

First Presbyterian Evanston

August 13, 2023 – 10 a.m.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FOCUS

Prelude

The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power

(Words & Music: Andraé Crouch, 1966, arr. Crofton Coleman, 2022, CCLI Song #11885)

*The blood that Jesus shed for me 'Way back on Calvary,
The blood that gives me strength From day to day,
It will never lose its pow'r!
It soothes my doubts and calms my fears, And it dries all my tears,
The blood that gives me strength...
And it reaches to the highest mountain It flows to the lowest valley.
The blood that gives me strength...*

EXALT

Welcome & Call to Worship *(from Psalm 77:11-14)*

Leader: I will call to mind the deeds of the LORD; I will remember your wonders of old.

People: I will meditate on all your work and muse on your mighty deeds.

Leader: Your way, O God, is holy. What god is so great as our God?

People: You are the God who works wonders; you have displayed your might among the peoples.

ALL: Let us worship our God together.

Opening Song

No Other Name

(Words & Music: Doug Engquist, Freddy Rodriguez, Laurie Engquist; CCLI Song #5077391)

Praise the Name above all names,
The One Who reigns forever, still the same;
Praise the Name.

Jesus, Name above all names,
The One Who reigns forever, still the same;
Praise the Name.

No other name that's higher,
No other name that's stronger;
No other name, forever
I will praise the Name;
No other name can heal us,
No other name can free us,
No other name so precious.
Let's praise the Name.

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Let's praise the Name.

Ev'ry nation, all creation

We proclaim Your Name.

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Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, no sweeter name.

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Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

All: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive us what we tremble to admit, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a pressing weight of sin. Set us free from a past we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more into your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, our Rescuer and Redeemer.

(Silent Prayer)

Amen.

Leader: Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Song of Response

Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King

(Words: Robert Robinson, add'l lyrics by Thomas Miller, 2005; Music: Traditional, arr. Dan Galbraith, 2005; CCLI Song #4775010)

Come Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise;
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

I was lost in utter darkness
'Til You came and rescued me;
I was bound by all my sin when
Your love came and set me free;
Now my soul can sing a new song,
Now my heart has found a home;
Now Your grace is always with me,
And I'll never be alone.

Come Thou Fount, come Thou King,
Come Thou precious Prince of Peace;
Hear Your bride, to You we sing;
Come Thou Fount of our blessing;
Come Thou Fount, come Thou King,
Come Thou precious Prince of Peace;
Hear Your bride, to You we sing;
Come, Thou Fount of our blessing.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee;
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Come Thou Fount, come Thou King,
Come Thou precious Prince of Peace;
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ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment

Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture

Genesis 50:24-25

²⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die, but God will surely come to you and bring you up out of this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob." ²⁵ So Joseph made the Israelites swear, saying, "When God comes to you, you shall carry up my bones from here."

Exodus 1:8-21

⁸ Now a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. ⁹ He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. ¹⁰ Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." ¹¹ Therefore they set

taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. ¹² But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. ¹³ The Egyptians subjected the Israelites to hard servitude ¹⁴ and made their lives bitter with hard servitude in mortar and bricks and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

¹⁵ The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶ “When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live.” ¹⁷ But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. ¹⁸ So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this and allowed the boys to live?” ¹⁹ The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” ²⁰ So God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and became very strong. ²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families.

Sermon

Dangerous Curve Ahead

Rev. Dr. Tassie Green, Interim Senior Pastor

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Response

Blessed Be Your Name

(Words & Music: Beth Redman & Matt Redman, 2002, CCLI Song #3798438)

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out, I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord,
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering

Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out, I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord,
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name

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You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name

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 Yours is the Kingdom

(Words & Music: Joel Houston, 2005, CCLI Song # 4433448)

Yours is the Kingdom,
And the power, and the glory forever is Yours;
Heaven and earth bow down
In the wonder of Your name.

Heaven is open,
Death is broken, and the glory forever is Yours;
Nothing can overcome the power of Your name.

King above kings, all the universe will sing,
Everlasting God, You are wonderful,
You are wonderful.

And the shout of the earth will be Your praise,
God, forever, and the light unto all
Will be Your wonderful name.
For the glory, Lord, is Yours,
God, forever, all the glory, Lord, is Yours.

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God, forever, all the glory, Lord, is Yours.

Sending & Benediction

Postlude

Enough

(Words & Music: Chris Tomlin & Louie Giglio, 2002, CCLI Song #3599479)

All of You is more than enough for all of me, For ev'ry thirst and ev'ry need. You satisfy me with Your love, And all I have in You is more than enough. You're my supply, my breath of life, Still more awesome than I know. You're my reward, worth living for, Still more awesome than I know. All of You... You're my sacrifice of greatest price, Still more awesome than I know. You're my coming King, You are ev'rything, Still more awesome than I know. More than all I want, more than all I need, You are more than enough for me. More than all I know, more than all I can say, You are more than enough. More than all I want...All of You...

Today's Worship Service Leaders

Crofton Coleman, Worship Band Director, Vocals, Keyboard

Rebecca Chu, Organist

Erwin Yasukawa, Bass; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion, **Daniel Mpanda**, Vocals, **Dan Allen**, Guitar, **Fred Bryant**, Acoustic Guitar, **Kon Savoy**, Drums

Rev. Dr. Tassie Green, Interim Senior Pastor, Welcome, Sermon, Offering Invitation & Offering Prayer, Sending & Benediction

Suzanne Sawada, Elder, Confession, Prayers of the People

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

Zadie Ivaska, 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

Tony Brown, Carol Clanton, Marcia Smith, Usher

Kaci Smith, Greeter

Marilyn Haase, Sharon Smith, 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 10. Look for more information on the church website.

There is no Adult Education this morning.

Join us outside after the service (weather permitting) for "Lemonade on the Lawn," a time of fellowship 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.***



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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)

VBS Diaper Donations Update

Thank you to those who donated diapers during VBS! Over 30 packages were provided to Bundled Blessings of First Methodist Church of Evanston.



AV Volunteers needed

We are looking for more volunteers to help with audio-visual needs during our Sunday morning services, during Christian Education after our weekly services, and for special events throughout the year. See Evan Peters or Jim Teague near the tech equipment after today's service or email them at av@firstpresevanston.org.



Faith-based fertility support group

For those feeling lonely, disappointed, or hopeless in their fertility journey, a West Evanston small group wants you to know you aren't alone and invites you to join them.

Moms in the Making is a faith-based fertility ministry that provides hope, encouragement, and the powerful truth of Scripture to married women who, in partnership with their husbands, are trying to grow their families.

For more, contact Nicole Smith: nicolesmith@momsinthemaking.com or visit <https://www.momsinthemaking.com/illinois>.



First Pres Announcements

August 13, 2023

Lemonade on the Lawn

Join us today on the front lawn following the service for Lemonade on the Lawn, weather permitting.

Reception for Pastor Amanda

Sunday, August 27

Following the worship service

Join us after the service on August 27 for a reception to celebrate Pastor Amanda and express our gratitude for her years of service at First Pres.



Pastries with the Pastor

Sunday, September 10

Immediately after the worship service

First Pres members and regular attendees are invited to get to know Senior Interim Pastor Rev. Dr. Tassie Green in an engaging Q & A over pastries and coffee.

Officer Nominations Sought

Please find the Officer Nominations Form at the front desk or online. The 2023 Nominating Committee is seeking your input as they build a slate of candidates to be voted on in October.

Interfaith Action seeks SNAPGap Donations

Interfaith Action seeks donations of shampoo, toothpaste, and toothbrushes by September 11 to be distributed during the monthly Producers' Market at the Robert Crown Community Center. Items can be purchased and delivered from Amazon or bought locally and dropped off at **St. Mark's Episcopal Church**. Do NOT drop off items at First Pres.

Details: <http://firstpresevanston.org/snapgap>