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.

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"Being a Christian means renouncing ourselves, taking up the cross and carrying it with Jesus. There is no other way." — Pope Francis

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SUMMER WORSHIP

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 24, 2018 10:30 AM

Choose love. Be the light. Change the world.

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude	"To God Be the Glory"

Alex Lang

arr. Michael Burkhardt

CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

One: Our hearts are glad and our spirits rejoice.

- All: We live in hope, knowing the Lord will never abandon us.
- One: God teaches us the path of light.
- All: God fills us with gladness. We delight in God's ways.

One: Come, let us worship God.

† Нүмn 396	"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"	Holy Manna
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CALL TO CONFESSION

Judy Hockenberry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you invite us to live selfless lives. Forgive our selfishness. You ask us to know others as brothers and sisters. Forgive us when we continue to engage them as "other". You call us to live as those prepared to die. Forgive us when we live only to protect our lives. O God, you encourage us to follow the way of the cross. Forgive our ignorance in understanding what that means. Take away our sin and plant us in the deep desire to follow you at any cost.

SILENT CONFESSION

...in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

♥GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

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

Judy Hockenberry

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:37-42 (Pew Bible, p. 886) Judy Hockenberry The Word of the Lord/Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM "Above the Voices of the World" Larry Shackley "Above the voices of the world around me, my hopes and dreams, my cares and loves and fears, the long awaited call of Christ has found me, the voice of Jesus echoes in my ear: 'I gave My life to break the cords that bind you, I rose from death to set your spirit free; turn from your sins and put the past behind you, take up your cross and come and follow Me.' What can I offer Him who calls me to Him? Only wastes of sin and self and shame; a mind confused, a heart never knew Him, a tongue unskilled at naming Jesus' name. Yet at Your call, and hungry for Your blessing, drawn by that cross which moves a heart of stone, now Lord I come, my tale of sin confessing, and in repentance turn to You alone. Lord, I believe; help now my unbelieving; *I* come in faith because Your promise stands. Your word of pardon and of peace receiving, all that I am I place within Your hands. Let me become what You shall chose to make me, freed from the guilt and burden of my sins. Jesus is mine who never shall forsake me, and in His love my newborn life begins." Chamber Singers; Kathy Sobeski, soprano solo

SECOND SCRI	PTURE R EADING	Matthew 10:34-39
		(Pew Bible, p. 791) Alex Lang
	The Wor	rd of the Lord/Thanks be to God!
Sermon	"Perpetua and Feli	icity" Alex Lang

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Brief Statement of Faith, 11.4)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

†HYMN 372

"O for a World"

OFFERTORY "Jesus Call Us" Joel Martinson Give our hearts to your obedience, Serve and love you best of all." Chamber Singers

"Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea, Day by day his clear voice sounding, Saying, 'Christian, follow me.' As of old Saint Andrew heard it By the *Galilean lake, Turned from home and toil and kindred, Leaving all for his dear sake.* Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store, From each idol that would keep us, Saying, 'Christian, love me more.' In our joys, and in our sorrows, Days of toil, and hours of ease, Still he calls, in cares and pleasures, 'Christian, Love me more that these.' Jesus calls us! In your mercy, Savior, make us hear your call,

Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

†Hymn 3]

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Preaching: Alex Lang Pastors:

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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.

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Judy Hockenberry

LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

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

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

818	"In Christ There Is No East or West"	St. Peter
CTION		Alex Lang
DE	"Come, Thou Fount"	arr. Jason Payne

◆Please stand as you are able.

Greeters: Tom Carroll, Jo Christian Flowers: Presbyterian Women—In honor of those who serve Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry, TC Anderson Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban