

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. 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

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Organized in 1855*






SUMMER WORSHIP

“The greatest gift that you can give to others
is the gift of unconditional love and acceptance.”
— Brian Tracy

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**JULY 1, 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	“Variations on ‘America’ ” Royce Eckhardt, organist	Janet Linker
WELCOME		Alex Lang
✠CALL TO WORSHIP	One: God calls us as we are. All: We are enough. One: God loves us where we are. All: We are worthy. One: God welcomes us forever. All: We are never abandoned. One: Let us worship God.	
✠HYMN 415	“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”	Restoration
CALL TO CONFESSION		Judy Hockenberry
PRAYER OF CONFESSION	Amazing God, you love us without condition and without hesitation. Forgive us when we fail to love ourselves. Hold us accountable when we withhold love and forgiveness from others. Remind us that you take us just as we are and that you are continually seeking us. Forgive us when we judge others as unworthy. Forgive us when we hold onto the ways we have been hurt or cheated in life. Open our hearts that we may love as you love.	
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		
INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICER		

HEARING GOD’S WORD		
PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION		Judy Hockenberry
FIRST SCRIPTURE READING	Luke 15:11-24 (Pew Bible, p. 850)	Judy Hockenberry
	The Word of the Lord/ Thanks be to God!	
ANTHEM	“Amazing Grace”	arr. John Coates, Jr. “Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch; like me! I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see. ’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear, The hour I first believed! When we’ve been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise, Than when we first begun.” Red, White, and Blue Choir
SECOND SCRIPTURE READING	Luke 15:25-32 (Pew Bible, p. 850)	Alex Lang
	The Word of the Lord/ Thanks be to God!	
SERMON	“Origen”	Alex Lang
TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION		
✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from The Belhar Confession, 10.5)	We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells; that God’s life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God’s life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.	
✠HYMN 418	“Softy and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”	Softly and Tenderly

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

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 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 “Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor” *Irving Berlin*
“Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless,
tempest tossed to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!”
Red, White, and Blue Choir

✠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 774 “There Is Now a New Creation” Stuttgart

✠BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE “Fantasia on ‘Melita’ ” Allan Roy

✠Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: Alex Lang
Greeter: Tom Carroll
Flowers: **Jean Castles**—In loving memory of my husband, Jim, on our
anniversary, July 1, 1950; and our parents, Irene and Archer
Castles, July 1, 1915
Sheila Hall—In memory of my father
Rob and Nancy Lincoln—In celebration of the birth of our nation
and our religious freedoms
Jeff and Kate McVay—In memory of Ed and Ruth Koenig
Pastors: Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry, TC Anderson
Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson
Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban