

First Presbyterian Evanston

March 5, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

Second Sunday in Lent

FOCUS

Prelude

Processional in C

(Music: Barbara Semmann, 1939-2007)

Westminster Chimes

(Music: William Crotch, 1775-1847, arr. Frances Callahan, 1920-2017)

EXALT

Welcome

Call to Worship – Psalm 121

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills —
from where will my help come?

**All: My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

**All: He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

Leader: The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

**All: The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

Leader: The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

**All: The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

Opening Hymn

There is a Balm in Gilead (*Blue Hymnal #394*)
(*Words: & Music: African-American Spiritual, arr. Melva W. Costen, 1989, alt.;*
CCLI Song #234002)

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, And think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit Revives my soul again.

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Don't ever feel discouraged, For Jesus is your friend,
And if you lack for knowledge He'll not refuse to lend.

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

If you cannot preach like Peter, If you cannot pray like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus And say, "He died for all."

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There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Prayer of Confession

**All: God of mercy,
You sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.
We confess that we have strayed from you
and turned aside from your way.
We are misled by pride,
for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,
and great when we are small.
We have failed in love,
neglected justice,
and ignored your truth.
Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.
Return us to paths of righteousness
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

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

My Worth is Not in What I Own

(Words & Music: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, & Graham Kendrick, 2014, CCLI Song # 7024758)

I rejoice in my redeemer,
Greatest treasure,
Wellspring of my soul.
I will trust in him, no other,
My soul is satisfied in him alone.

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Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God's love has been poured into your hearts
through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Listen, so that you may live:

the steadfast love of the Lord never fails.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

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

Hymn of Response

Precious Lord, Take My Hand (*Blue Hymnal* #404)

(Words: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1938; Music: George N. Allen, 1844, arr. Thomas A. Dorsey, 1938;
CCLI Song #7205306)

Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, help me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near;
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand lest I fall;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, help me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment

Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture

Matthew 4:23-25

Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. ²⁴ So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, people possessed by demons or having epilepsy or afflicted with paralysis, and he cured them. ²⁵ And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

Sermon

The Healing Ministry of Jesus
Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

Come Away to the Skies

(Words: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788; Music: tune "Middlebury," supplement to "Kentucky Harmony," c. 1821, setting, Richard Erickson, 1997, harm. v. 1 & 4 David Cherwien, 1995; One License Song #AF20210242)

*Come away to the skies, My beloved arise,
And rejoice in the day you were born:
On this festival day, Come exulting away,
And with singing to Zion return.*

*For the glory we were First created to share
Both the nature and kingdom divine;
Now created again, That our lives may remain
Throughout time and eternity Thine.*

*We with thanks do approve The design of that love
Which hath joined us to Jesus's name;
So united in heart, Let us never more part,
Till we meet at the feast of the Lamb.*

*Hallelujah we sing, To our Father and King,
And our rapturous praises repeat:
To the Lamb that was slain, Hallelujah again;
Sing, all heaven, and fall at his feet.*

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

Amen.

Communion Music *Andante*

(from "Adagio and Andante for Horn and Organ" by Camille Saint-Saëns, 1853)

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 Hymn

When the Lord Redeems the Very Least, v. 1-3

(Glory to God #852; Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan, c. 1991; Music: tune "I'll Fly Away," Albert E. Brumley, 1932, arr. Evelyn Simpson-Curenton, c. 2001; One License Song #29001)

When the Lord redeems the very least, we will rejoice.

When the hungry gather for the feast, we will rejoice.

We will rejoice with gladness. We will rejoice.

All our days we'll sing to God in praise. We will rejoice!

When the Lord restores the sick and weak, we will rejoice.

When the earth is given to the meek, we will rejoice.

We will rejoice with gladness. We will rejoice.

All our days we'll sing to God in praise. We will rejoice!

When the Lord revives the world from death, we will rejoice.

When the word of God fills every breath, we will rejoice.

We will rejoice with gladness. We will rejoice.

All our days we'll sing to God in praise. We will rejoice!

Sending & Benediction

Postlude

March

(Franz Schubert, 1797-1828, arr. Rebecca Chu)

Today's Worship Service Leaders

Sarah & Gracie Hu, Spencer Jacobson, Hannah & Peter McLeod, Youth Chancel Bells

Matt McLeod, Youth Chancel Bell Guest Director

Emma Shaw, Horn

Hannah McLeod, Flute

Tina Laughlin & Peter McLeod, Percussion

Dr. Rebecca Chu, Organist, Piano

First Pres Chancel Choir

Crofton Coleman, Worship Band Director, Piano, Vocals; **Erwin Yasukawa**, Bass

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

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

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

Mathilde Hogg, Scripture Reading

Richard Bell, Tuah Jenta, Peter Steffen, Elders, Communion Servers

Evan Peters, A/V Coordinator, Live Audio

Mike Campbell, Projection

Jacob Collins, A/V Volunteer, Video Switcher

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

Joe Sickles, Building Team

Brian Cox, Stephanie Keene, Amanda Jenta, Tuah Jenta, Ushers

Sonia Bodi & Kaci Smith, Greeter

Sally Ivaska & Mike Denesha, Prayer Companion

Christian Education & Childcare

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

Youth/Children's classes do NOT meet this week. All are invited to join our Agape meal in the Dining Room.

Adult Education meets Sundays at 11 a.m.

Lenten Discussion Group meets in the Parlor.

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

How to Read the Bible meets in the Dining Room.

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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)

Special Lenten Collection



One of the pillars of the Lenten season is giving. During Lent, the Mission ministry and the Children and Youth ministry invite the congregation to participate in a joint financial collection to benefit those impacted by the war in

Ukraine and the earthquake in Turkey/Syria. First Pres children and youth can participate by collecting cash in one of the provided boxes.

Through focusing on God's call to care and think of others during the Lenten season, we have the opportunity to reflect on the greatest act of love and self-sacrifice offered to us through Christ.

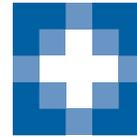


KREG YINGST

'The Way of the Cross' exhibit for Lenten Reflection

Beginning this Sunday, March 5, there will be an exhibit of images by Kreg Yingst taken from his book "The Way of the Cross", displayed on the second floor of the church. There is an opening page as you turn to enter the staircase up to the second floor with details.

Please take time to view the images but also to use them throughout Lent for reflection and prayer.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN EVANSTON

Weekly Announcements

March 5, 2023

Agape Meal TODAY following the service

All are invited to our monthly Agape Meal at 11 a.m. in the Dining Room. We will enjoy a time of fellowship with each other and a free meal. Agape Meals are our way of continuing the feast we celebrate at the communion table – come as you are!

New Lenten Small Group begins today at 11 a.m.



For those who are looking to practice the spiritual discipline of community during Lent: you're invited to a special small group that will be taking place over the next five weeks on Sundays during the Adult Ed hour (11 a.m.-12 p.m.) in the Parlor

Northshore Choral Society presents 'Heartstrings'



Today at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary the North Shore Choral Society presents a Collaborative Concert with the folk/ indie group The Heartstrings Project, featuring original songs and arrangements like "Will the Circle Be Unbroken," "Bridge Over Troubled Water," and "Teach Your Children Well." Tickets are \$0-25 and may be purchased at <http://firstpresevanston.org/NSCS>.

Wednesday Prayer Gathering

Our bi-monthly Online Prayer Gathering takes place Wednesday at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Please join us at <https://firstpresevanston.org/prayer-zoom> as we join in prayer for ourselves, our church, the needs of those we know and love, and world events.

Session Notes Regarding Transition Period

The First Pres Session met Tuesday night to discuss our next steps in light of Senior Pastor Ray Hylton's resignation announcement.

A transition team was formed consisting of elders Laurie Kaeser, Jerry Gabrielse, Suzanne Sawada, and Clerk of Session LeRoy Klemt. These officers will begin the process of writing up an abbreviated Ministry Information Form (MIF) to be submitted to the Presbytery for the interim pastor job posting. A search for the interim will begin in the next several weeks and will ultimately be selected by the Session.

A letter to the congregation with more details will be forthcoming next week. Please feel free to contact Clerk of Session LeRoy Klemt Personnel Ministry Council Chair Laurie Kaeser, or any one of the 2023 elders (wearing name tag badges on Sundays) with questions. We ask for continued prayer for our congregation, staff, leaders, and Pastor Ray and Judith.

Volunteers needed to help host Overnight Shelter

First Pres hosts the overnight shelter until Saturday, March 18. Volunteers are needed to assist with daily set-up and take-down needs. The morning shift is 6-7 a.m. and the evening shift is 8:30-9:45 p.m. Staff from Interfaith Action and a member of FPCE's shelter team will always be present to orient and guide volunteers. Begin the Lenten season by caring for your neighbors in need! To access the sign-up instruction sheet, visit: <http://firstpresevanston.org/overnight>.

Part-Time First Pres Receptionist Sought

First Pres is seeking to fill a Part-Time Receptionist position. To view a job description and apply, please visit <http://firstpresevanston.org/employment>.

Stephen Ministry Training Applications Due March 31

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

To apply, or for more info, contact Deb Cross at (910) 295-1534 or dcross1531@gmail.com or Bonnie Kath at (847) 507-4146 or bkath@comcast.net. Applications due March 31.



Drivers, volunteers sought for Friends in Christ

Friends in Christ provides rides to appointments and meals for those of our congregation in temporary need such as a death in the family or a recent illness/ hospitalization. If you are interested in volunteering contact Julie Ruchniewicz at jruchniewicz@firstpresevanston.org.



Walking with Luke through Lent

Follow along on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/firstpresevanston/>) and Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/fpcevanston/>) for a daily series of Bible readings during lent. Visit <https://firstpresevanston.org/walking-with-luke-through-lent/>.

Learn more about the following announcements on our website:

- Cancer Care Small Group
- Clothing needed for Connections for the Homeless
- Parish Nurse Book club meets March 28

<http://firstpresevanston.org/news-notes>