

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

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



SUMMER WORSHIP

“No one is ever really a stranger. We cling to the belief that we share nothing with certain people. It's rubbish. We have almost everything in common with everyone.”

— Mark Haddon

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 2, 2017
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 "Adagio" *Douglas Wagner*
Psalm 31:11 "The Lord will bless his people with peace"
Royce Eckhardt, organist

WELCOME Judy Hockenberry

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 13)
One: The Lord has dealt bountifully with us.
All: We sing to the Lord.
One: Our hearts rejoice in our salvation.
All: Let us worship God.

✦ HYMN 331 "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand" National Hymn

CALL TO CONFESSION TC Anderson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, all too often we turn our backs on the stranger. It is hard to start a conversation with someone we don't know. We are afraid of saying the wrong thing. We have enough friends and family. We don't need any more. We ignore those that speak a different language because we are consumed with the difficulty of making ourselves understood. We withhold resources, always worrying that there won't be enough. Forgive our selfishness and our fearfulness. Remind us to welcome the stranger. Create in us generous hearts and make us generous households.

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

TC Anderson

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 10:34-39

(Pew Bible, p. 791) TC Anderson

The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

John Carter

“I have decided to follow Jesus, No turning back, The world behind me, the cross before me, no turning back. He leadeth me, O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught! Whatever I do, wherever I be, Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me. He leadeth me, By His own hand He leadeth me; His faithful follower I would be, For His hand He leadeth me.”

Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 10:40-11:1

(Pew Bible, p. 791) Judy Hockenberry

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SERMON

“Welcoming the Stranger”

Judy Hockenberry

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (A Brief Statement of Faith; 10.3)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

✠ HYMN 343

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

Germany

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Alex Lang

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

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/FPCAHA, 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 fpcah.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 fpcah.org/webcast. Also visit the Webcast Archives page at fpcah.org. To download or listen to a podcast of today's sermon (available soon), visit the fpcah.org/podcast.