

First Presbyterian Evanston

February 19, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

Transfiguration of the Lord

FOCUS

Prelude

Nothing But the Blood of Jesus

(Words & Music: Robert Lowry, 1879; CCLI Song #21332)

EXALT

Welcome

Call to Worship – from Psalm 99:1-5, 9

Leader: The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

All: The LORD is great in Zion;

he is exalted over all the peoples.

Leader: Let them praise your great and awesome name.

Holy is he!

All: Mighty King, lover of justice,

you have established equity;

you have executed justice

and righteousness in Jacob.

Leader: Extol the LORD our God;

worship at his footstool.

Holy is he!

All: Extol the LORD our God,

and worship at his holy mountain;

for the LORD our God is holy.

Opening Songs

Worthy

(Words & Music: Matt Redman, 1999; CCLI Song #2646749)

Worthy, You are worthy,
Much more worthy than I've known.
I cannot imagine
Just how glorious You are.
I cannot begin to tell
How deep a love You bring,
Lord, my ears have heard of You,
But now my eyes have seen.

You're worthy, You're worthy, You're worthy,
You're worthy to be praised,
Forever and a day.

You're worthy, You're worthy, You're worthy,
You're worthy to be praised,
Forever and a day.

Glory, I give glory
To the One who saved my soul.
You found me and You freed me
From the shame that was my own.
I cannot begin to tell
How merciful You've been,
Lord, my ears have heard of You,
But now my eyes have seen.

You're worthy, You're worthy, You're worthy,
You're worthy to be praised,
Forever and a day.

You're worthy, You're worthy, You're worthy,
You're worthy to be praised,
Forever and a day.

We'll sing an anthem of the highest praise.
We'll sound an anthem of Your glorious name.
We'll sing an anthem of the highest praise.
We'll sound an anthem of Your glorious name.

You're worthy, You're worthy, You're worthy,
You're worthy to be praised,
Forever and a day.

You're worthy, You're worthy, You're worthy,
You're worthy to be praised,
Forever and a day.

Awesome God

(Words & Music: Rich Mullins, 1988; CCLI Song #41099)

Our God is an awesome God,
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, pow'r, and love.
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Our God is an awesome God.

Confession of Sins and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**All: God of compassion,
in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory,
but we turn away, distracted by our own plans.
We confess that we speak when we should listen,
and act when we should wait.
Forgive our aimless enthusiasms.
Grant us wisdom to live in your light
and to follow in the way of your beloved Son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

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

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The one who calls light out of darkness
now shines in our hearts to reveal the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

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

Song of Response

O the Love of My Redeemer

(Words: Josh Caterer, 2007; CCLI Song #5874422)

Highest heights or darkest deep,
Be there pain or poverty,
There is nothing that can keep

My Redeemer's love from me.

All alone though I may feel,
All the world my enemy,
Still there's no one that can steal
My Redeemer's love from me.

O the love of my Redeemer,
Never failing, come what may.
He has purchased my forgiveness
And has washed my sins away.

Although burdened by the weight
Of great trial or tragedy,
None of these can separate
My Redeemer's love from me.

O the love of my Redeemer,
Never failing, come what may.
He has purchased my forgiveness
And has washed my sins away.

Though the earth's foundations shake,
Driving wind or raging sea,
Neither death nor life can take
My Redeemer's love from me.

Through this world's few passing days,
And through all eternity,
I will never cease to praise
My Redeemer's love for me!

O the love of my Redeemer,
Never failing, come what may.

He has purchased my forgiveness
And has washed my sins away.

O the love of my Redeemer,
Never failing, come what may.
He has purchased my forgiveness
And has washed my sins away.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee:
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee:
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.

How great Thou art, How great Thou art,
How great Thou art!

ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment

Passing the Peace of Christ

Faith in Action – Julie Ruchniewicz, Parish Nurse

Scripture

Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵While he was

still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Sermon

Lessons from the Mountain
Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

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.

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Offering Prayer & Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (*Blue Hymnal* #592)
(*Words: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709; Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551; CCLI Song #56204*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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

Shine, Jesus, Shine

(*Words & Music: Graham Kendrick, 1987; CCLI Song #30426*)

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining:
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance.

By the blood I may enter your brightness;
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness.
Ever-changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Sending

Postlude

No Longer Slaves

*(Words & Music: Brian Johnson, Joel Case, Jonathan David Helser, 2014; CCLI Song
#7030123)*

*You unravel me with a melody, You surround me with a song Of
deliverance from my enemies, Till all my fears are gone. I'm no longer
a slave to fear, I am a child of God...From my Mother's womb You
have chosen me, Love has called my name. I've been born again into
Your family, Your blood flows through my veins. I'm no longer a slave
to fear...You split the sea so I could walk right through it. My fears*

were drowned in perfect love. You rescued me so I could stand and sing I am a child of God.

Today's Worship Service Leaders

Crofton Coleman, Worship Band Director, Piano, Vocals

Bethany Vaughan, Vocals

Fred Bryant, Guitar; **Erwin Yasukawa**, Bass; **Waldo Ocana**, Drums

Dr. Rebecca Chu, Organist

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor, Welcome, Sermon, Offering Invitation, Sending & Benediction

Laurie Kaeser, Elder, Confession & Prayers of the People

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

Julie Ruchniewicz, Parish Nurse, Faith in Action

Scarlett Hardin, Scripture Reading

Evan Peters, A/V Coordinator, Live Audio

Jim Teague, Director of Communications, Audio

Mike Campbell, Projection

Jacob Collins, A/V Volunteer, Video Switcher

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

Joe Sickles, Building Team

Tony Brown, Carol Clanton, Stephanie Keene, Ushers

Marilyn Haase & Paul Haase, Greeters

'Yemi Ajisebutu and Marilyn Haase, Prayer Companions

Christian Education & Childcare

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

Youth/Children's Christian education classes will NOT meet today.

Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade are welcome to come to Roy Hall (the 2nd Floor Gymnasium) while parents attend the Annual Meeting of the Congregation.

Adult Education classes will NOT meet today.

This is due to the Annual Meeting of the Congregation, being held in the Sanctuary after the service.

Deacons will provide cold drinks and cookies in Room 103 (just off the Sanctuary) prior to today's meeting. Please make every effort to avoid spills.

NOTE: Due to an unexpected plumbing repair, the First Pres building and offices will be closed Monday morning, February 20, until 12:30 p.m.

First Pres Announcements

Please see today's insert for this week's announcements.

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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.***



This QR code will take you to a web page with links for giving and recording your attendance at today's service via the Connect Card.

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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)

Overnight Shelter set-up/take-down help needed

Beginning a week from today, (February 26), Evanston's Overnight Shelter for the homeless will move to First Pres. We will need 1-2 volunteers from our congregation each evening (8:30-9:45 p.m.), and again each morning (6-7 a.m.) to assist the two staff people from Interfaith Action and Connections for the Homeless who will always be present. The sign up link for volunteers will be posted next week, but in the meantime please set aside some time to help out over the three weeks the shelter is here. Reach out to Director of Mission Caryl Weinberg at cweinberg@firstpresevanston.org or Charlene Parris at c.parris@comcast.net with any questions.

Cancer care small group forming

Caring for anyone who is going through or has gone through the cancer journey? The Caring Friends will be supportive in prayer, love, and laughter! Contact Olga Ricketts-Pearl at oricketts@att.net.

Drivers, Volunteers sought for Friends in Christ

Back in 2002, Friends in Christ was started by Rev. Judy Watt and Lisa Russell. Since then, our ministry has provided many rides to appointments, and meals for those of our congregation in temporary need such as a death in the family, new babies, or a recent illness/ hospitalization. We are in need of more volunteers! If you are interested, contact First Pres Parish Nurse Julie Ruchniewicz at jruchniewicz@firstpresevanston.org.

Men's Clothes sought at Connections for the Homeless

Connections for the Homeless is in great need of men's winter clothing. Donations can be made Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at their main office, 2121 Dewey Street, or at Hilda's Place, 1458 Chicago Avenue (housed in the Lake Street Church) from 2 to 4 p.m. Their phone number is 847-475-7070.

Parish Nurse Book Club

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 28 at 1:30 p.m. in the Parlor. We will discuss *The Last Flight*, a novel by Julie Clark.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN EVANSTON

Weekly Announcements

February 19, 2023

Annual Meeting after this morning's service

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held TODAY in the Sanctuary, after the service. Deacons will provide cold drinks and cookies in Room 103 (just off the Sanctuary) prior to the meeting. Adult Education and Children's Christian Education classes will NOT meet. Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade are welcome to come to the 2nd Floor Gymnasium during the meeting.

Ash Wednesday activities mark the beginning of Lent

Lent begins on February 22, 2023, with our Ash Wednesday activities. Congregation members and guests are encouraged to attend our traditional Ash Wednesday worship service in the Sanctuary at 7 p.m. that evening. Ashes are given as a sign of contrition and union with the body of Christ. This year Pastor Ray Hylton will also be outside in front of the Sanctuary distributing ashes from 8 to 9 a.m. and again from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. as an outreach to passersby and those who can't attend the service.

Online Class with Mission Partner begins Saturday

Bethlehem Bible College (BBC) is offering a new class via Zoom on Saturday mornings at 9 a.m., February 25 through April 29. Meet people from all over the world as you listen to Haytham Dieck, head of the tour guide program at BBC, passionately present Biblical, historical, cultural, and geographical information about the Holy Land. For questions or more info, contact Cam Traut at camtraut@gmail.com.

Family Small Group meets Tonight

Parents and caregivers with kids aged 0 through college are invited to join our monthly family small group. We meet in the FPCE Dining Room from 4-6 p.m. Dinner is provided. Childcare will be provided.