

First Presbyterian Evanston

Communion Sunday

February 5, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FOCUS

Prelude

Lord God of Abraham from Elijah

(Words: Julius Schubring, 1845; Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1846)

Draw near, all ye people, come to me! Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, this day let it be known that Thou art God, and that I am Thy servant! Lord God of Abraham! Oh shew to all this people that I have done these things according to Thy word. Oh hear me, Lord, and answer me! Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, oh hear me and answer me, and shew this people that Thou art Lord God. And let their hearts again be turned!

EXALT

Welcome

Call to Worship – Isaiah 58:9-12

Leader: Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

**All: If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,**

Leader: if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,

**All: then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.**

Leader: The LORD will guide you continually,

and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;

**All: and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.**

Leader: Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;

**All: you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.**

Opening Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun (*Blue Hymnal* #423)

(*Words: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.; Music: tune "Duke Street," John Hatton, d. 1793;
CCLI Song #1510*)

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run,
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown His head;
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
The prisoners leap to lose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
Honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud Amen!

Prayer of Confession

**All: God, you placed me in the world to be its salt.
I have been afraid of committing myself,
afraid of being stained by the world.
I did not want to hear what "they" might have to say.
And my salt dissolved as if in water.
Forgive me, Jesus. Lord, have mercy.**

**God, you placed me in the world to be its light.
I was afraid of the shadows, afraid of poverty.
I did not want to know other people's struggles.
And my light slowly faded away.
Forgive me, Jesus. Lord, have mercy.**

**God, you placed me in the world to live in community.
Thus you taught me to love, to share in life,
To to struggle for your justice
And to trust you for daily bread,
Your truth incarnate in my life.
So be it, Jesus. Amen.**

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

Assurance of Pardon - (Lamentations 3:22-23)

Leader: This morning, we remember and claim God's promise in Lamentations Chapter 3: "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.

Hymn of Response

Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace, v. 1-4

(Words: Blue Hymnal #374, Francis of Assisi, 1181-1226; para. James Quinn, b. 1919;

Music: Blue Hymnal #357, tune "Maryton" (O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee),

Henry Percy Smith, 1874; One License Song #93779)

Lord, make us servants of your peace:
Where there is hate, may we sow love;
Where there is hurt, may we forgive;
Where there is strife, may we make one.

Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;
Where all is gloom, may we sow hope;
Where all is night, may we sow light,
Where all is tears, may we sow joy.

Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek
To be consoled, but to console,
Nor look to understanding hearts,
But look for hearts to understand.

May we not look for love's return,
But seek to love unselfishly,
For in our giving we receive,
And in forgiving are forgiven.

ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment

Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture

Matthew 5:13-20

¹³“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.

¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Sermon

How to Live as Salt and Light
Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

Blessed are the men who fear Him from Elijah
(Words: Julius Schubring, 1845; Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1846)

*What shall I render to the Lord, for all his benefits to me?
Thou shalt love the Lord thy God; with all thy heart, and with all thy
soul, and with all thy might. O blessed are they who fear Him!
Blessed are the men who fear Him, they ever walk in the way of
peace. Through darkness riseth light, light to the upright.
He is gracious, compassionate; He is righteous.*

Doxology & Offering Prayer

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.

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)...one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Communion Music Panis Angelicus

(Words: Thomas Aquinas, 13th c.; Music: from "Messe à trois voix" by César Franck, 1861)

Panis angelicus Fit panis hominum

May the Bread of Angels Become bread for mankind;

Dat panis coelicus Figuris terminum

The Bread of Heaven puts All foreshadowings to an end;

O res mirabilis! Manducat Dominum

Oh, thing miraculous! The body of the Lord will nourish

Pauper, pauper Servus et humilis

the poor, the poor, the servile, and the humble.

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

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

(Words: Negro Spiritual; Music: arr. Uzee Brown, Jr.; One License Song #G10351)

I'm gonna live so God can use me
Anytime, Lord, anywhere.

I'm gonna live so God can use me
Anytime, Lord, anywhere.

I'm gonna live so God can use me
Anytime, Lord, anywhere.

I'm gonna live so God can use me
Anytime, Lord, anywhere.

I'm gonna pray so God can use me
Anytime, Lord, anywhere.

I'm gonna pray so God can use me
Anytime, Lord, anywhere.

I'm gonna work so God can use me
Anytime, Lord, anywhere.

I'm gonna work so God can use me
Anytime, Lord, anywhere.

I'm gonna sing so God can use me
Anytime, Lord, anywhere.

I'm gonna sing so God can use me
Anytime, Lord, anywhere.

Yes, I'm gonna live so God can use me
Anytime, Lord, anywhere.

I'm gonna live so God can use me
Anytime, Lord, anywhere.

Sending & Benediction

Postlude

Postlude in F

(Music: E. L. Ashford, 1850 -1930)

Today's Worship Service Leaders

Paul Koch, Bass Soloist

Dr. Rebecca Chu, Organist, Piano

Michelle Mariposa, Mezzo-Soprano Soloist

Chancel Choir

Hannah Dixon McConnell, Dir. of Worship. Chancel Choir Director

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

Rev. Amanda Golbek, Dir. of Mission, Confession, Children's Moment & Peace, Communion

Confession adapted from Peggy M. De Cuelho (Uruguay) in *Harvest Prayers*, reposted on re-worship.blogspot.com

Morgan & Stephanie Crocker, Scripture Reading

Jerry Gabrielse, Rick Parris, John Powell, Elders, Communion Servers

Evan Peters, A/V Coordinator, Live Audio

Kristen Collins, A/V Volunteer, Projection

Alexis Langlois, A/V Volunteer, Video Switcher

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

Joe Sickles, Building Team

Tony Brown, Carol Clanton, Marcia Smith, Ushers

Bob Bastian & Kaci Smith, Greeter

Yemi Ajisebutu & Sally Ivaska, 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.

Today is a Sabbath Sunday. Classes resume next week.

Adult Education meets Sundays at 11 a.m.

The Book of Hebrews meets in Room 213 and on Zoom.

How to Read the Bible meets in the Dining Room.

Life Together is paused this week, and resumes next Sunday, February 12, for the final class of the series.

First Pres Announcements

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

A note about this morning's communion bowls – The communion bowls were designed and decorated by the Kindergarten – 4th grade Sunday school class. They were learning about the parable of the great banquet feast and created them as a reminder that communion is a foretaste of the great banquet all are invited to in the Kingdom of God.

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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)



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Weekly Announcements

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Chili Cookoff today in Roy Hall

First Pres annual Chili Cookoff moves inside! Join us after the service in the 2nd Floor Gymnasium to gather, taste, and cast your vote for the 2023 First Pres Chili Champion!



Annual Meeting to be held February 19

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held Sunday, February 19, in the Sanctuary, after our worship service. Members will be asked to vote on proposed members of the Nominating Committee. In addition, the session-approved 2023 budget will be presented, and receive an update of the Strategic Plan. All members and regular attendees are asked to attend.

Wednesday Prayer Gathering

Prayer changes things! Join us Wednesday at 7 p.m. on Zoom for our bi-monthly Prayer Gathering. We will have a brief devotional time and then bring our cares and those of the ones we love to our amazing, loving God! Join here: <https://firstpresevanston.org/prayer-zoom>.



NOTE: Due to Ash Wednesday, this will be the only Zoom prayer gathering this month.

Parish Nurse Book Club

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 14 at 1:30 p.m. in the Parlor, discussing "O Caledonia," by Elspeth Barker.

Thursday Women's Evening Bible Study Winter Term

The Winter term begins this Thursday, and will include a welcome for newcomers with light refreshments! We meet from 5:45-7 p.m. in Room 213 and on Zoom. Our study will be the second half of John Stott's guide, "ACTS: Seeing The Spirit at Work." The study is open to women of all ages and newcomers are welcome at any time. Contact Jennifer Randolph at jen.rn@verizon.net or Alyce Claerbaut at a-claerbaut@neu.edu for any additional information and access to the Zoom link.

Support a First Friend's new business!

Stop in Mr. Hummus in Skokie between now and Valentines day and recieve at 10% discount when you mention First Pres! Mr. Hummus is now owned by one of our First Friend moms Huda Hilmi. Not only will you receive a wonderful meal, but you'll be supporting one of our refugee friends!



Stephen Ministry Training April 15-September 25

Is God calling you to take a more active role in Christian caregiving? Then Stephen Ministry may be just what you're looking for.

To find out more, contact:

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