

**WELCOME, GUESTS!**

**Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.**

Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it along the pew, and introduce yourself to those around you after the service. Stop by the Welcome Center in the Narthex 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/FPCAHL](https://www.facebook.com/FPCAHL), 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 (8:45-11:45 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](http://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 worship services. Weekly webcasts of the services are available at [fpcah.org/webcast](http://fpcah.org/webcast). To download a podcast of today's sermon, visit the Worship page at [fpcah.org](http://fpcah.org). Visit [fpcah.org/sermon\\_video](http://fpcah.org/sermon_video) to view the sermon.

# First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

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



## SUMMER WORSHIP

“Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.”  
—Francis of Assisi

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### SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**JULY 16, 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 “There Is a Balm in Gilead” *arr. Robert Hebble*

WELCOME Alex Lang

### ✠CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 119:105-112)

One: God’s word lights our paths.

**All: God gives us life.**

One: Accept our offering of praises, O Lord.

**All: You are the joy of our hearts.**

One: Let us worship God.

✠HYMN 305 “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!” Darwall’s 148th

CALL TO CONFESSION Judy Hockenberry

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, forgive us when we are like hard, packed soil and we leave no room for your compassion to move us. Forgive the rocks that get in the way of our service to you and for you. Help us to weed out those things which take up space where your love can grow. Make our hearts like rich soil, ready to receive your word. Give us courage to be faithful planters, sowing seeds on all kind of soil so that compassion and love can grow.**

### 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

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## HEARING GOD’S WORD

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Judy Hockenberry

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 13:1-9  
(Pew Bible, p. 794) Judy Hockenberry  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 13:18-23  
(Pew Bible, p. 794) Alex Lang  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “You Are the Glue” Alex Lang

### TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

### ✠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.**

✠HYMN 525 “Let Us Break Bread Together” Let Us Break Bread

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## GIVING THANKS TO GOD

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OFFERING Judy Hockenberry

OFFERTORY “Simple Gifts” *arr. Betty Pulkingham*  
“*‘Tis the gift to be simple, ‘tis the gift to be free, ‘tis the gift to come down where we ought to be, and when we find ourselves in the place just right ‘twill be in the valley of love and delight. When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we shan’t be ashamed; to turn, turn will be our delight ‘til by turning, turning we come round right.*”  
Kristen Walter, mezzo-soprano; Carol Stolley, violin

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Alex Lang/Judy Hockenberry

#### THE INVITATION

#### THE THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### 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.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### SERVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*(All are invited to participate in communion. You will be served in your pews. You may take the bread as soon as you are served. Please hold the cup and we will partake together. Wafers, free of common food allergens, are available in the paper cups on the trays.)*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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## GOING FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

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✠HYMN 65 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” Cwm Rhondda

✠BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE “A Festal Fanfare” *J.S. Bach*

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✠Please stand as you are able.

**Preaching:** Alex Lang

**Ushers:** Kate McVay (head usher), Kurt Ahlers, Rob Lincoln, Frank Morrone

**Flowers:** **Walter Meyer**—In memory of Seaman Sandy Rivers, USS Benewah

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

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

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