: from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and
languages,**

standing before the throne and before the Lamb,

robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

**"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and
to the Lamb!"**

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders
and the four living creatures,

and they fell on their faces before the throne

and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Opening Song How Deep the Father's Love for Us

(Words & Music: Stuart Townend, 1995; CCLI Song #1558110)

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life.
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything:
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.

But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

All: Jesus prayed that we might be one.

One in spirit, One in mission:

In union and communion with each other and with You.

**Today, God, we confess fumbblings and failures in accomplishing
unity, as we set aside today to remind ourselves of the task.**

**On this World Communion Sunday, give us eyes to recognize
your reflection in the eyes of Christians everywhere.**

Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences.

Give us a heart big enough to love your children everywhere.

We thank you for setting a table with space enough for us all.

Amen.

(Moment for silent prayer.)

Leader: Hear these words of assurance from Jeremiah:

“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 we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Song of Response

Make Us One

(Words & Music: Carol Cymbala, 1991; CCLI Song #695737)

Make us one, Lord,

Make us one.

Holy Spirit, make us one.

Let Your love flow

So the world will know

We are one in You.

Make us one, Lord,
Make us one.
Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let Your love flow
So the world will know
We are one in You.

Let Your love flow
So the world will know
We are one in You.

Children's Moment

ENCOUNTER

Scripture

Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the

living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Passing the Peace of Christ

Sermon

God Shows No Partiality

Rev. Amanda Golbek, Minister of Children & Youth

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Preparation

Now to Your Table Spread (*Blue Hymnal #515*)

(Words: Shirley Erena Murray, 1987; Music: John Ireland, 1918; CCLI Song #3057148)

Now to Your table spread
We come, each one in faith
That You alone provide the words of life and death;
In wine and bread,
In promised food
We find Your loving heart, O God.

Hands of the world stretch out
Your mystery to touch
In longing to believe a truth beyond our reach,
To sing in joy,
To cry in grief,
To know Your meaning for our life.

Here is our common wealth
In sharing what is good,

As though all humankind around one table stood,
This bread to break,
This wine to taste:
One people in the name of Christ.

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)...singing the hymn of your unending 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)...Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever one God.

Amen.

Communion Song

All Ye Refugees

(Words & Music: Chelsea Scott, Flo Paris, Kellie Haddock, 2014; CCLI Song #7037097)

I am the One

The earth is My handmade work

The skies I laid them wide, beauty unfurled

Horizon to horizon,

Creation to creation sings you home

*Welcome home,
Gather round,
All ye refugees, come in.
Welcome home,
Gather round,
All ye refugees, come in.*

*Oh refugee,
I did not cast you out.
In death and broken ground, salvation springs.
My body and My blood, the healing that you need,
Come and receive.*

*Welcome home,
Gather round,
All ye refugees, come in.
Welcome home,
Gather round,
All ye refugees, come in.*

*Watch and wait and see
What is yet to be,
Watch and wait and see for the morning.*

*Go out in joy,
Join the great procession,
The mountains and the heav'ns all will rejoice.
Horizon to horizon, creation to creation
With one voice.*

*Welcome home,
Gather round,*

*All ye refugees, come in.
Welcome home,
Gather round,
All ye refugees, come in.*

*Welcome home,
Gather round,
All ye refugees, come in.
Welcome home,
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All ye refugees, come in.*

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

Father, Make Us One

(Words & Music: Rick Ridings, 1976, additional lyrics by D.I., 2022; CCLI Song #26203)

Father, make us one,
Father, make us one
That the world may know

Thou hast sent the Son.

Father, make us one.

Father, make us one,

Father, make us one

That the world may know

That You love them so,

Father, make us one.

Father, make us one,

Father, make us one

That the world may know

That they may believe,

Father, make us one.

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

Today's Worship Service Leaders

Crofton Coleman, Worship Band Director, Piano & Vocals; **Erwin Yasukawa**, Bass; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion, **Waldo Ocana**, Drums

Chancel Choir

Hannah Dixon McConnell, Dir. of Worship & Music, Chancel Choir Director, Scripture Reading, Children's Message & Peace

Rev. Amanda Golbek, Minister of Children & Youth, Welcome & Call to Worship, Sermon, Sharing of Tithes, Communion

Jixun Hu, Confession

Confession Text, Africana Worship Book, Year B, (Discipleship Resources, 2007), umcdiscipleship.org

Esther Acolatse, Maria Ferry, Jixun Hu, Alexis Langlois, Scripture Reading

Fred & Trudy Wenger, Deacons, 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

Qin Zhou, A/V Volunteer, Online Chat

Joe Sickles, Building Team

Tony Brown, Carol Clanton, Stephanie Keene, Marcia Smith, Ushers

Peg Forbes & Jixun Hu, Greeters

Bob Hecker & Sally Ivaska, Prayer Companions

Christian Education & Childcare

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

Youth/Children's Education is paused today for Sabbath Sunday.

Classes and Youth Group will resume next week.

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 is paused today for Sabbath Sunday. Class will resume next week.

First Pres Announcements

Church Governance 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. We will hold a final information session today following the service in the sanctuary and online at <http://live.firstpresevanston.org>.

International Potluck today after the service – This World Communion Sunday you're warmly invited to join in as the celebration, "A Place at the Table," continues. The International Potluck will take place at 11 a.m. in the Dining Room, celebrating how Christ gathers us from every tribe and nation.

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 class paused today – Class will resume next Sunday and conclude on October 16. 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.

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 – 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.

Open House Chicago – Chicago Architecture Center’s Open House Chicago, a free festival offering access to hundreds of architectural sites across Chicago, returns this year. On October 15 and 16, First Pres will be opening its beautiful Sanctuary to our Evanston and Chicago community. Everyone who visits can experience the visceral awe of hearing the organ, as well as the fun of interacting with the organ and trying it themselves. Please pray that God will move the hearts of all who visit our Sanctuary that weekend!

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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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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)