

# First Presbyterian Evanston

July 9, 2023 – 10 a.m.

*Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## FOCUS

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### **Prelude**

Arise, O Lord

*(Leon Abbott Hoffmeister, 1893-1966)*

### **Choral Introit**

Peace I Leave With You

*(Words: John 14:27; Music: Amy Beach, 1867-1944)*

*Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you, Not as the world giveth give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled.*

## EXALT

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### **Welcome**

### **Call to Worship** – from Psalm 118

Leader: Out of my distress I called on the Lord;  
the Lord answered me and set me in a broad place.

**All: With the Lord on my side I do not fear.**

**What can mortals do to me?**

Leader: It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to put confidence in mortals.

**All: It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to put confidence in princes.**

Leader: I was pushed hard, so that I was falling,  
but the Lord helped me.

**All: The Lord is my strength and my might;  
he has become my salvation.**

### **Opening Hymn**

Holy, Holy, Holy! (*Blue Hymnal # 138*)

(*Words: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826; Music: John Bacchus Dykes, 1861; CCLI Song # 1156*)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee  
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
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### **Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: When we pass through deep waters  
or go through times of fiery trial,  
the Lord our God is with us.

With confidence in God, our creator and redeemer,  
let us confess our sin.

**All: Merciful God,**

**in your gracious presence we confess our sin  
and the sin of this world.**

**Although Christ is among us as our peace,  
we are a people divided against ourselves  
as we cling to the values of a broken world.**

**The profit and pleasures we pursue  
lay waste the land and pollute the seas.**

**The fears and jealousies that we harbor  
set neighbor against neighbor  
and nation against nation.**

**We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,  
of intellect and reason,  
and have turned them into bonds of oppression.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us;  
heal and forgive us.**

**Set us free to serve you in the world  
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.**

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

Leader: From Isaiah 43:1 & 19, hear the good news!  
Do not fear, says the Lord,  
for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name; you are mine.

God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth!

**All: By the grace of 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.

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## **ENCOUNTER**

### **Children's Moment**

### **Welcoming New Members**

### **Passing the Peace of Christ**

### **Scripture**

Matthew 11:25-30

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such

was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup> All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup> “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

**Sermon**      Strength for the Journey, Rest for Our Souls  
*Rev. Dave Bianchin, Guest Preacher*

## **RESPOND**

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### **Sharing of Tithes and Offerings**

**Anthem**                      We Shall Walk Through the Valley  
*(Words & Music: Negro Spiritual, arr. Undine Smith Moore, 1977)*

*We shall walk through the valley in peace  
if Jesus himself shall be our leader.  
There will be no trials there  
If Jesus himself shall be our leader.  
Lord, we shall walk in peace.*

### **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 Hymn**

#### Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Beginning to End)

*(Words: Thomas Obediah Chisholm, 1923; Music: William Marion Runyan, 1923,  
Jason Ingram & Michael Weaver, 2018; CCLI Song #7109317)*

Great is Thy faithfulness,  
O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Beginning to end, my life in Your hands.  
Great, great is Your faithfulness.

You never let go: this one thing I know.  
Great, great is Your faithfulness.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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Great is Thy faithfulness,  
Great is Thy faithfulness.  
Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed Thy hand has provided.  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

## **Sending & High School Mission Trip Commissioning**

### **Benediction**

### **Postlude**

### The Battle of Waterloo

*(Music: George Anderson, 1793-1876, arr. Rebecca Chu)*

Today's Worship Service Leaders

**Crofton Coleman**, Worship Band Dir., Vocals, Piano

**Dr. Rebecca Chu**, Organist

**Emma Shaw**, Horn

**Hannah Dixon McConnell**, Dir. of Worship & Music, Choir Director, Vocals

**Chancel Choir**

**Rev. Amanda Golbek**, Minister of Children & Youth, Welcome, Children's Moment & Peace, Welcoming New Members, Offering Invitation & Offering Prayer, Sending & Benediction

**Laurie Kaeser**, Elder, Confession & Prayers of the People

**LeRoy Klemt**, Clerk of Session, Welcoming New Members

**Rev. Dave Bianchin**, Guest Preacher, Sermon, Sending & Benediction

**Pam Pettibone**, Scripture Reading

**Evan Peters**, A/V Coordinator, Live Audio

**Kristen Collins**, A/V Volunteer, Projection

**Jacob Collins**, A/V Volunteer, Video Switcher

**John Carlson**, A/V Volunteer, Online Chat

**Joe Sickles**, Building Team

**Brian Cox, Stephanie Keene, LeRoy Klemt**, Ushers

**Marilyn Haase**, Greeter

**'Yemi Ajisebutu, Mike Denesha**, Prayer Companions

Christian Education & Childcare

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

**Youth/Children's Faith Formation activities will return September 18. Look for more information on the church website.**

**Join us outside after the service (weather permitting) for our annual "Hot Dog Social" hosted by the Deacons!**



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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. July 9, 2023

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Your Name

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Family members' names/ages

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Street Address, City, State, Zip

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Phone:     Cell         Home

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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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## Wednesday Prayer Gathering on Zoom

July 12, 7 p.m. on Zoom | Prayer changes things!

All are invited to take part as we meet online to pray for our church, for others and for ourselves! See the website for details.

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## Story Time for toddlers and preschoolers

Wednesdays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the FPCE library. All are invited!

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9 a.m. - Noon ✨ Ages 4-11

Register NOW!

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## Outdoor worship on July 30

First Pres will move our Sunday, July 30, 10 a.m. worship service outdoors into the parking lot. This is a great opportunity to invite family, friends, and neighbors to find out what we're all about. Lemonade on the Lawn will be held immediately afterward. This service will also be streamed live.



## First Pres Announcements

July 9, 2023

### Our guest preacher: Rev. Dave Bianchin

We are excited and blessed to welcome back Rev. David Bianchin as our guest preacher. Dave served as interim senior pastor here at First Pres from 2008 to 2009. He was born and raised farming avocados in Southern California. Now retired, Dave served most recently on the staff at Christ Church of Oak Brook. He and his wife, Julie, live in the south suburbs of Chicago. They have three children and three grandchildren. He spends his free time with his wife, exercising, and continuing his 40+ year love of building acoustic guitars.



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### Welcoming New Members

We welcome the following new members to First Pres today:

Reaffirmation of Faith: Bridgette Gilchrist, John Gilchrist  
Transfer of Membership: Nancy Hartman

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### Deacons' Hot Dog Social Today!

The Deacon's Annual Hot Dog Social will be held on the front lawn after this morning's worship service. Snow cones will also be sold for a small donation to help fund this summer's Youth Group Mission Trip to Kentucky. In case of rain, the Hot Dog social will be rescheduled.

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### Pillars of Reformed Christian Faith - Summer Session

Continues today at 11:30 a.m. in Room 213. Facilitated by Richard Bell.

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### Condolences

We offer our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the Mauck family on the passing of Jim Mauck on July 3, 2023. Jim is the brother of John and Rosemary Mauck.

## Support Evanston students through the Deacons' Backpack Project



The Board of Deacons is once again collaborating with Family Focus to help 50 area students begin their academic year with new backpacks filled with school supplies and other helpful items! The congregation is asked to donate toward the contents, which will include such items as earbuds (to help when doing homework in noisy settings), insulated water bottles, writing journals, and Target gift cards.

### **How to donate:**

#### **Give online:**

Scan the QR code.

Select "Backpack Project" from the "Fund" dropdown menu.



#### **Give by check:**

Make a check payable to First Presbyterian Church of Evanston.

Please indicate **BOD Backpack Project** on the memo line.

**Drop check in offering plate on Sundays or bring/mail check to the church office** at First Presbyterian Church of Evanston, 1427 Chicago Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201

**Please make your donation  
by Friday, July 28, 2023.**

Our Family Focus partner is incredibly grateful for FPCE's many years of support. Thank you for your contribution to this local community outreach endeavor.

## Update from the Interim Senior Pastor Transition Team - July 6, 2023

Over the past two months, the Interim Senior Pastor Transition Team has screened many excellent candidates. Since the beginning of June, we have conducted interviews via Zoom and in-person. We have been tremendously encouraged by the quality of the candidates. With that said, we are in the final stages of the process. We are hoping to introduce the Interim Senior Pastor to the congregation by the end of July or early August. Please pray that the final steps will move smoothly without any unforeseen challenges or delays.

Transition Team members:

Laurie Kaeser, Chair; Richard Bell; Jerry Gabrielse; LeRoy Klemt; Suzanne Sawada.

## Pray for the 2023 Youth Missions Trip

*Please pray for the nine youth and two adults who will be traveling to Elliott County, Ky., July 16 – 22.*

**Youth:** Claire Carmody, Tommy Glew, Ash Hardin, Max Hardin, Mathilde Hogg, Mae Ivaska, Zadie Ivaska, Hannah McLeod, Maddie Seaver **Adults:** Rev. Amanda Golbek and JJ Ivaska

The team will serve with Next Steps Ministry and other visiting youth groups to meet practical and spiritual needs for families there. Ask God to provide the resources they need to make the trip. Pray that each team member would be preparing ahead of time through personal prayer and raising up prayer partners to support them each day of the trip. Pray for the adults who will do the driving and for the Next Steps staff members who will oversee the work locations and lead daily devotions. Lift up all involved, asking God to protect them against illness and injury before, during and after the trip. Finally, ask the Holy Spirit to orchestrate powerful "God moments" and allow the team's time to bear fruit for them and those they encounter.