

WELCOME, GUESTS!

Thank you for worshipping 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](https://twitter.com/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*






SUMMER WORSHIP

“The Church is to be a community of love,
where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished,
and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down.”
The Foundations of Presbyterian Polity; F-1.03

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**MAY 13, 2018
10:30 AM**

Choose love. Be the light. Change the world.

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*The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation
for the worship of Almighty God.*

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

PRELUDE “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go” *Caudill & Nelson*
Chuck Beech, piano; Chris Urban, organ

WELCOME Alex Lang

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 1)

One: Those who delight in God will be happy.

All: We will be planted like trees by streams of water.

One: We will yield fruit in the proper season.

All: We will be wise.

One: Let us delight in God together.

✦ HYMN 611 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” Hymn to Joy

PRAYER OF THE DAY Judy Hockenberry

O God of Glory, we are invited to share your message of life with all people. Open our hearts to new ways of doing and being church. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may transform your church in ways that will better serve your kingdom. Remind us of the importance of welcoming others and loving our neighbor as ourselves. Create space in our lives that is fertile soil for the planting of the new life you bring to us in and through the resurrection. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

One: Christ is risen indeed; we are not afraid.

All: For we know the One in whom we trust.

✦ CELTIC ALLELUIA! (Hymn 587)

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

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Judy Hockenberry

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 2 Timothy 3:1-9
(Pew Bible, p. 967) Judy Hockenberry
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM “God Bless Families” *Natalie Sleeth*
*“God bless families everywhere, Thoughtful people who truly care,
Kind and giving in all they do, They let the love shine through!
God Bless families great and small, Fathers, mothers and children all,
Daily offering thanks anew, They let the love shine through!
Joy or sorrowing, come what may, Faithful families find the way,
Help the ones who would go astray, Bring the Kingdom day by day,
God bless families far and near, Homes of happiness, hearts of cheer,
Like the family Jesus knew, They let the love shine through!
God bless families old, God bless families new, Made of people like me and you!”*
Children’s Choir; Nick Pulikowski, director; Carol Frieberg, piano

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING 1 Timothy 3:1-13
(Pew Bible, p. 964) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “I’ll Speak for Paul” Alex Lang

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Confession of 1967, 9.34)

The institutions of the people of God change and vary as their mission requires in different times and places. The unity of the church is compatible with a wide variety of forms, but it is hidden and distorted when variant forms are allowed to harden into sectarian divisions, exclusive denominations, and rival factions. Wherever the church exists, its members are both gathered in corporate life and dispersed in society for the sake of mission in the world. Amen.

✦ HYMN 693 “The Gift of Love” Gift of Love

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE TC Anderson

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “So Love One Another” *Paul Christiansen*
*“Don’t just pretend that you love others, really love them;
It is the only law you need. For if you love your neighbor as you love yourself,
You will be fulfilling all of God’s commands. It is the only law you need.”*
Chamber Singers; Dan Richardson, bass

✦ 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 515 (vv. 1, 4, 5) “I Come with Joy” Dove of Peace

✦ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE “Trumpet Tune in E flat” *Mark Thewes*

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: Alex Lang

Greeter: Tom Carroll

Ushers: David Crim (head usher), Frank Morrone, Kaori Ozaki, Jan Richardson, Kazue Sono

Flowers: **Don and Lois Hartung**—In loving memory of our mothers
Rob and Nancy Lincoln—In loving memory of Samuel A. Lincoln

Bill and Liz Thompson—In memory of Jack E. Huntley and Herbert Wm. Thompson, dads of Liz and Bill

Pastors: Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry, TC Anderson

Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson

Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban