

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](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 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

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






SUMMER WORSHIP

“I note the obvious differences between each sort
and type, but we are more alike, my friends,
than we are unlike.
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than we are unlike.”
— Maya Angelou

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**AUGUST 5, 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 “How Great Thou Art” *arr. Carolyn Hamlin*

WELCOME TC Anderson

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us sing of the steadfast love of the Lord.

All: My mouth will proclaim God’s faithfulness to all generations.

One: I declare that the Lord’s steadfast love is established forever.

All: God’s faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

One: Let us worship our loving and faithful God!

✦HYMN 306 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” *Dennis*

CALL TO CONFESSION Judy Hockenberry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess that we divide your people. We look on ourselves and others, not through the lens of unity, but through the lens of separation.

We divide ourselves based on gender, race, sexual orientation, class, personal beliefs, political leanings, and more. Then we allow these divisions to inform our actions, convincing ourselves that if someone doesn’t fall along our same lines of separation that they are somehow lesser. Give us new eyes to see the truth, that you are present in all places and all peoples, and that you don’t see the walls that we raise to separate, but you see the interwoven web that connects us all to one another. Help us to see the world through your eyes, Lord.

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 Judy Hockenberry

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 133
(Pew Bible, p. 501) Judy Hockenberry
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” *arr. Richard Walters*
“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him,
for he is thy health and salvation! Come, ye who hear, Brothers and sisters draw near,
Praise him in glad adoration! Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously
reigneth, Shelters thee under his wings, yes, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen
All that is needful hath been Granted in what he ordaineth? Praise to the Lord,
who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; Surely his goodness and mercy here daily
attend thee. Ponder anew All the Almighty can do, He who with love doth befriend thee.
Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before him. Let the Amen Sound from his people again;
Gladly for aye we adore him.”
Kathy Sobeski, soprano

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Galatians 3:28-29
(Pew Bible, p. 947) TC Anderson
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “Tired Tribe” TC Anderson

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 318 “In Christ There Is No East or West” *St. Peter*

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 “Pie Jesu” *John Rutter*
“Blessed Jesu, Lord, I pray, in thy mercy grant them rest,
grant them rest eternal, Lord our God I pray thee.”
Kathy Sobeski, 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 340 “This Is My Song” *Finlandia*

✦BENEDICTION TC Anderson

POSTLUDE “Festive Scherzo” *Malcolm Archer*

✦Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: TC Anderson

Greeters: Bob Ahrens, Phyllis Orzechowski

Ushers: Stan Conning (head usher), Mike Beecher, Nancy Conning, Fiona Freeman, Wendy Freeman, William McWhinney, Walter Meyer

Flowers: Presbyterian Women—In honor of those who serve

Pastors: Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry, TC Anderson

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