

First Presbyterian Evanston

May 21, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

***The Seventh Sunday of Easter/
The Ascension of the Lord***

FOCUS

Prelude

Sing to Jesus

(Words & Music: Fernando Ortega & Rich Nibbe, 2002, CCLI Song #3469389)

Come and see, Look on this mystery: The Lord of the universe Nailed to a tree. Christ our God, Spilling His holy blood, Bowing in anguish His sacred head.

Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame, Lord of our sinful hearts, He is our great Redeemer. Sing to Jesus, Honor His name, Sing of His faithfulness, Pouring His life out unto death.

Come you weary, And He will give you rest. Come, you who mourn, Lay on His breast. Christ who died, Risen in paradise, Giver of mercy, Giver of life.

Sing to Jesus, His is the throne; Now and forever He is the King of heaven. Sing to Jesus, we are His own. Now and forever Sing for the love our God has shown.

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EXALT

Welcome

Call to Worship – from Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth.**

God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

**Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

For God is the king of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm.

**God is king over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.**

The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.

**For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted.**

Opening Song

He Reigns

(Words & Music: Peter Furler & Steve Taylor, 2001, CCLI Song #4026635)

It's the song of the redeemed
Rising from the African plain,
It's the song of the forgiven
Drowning out the Amazon rain,
The song of Asian believers
Filled with God's holy fire,
It's every tribe, every tongue, every nation,
A love song born of a grateful choir.

It's all God's children singing
Glory, glory, hallelujah,
He reigns, He reigns.
It's all God's children singing
Glory, glory, hallelujah,
He reigns, He reigns.

Let it rise above the four winds,
Caught up in the heavenly sound,
Let praises echo from the towers of cathedrals,
To the faithful gathered underground.
Of all the songs sung from the dawn of creation,
Some were meant to persist,
Of all the bells rung from a thousand steeples,
None rings truer than this:

It's all God's children singing
Glory, glory, hallelujah,
He reigns, He reigns.

It's all God's children singing
Glory, glory, hallelujah,
He reigns, He reigns.

It's all God's children singing
Glory, glory, hallelujah,
He reigns, He reigns.

It's all God's children singing
Glory, glory, hallelujah,
He reigns, He reigns.

And all the powers of darkness
Tremble at what they've just heard,
'Cause all the powers of darkness
Can't drown out a single word.

When all God's children sing out
Glory, glory, hallelujah,
He reigns, He reigns.

It's all God's children singing

Glory, glory, hallelujah,
He reigns, He reigns.

It's all God's children singing
Glory, glory, hallelujah,
He reigns, He reigns.

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Glory, glory, hallelujah,
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He reigns.

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Glory, glory, hallelujah,
He reigns.

Confession of Sins and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Merciful God, of what do we boast? Can we truly say with Paul that we do not boast about ourselves or our achievements? Does the danger in such thinking lie in the next step— the thought that we can do anything, or all things—by ourselves?

All: Forgive us the times when we ignore you, O God, and depend on our own strength to do things our own way.

Leader: Paul talks about power being made perfect in weakness.

All: Forgive us for believing that we have to be hard and domineering if we want to get ahead in life.

Leader: Paul says that he boasts of his weaknesses so that the power of Christ may dwell in him.

All: Forgive us when we use our power selfishly or aggressively, and when we ignore your indwelling, Christ-given power which frees us to be compassionate, grace-filled, and vulnerable.

Leader: Jesus says “My grace is sufficient for you,

for power is made perfect in weakness.”

**All: Permeate our lives with your grace, Lord,
so that we can affirm with Paul
that we are content with weaknesses for your sake,
and fill us with the knowledge
that it is when we allow ourselves to be empowered by you,
that we are truly strong. Amen.**

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

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear again the good news: that Jesus’ grace is sufficient for us all—sufficient for us to be forgiven in his name.

Receive that grace and rejoice in the power to live in his strength.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Song of Response

All Who are Thirsty

(Words & Music: Brenton Brown & Glenn Robertson, 1998; CCLI Song #2489542)

All who are thirsty,
All who are weak,
Come to the fountain,
Dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy,
As deep cries out to deep.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.

All who are thirsty,
All who are weak,

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Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come.
Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come.

ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment

Passing the Peace of Christ

Our Church, Our Story – Aubrey Leaman

Scripture

2 Corinthians 12:7b-10

Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸ Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹ but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰ Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults,

hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ, for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Sermon What Does It Take to Change the World?
Rev. Dr. Hunter Farrell, Guest Preacher

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

Have Thine Own Way, Lord (*Red Hymnal #39*)*

(Words: Adelaide A. Pollard, 1906; Music: George C. Stebbins, 1907; CCLI Song #28225)

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!

Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.

Mold me and make me after Thy will,

While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!

Search me and try me, Master, today!

Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,

As in Thy presence humbly I bow.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!

Wounded and weary, help me, I pray!

Power, all power, surely is Thine!

Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!

Hold o'er my being absolute sway!

Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see

Christ only, always, living in me!

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.

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

Lamb of God

(*Words & Music: Twila Paris, 1985; CCLI Song #16787*)

Your only Son, no sin to hide;
But You have sent Him from Your side,
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.

Oh, Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God.
I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost I should have died;
But You have brought me to Your side

To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God.

Oh, Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God.
I love the holy Lamb of God.

Oh, wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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Sending & Benediction

Postlude

All My Fountains

*(Words & Music: Chris Tomlin, Christy Nockels, Daniel Carson, Nathan Nockels, 2010;
CCLI Song #5925670)*

*This dry and desert land, I tell myself, keep walking on.
Hear something up ahead, Water falling like a song.
An everlasting stream, Your river carries me home,
Let it flow, let it flow. All my fountains.*

*A flood for my soul, A well that never will run dry.
I've rambled on my own, Never believing I would find
An everlasting stream, Your river carries me home.
Let it flow, let it flow.*

*Open the heavens, Come, living water. All my fountains are in You.
You're strong like a river, Your love is running through. All my fountains are in You.*

*Come on and rain down on us, Rain down on us, Lord.
All my fountains are in You. All my fountains are in You.*

Today's Worship Service Leaders

Crofton Coleman, Worship Band Dir., Piano, Vocals; **Daniel Kazadi**, Keyboard; **Erwin Yasukawa**, Bass Guitar; **Waldo Ocaña**, Drums
Dr. Rebecca Chu, Organist; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion
Hannah Dixon McConnell, Dir. of Worship & Music, Vocals

Caryl Weinberg, Dir. of Mission, Welcome, Offering Invitation
Rev. Amanda Golbek, Minister of Children & Youth, Children's Moment & Peace, Sending & Benediction
Peter Lee, Scripture Reading
Rev. Dr. Hunter Farrell, Guest Preacher, Sermon, Sending & Benediction
Betsey Newenhuyse, Elder, Confession, Prayers of the People
Confession by Moira Laidlaw, on liturgiesonline.com.au via re-worship.blogspot.com

Noah McLeod, A/V Volunteer, Live Audio
Kristen Collins, A/V Volunteer, Projection
Jacob Collins, A/V Volunteer, Video Switcher
John Carlson & Qin Zhou, A/V Volunteers, Online Chat
Joe Sickles, Building Team

Stephanie Keene, Marcia Smith, LeRoy Klemt, Ushers
Marge Stromberg, Greeter
Bob Bastian, Mike Denesha, Prayer Companions

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

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

8th thru 12th grade meets in Room 206.

Youth Group meets from 4-6 p.m. in the FPCE Building

Adult Education meets Sundays at 11 a.m.

Pillars of Reformed Christian Faith meets in Room 213.

When God Says "But" meets in the Dining Room this week with special guest Rev. Dr. Hunter Farrell.

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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.

May 21, 2022

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)

Wear red for Pentecost Sunday

You're invited to wear red to next week's worship service. Red is the church color associated with the Holy Spirit, and on Pentecost we commemorate the Spirit being poured out on the church.

Life Together class meets June 4

11:30 a.m.- 3 p.m. | Lunch included

Life Together is intended for those investigating membership at First Pres, and for those interested in learning more about engaging in the life of the church. Register here: <http://firstpresevanston.org/life-together>.

Now hiring Nursery Coordinator

First Pres is seeking a part-time nursery coordinator. For more information visit <http://firstpresevanston.org/employment>.

Koinonia meal groups return, coordinators needed!

You are invited to join a summer meal group that will meet at least once to build Christlike relationships and enjoy the nourishment of good food. Koinonia groups can meet at a home, park, or the church. Stay tuned to sign up to participate.

We are currently accepting names of folks who would like to serve as group coordinators. This involves communicating to your assigned group about the logistics of gathering. If interested, please reach out to Sally Ivaska or Kathy Shiau.

Story Time for toddlers and preschoolers

Story Time meets Wednesdays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the First Pres library. We'll have 30 minutes of read aloud stories and 30 minutes of open play with fellowship for caregivers. Neighbors, friends, and community members are invited!

Calling all who love to sew or quilt!

Create a block for our Bible-themed quilt to deliver to the D.R. Congo sewing school inauguration in July! For details visit <http://firstpresevanston.org/news-notes>!



First Pres Announcements

May 21, 2023

Today's Guest Preacher is Hunter Farrell

Rev. Dr. Hunter Farrell is the director of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's World Mission Initiative and author of "Freeing Congregational Mission." He has worked for 34 years as a missionary (DR Congo and Peru), mission leader (director of World Mission for the Presbyterian Church USA), and teacher of mission and intercultural studies on three continents. Learn more here: <http://firstpresevanston.org/news-notes>.

After the service, Pastor Hunter will join the "When God Says 'But'" Adult Ed Class as a special guest. His books will also be available at that time.

Youth Mission Trip Bake Sale today!

Support the youth and pick up some yummy goodies today in Roy Hall following worship. All funds go towards the youth mission trip to Kentucky.

Family Small Group meets today

4-6 p.m. in the FPCE Dining Room | Dinner Provided

This group is for all parents and caregivers. Childcare will be provided for infant through fifth grade. Youth will be in their own small group time. Share the joys and challenges of raising children, and grow in faith as we study God's Word and call in our lives.

Wednesday Prayer Gathering

May 24 at 7 p.m. on Zoom

We will lift up concerns of the church, prayers for the world, and individual requests. We hope you'll join us – prayer changes things!

International Potluck next Sunday

May 28 at 11:15 a.m. in the Dining Room

Our next Agape Meal is the beloved International Potluck on Pentecost. Sign up here to bring a dish: <http://firstpresevanston.org/pentecost>.