



8:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME TC Anderson

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

One: This is the good news we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved;

All: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

One: Christ died for us, was buried, and rose again on the third day.

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One: Jesus comes to us, that we might come to believe and proclaim this good news to the world.

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✦ “DID YOU FEEL THE MOUNTAINS TREMBLE” Martin Smith

✦ PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MATTHEW 28:1-10

MESSAGE “Stepping Into the Future” Alex Lang
Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20

SONG “Glorious Day” Stanfill, Ingram, Smith, & Curran

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Judy Hockenberry

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING OUR GIFTS

“Love Is Bigger Than Anything In Its Way”
Clayton, Evans, Henson, & Mullen Jr.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦ “MIGHTY TO SAVE” Fielding & Morgan

✦ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Compass: TC Anderson, guitar/vocals; Ellen Anderson, vocals; Amy Carroll, keyboard; Grace Carroll, vocals; Kevin Carroll, bass; AJ Coleman, drums; Adam Hendrickson, guitar/vocals; Beth Osborn, vocals; Greg Schultz, saxophone

WELCOME, GUESTS!

Thank you for worshiping with us this morning.

Please sign the Friendship Pad, pass it along the pew, and introduce yourself to those around you after the service. Stop by the Welcome Center in the Narthex (lobby) to pick up information that will acquaint you with our church services and programs. You are also invited to join the conversation on Facebook, at facebook.com/firstpresah, and Twitter, at @FirstPresAH. We look forward to connecting with you again.

CHILD CARE

Children of all ages are warmly welcomed and encouraged to participate in worship. Child care is available (infants through age four) in the Christian Education Wing (8:45 am – 11:45 am).

CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

From September through May, Sunday morning Christian education classes are held for all ages. These include classes for preschool, elementary, middle school, and high school students, as well as education and discussion groups for adults. To learn more, visit firstpresah.org or call the church office at 847-255-5900.

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

Large print bulletins, large print hymn packets, and hearing amplifiers are available from the ushers.

IMPORTANT WORSHIP REMINDERS

Please silence cell phones and refrain from taking photos or recording the worship service. Services are webcast live at firstpresah.org/media/live-stream. To download or listen to a podcast of today’s sermon (available soon), visit firstpresah.org/media/podcast. Past sermons and other educational broadcasts are available through the Media section of our website.

**First Presbyterian Church
of Arlington Heights**

*A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
Organized in 1855*



“Jesus’s resurrection is the beginning of God’s new project not to snatch people away from earth to heaven but to colonize earth with the life of heaven.”
— N.T. Wright

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
EASTER SUNDAY**

**APRIL 21, 2019
8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM**

Choose love. Be the light. Change the world.

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9:30 & 11:00 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

PRELUDE “An Easter Celebration” *arr, Joel Raney*
First Pres Brass and Organ
*The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation
for the worship of Almighty God.*

WELCOME Alex Lang

INTROIT “Lead, Kindly Light” *Howard Goodall*
*“Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom, lead Thou me on! The night is dark,
and I am far from home: lead Thou me on! Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see the
distant scene, one step enough for me. I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou shouldst
lead me on. I loved to choose and see my path, but now, lead Thou me on! I loved the
garish day, and, spite of fears, pride ruled my will: remember not past years.
For so long Thy power hath blest me, sure it still will lead me on, o’er moor and fen,
o’er crag and torrent, till the night is gone; And with the morn those angel faces smile
which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.”*
Chancel Choir; Pam Orals, piano

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news to the world.
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✠HYMN 232 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” Easter Hymn

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave you shattered the power of
sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the
hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the
oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and
abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your
power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of
life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

✠ACT OF PRAISE (Hymn 587) Celtic Alleluia
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

✠PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

COMMUNITY LIFE TC Anderson

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 28:1-10
(Pew Bible, p. 811) TC Anderson
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM “Do Not Stand at My Grave and Weep” *Howard Goodall*
*“Do not stand at my grave and weep. I am not there. I do not sleep. I am a thousand
winds that blow. I am the softly falling snow. I am the gentle showers of rain. I am the
fields of ripening grain. I am in the morning hush. I am in the graceful rush of far-off
birds in circling flight. I am the starshine of the night. (Full of tears shall be that day).
I am in every flower that blooms. I am in still and empty rooms. I am the child that
yearns to sing: I am in each lovely thing. Do not stand at my grave and cry.
I am not there. I am on high.”*
Chancel Choir; Dan Richardson, bass soloist

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 28:16-20
(Pew Bible, p. 812) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “Stepping Into the Future” Alex Lang

CHORAL RESPONSE “Lux Aeterna” *Howard Goodall*
*“Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom, lead Thou me on! The night is dark,
and I am far from home: lead thou me on! Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see the
distant scene, one step enough for me. For so long Thy power hath blest me,
sure it still will lead me on, o’er moor and fen, o’er crag and torrent,
till the night is gone; And with the morn those angel faces smile which I have loved long
since, and lost awhile. Do not stand at my grave and weep.
(No rest so sure) I am not there. One step enough for me.”*
Chancel Choir; Pam Orals, piano; Nick Pulikowski, tenor soloist

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Brief Statement of Faith, 11.1, 11.6) Judy Hockenberry
**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our
Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy
Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone
we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice
that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in
Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit. Amen.**

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

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LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
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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.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “No More Night” *Camp Kirkland*
*“The timeless theme, earth and heaven will pass away. It’s not a dream, God will make
all things new that day. Gone is the curse from which I stumbled and fell;
evil is banished to eternal hell. No more night, no more pain, no more tears,
never crying again. Praises to the great “I Am”, we will live in the light of the risen
Lamb. See all around, now the nations bow down to sing. The only sound is the praises
to Christ, our King. Slowly the names from the book are read; I know the King,
there’s no need to dread. See over there, it’s a mansion prepared for me where I can
live with my Savior eternally. Hallelujah to the risen Lamb!”*
Chancel Choir and First Pres Brass; Pam Orals, piano

✠DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here
below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost. Amen.**

✠PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

✠HYMN 238 “Thine Is the Glory” Judas Maccabeus

✠BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE “Toccata from the Fifth Symphony” *C.M. Widor*
First Pres Brass and Organ

✠Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: Alex Lang
Ushers: (8:00 am) Sharon Ferdinand, Dawn McGrath
(9:30 am) Chris Pendley, Frank Stanhope
(11:00 am) Susan Carroll, Tom Carroll, Chris Pendley
Pastors: Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry, TC Anderson
Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson
Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban
First Pres Brass: Eric Allen & Colin Stanhope, trumpet; Joan Morrone,
horn; Todd Smith, trombone; Adam Stanhope, percussion
Praise Band: Compass (9:00 am service)

*Today’s liturgy is from **Book of Common Worship**, prepared by the Office of
Theology and Worship for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)