### 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/FPCAH, 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 fpeah.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.

# First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

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



## SUMMER WORSHIP

"Although the life of a person is in a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God."

—Pope Francis

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

JULY 23, 2017 10:30 AM

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# The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation for the worship of Almighty God.

#### GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

"Prelude on a Franck Motif"

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

Gordon Young arr. Robert Elmore

WELCOME

Judy Hockenberry

#### **†**CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 139)

One: The hand of God has been laid upon us.

All: The presence of God is always with us.

One: We are guided and supported by God wherever we go.

All: We gather here in the presence of God, seeking the wisdom of God.

One: Come, let us worship God.

ФНYMN 32

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Ellacombe

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

TC Anderson

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you have searched us and you know us. We try to hide from you. We feel alone and abandoned. We are afraid to follow you — afraid it will cost us comfort and friends and the ease of our life. Forgive us, God. Remind us that we can never hide from you. Forgive the fear that holds us back from embracing your invitation. Forgive our doubt. Forgive the game of hide and seek we try to play. Open us to the possibilities of new growth and new ways of planting and harvesting.

#### 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 13:24-30

(Pew Bible, p. 794) TC Anderson The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!** 

ANTHEM "Open My Eyes, That I May See" Clara H. Scott

"Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me. Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine! Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear. And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine! Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere. Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!"

Megan Hendrickson, soprano; Adam Hendrickson, guitar

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:36-43

(Pew Bible, p. 795) Judy Hockenberry The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!** 

SERMON

"Seeds and Weeds"

Judy Hockenberry

#### TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

#### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Brief Statement of Faith, 10.1; 10.2)**

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God; preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

**†**HYMN 714

"God of the Fertile Fields"

Italian Hymn

#### GIVING THANKS TO GOD

#### 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

#### "Be Still, My Soul"

arr. Irvin T. Nelson

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David Johnson

"Be still my soul, the Lord is on thy side. With patience bear thy cross of grief or pain. Leave to Thy God to order and provide. In every change, He faithful will remain. Be still my soul, thy best, thy heavenly Friend. Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end. Be still my soul, thy God doth undertake. To guide the future as He has the past. Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake. All now mysterious shall be bright, at last. Be still my soul, the waves and winds shall know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below. Be still my soul: the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord. When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still my soul, when change and tears are past.

All safe and blessed, we shall meet, at last." Megan Hendrickson, 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

**†**HYMN 36 "For the Fruit of All Creation"

♦ BENEDICTION Judy Hockenberry

POSTLUDE "Trumpet Tune in D Major"

**Preaching:** Judy Hockenberry

**Ushers:** Kurt Ahlers (head usher), Bob Harrald, Frank Morrone

**Flowers: Betty Lou Bukowski**—Honoring the memory of ministry of Dr.

James Payson Martin

The Merilatt Family—In memory of Lowell; husband, father,

and grandfather

**Pastors:** Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry, TC Anderson **Director of Music and Worship:** Adam Hendrickson

Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban

**P**lease stand as you are able.