

# First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

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



## SUMMER WORSHIP

“I believe all Americans, no matter their race, no matter their sex, no matter their sexual orientation, should have that same freedom to marry . . . I am still not a political person, but I’m proud that Richard’s and my name is on a court case that can help reinforce the love, the commitment, the fairness, and the family that so many people, black or white, young or old, gay or straight seek in life.

I support the freedom to marry for all.

That’s what Loving and loving are all about.”

—Mildred Loving, June 12, 2007

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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 9, 2017  
10:30 AM

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**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.*

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## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

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PRELUDE

“Arioso”  
“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

*J.S. Bach*  
*arr. Dan Miller*

WELCOME

Alex Lang

### ✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather to proclaim the great name of God.

**All: We praise the name of the victorious One.**

One: All glory and honor belong to God.

**All: God's love for us never ceases.**

One: Let us worship God.

### ✠ HYMN 299 “You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

Hanover

CALL TO CONFESSION

TC Anderson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, your love has no boundaries. We place boundaries on our love for one another. Your love is inclusive. We feel more comfortable loving those who look like us and act like us. You invite us to love beyond our comfort. We persist in remaining comfortable. Forgive our narrow hearts and narrow minds. Forgive our stingy love. Open us to the possibilities of inclusive and unconditional love. Show us how to love beyond the walls and rules we construct.**

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

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## SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Emma Olivia Fuentes, born February 1, 2017— daughter of William and Kelsey Fuentes

### ✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

TC Anderson

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49  
(Pew Bible, p. 17) TC Anderson  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

### ANTHEM

“Great Is the Lord”

*Michael W. Smith*

*“Great is the Lord, He is holy and just, by His power we trust in His love. Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true, by His mercy He proves He is love. Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory, Great is the Lord, and worthy of praise. Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice:*

*Great is the Lord! Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory, Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise. Great are you, Lord, I lift up my voice: Great are you, Lord!”*

JoAnn Thompson, soprano

### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 24:58-67  
(Pew Bible, p. 18) Alex Lang  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

### SERMON

“Breaking With the Past”

Alex Lang

### TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

### ✠ HYMN 316

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

Twenty-Fourth

## GIVING THANKS TO GOD

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### 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** “How Can I Keep from Singing” *arr. Richard Walters*

*“My life flows on in endless song above earth’s lamentation. I hear the real, though far off hymn that hails a new creation. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I’m clinging. It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? What though the tempest round me rears, I know the truth, it liveth. What though the darkness round me close, Sings in the night it giveth. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I’m clinging. Since love is lord of heaven and earth, How can I keep from singing? The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing! All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I’m clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing? No storm shake my inmost calm while to that rock I’m clinging. It sounds an echo in my soul.*

*How can I keep from singing?”*

JoAnn Thompson, soprano

✠ **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

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✠ **HYMN 733**

“We All Are One in Mission”

*Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvögelein*

✠ **BENEDICTION**

Alex Lang

**POSTLUDE**

“Festive Scherzo”

*Malcolm Archer*

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✠ Please stand as you are able.

**Preaching:** Alex Lang

**Greeter:** Tom Carroll

**Ushers:** Kurt Ahlers (head usher), Frank Morrone, Kaori Ozaki, Jan Richardson, Kazue Sono, Andy Wendle

**Flowers:** **Barbara Larson**—Happy Birthday, Campbell Shaw

**Pastors:** Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry, TC Anderson

**Director of Music and Worship:** Adam Hendrickson

**Associate Director of Music and Organist:** Christopher Urban

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