



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME

TC Anderson

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 25)

One: Trust in God.

All: **God will lead us in His ways.**

One: God is merciful and loving.

All: **When we are lonely and afflicted, God will bring us out of distress.**

One: Let us worship God.

✦ “LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH”

Rick Founds

additional lyrics by Adam Hendrickson

✦ 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOB 30:15-22

MESSAGE

“Mind Over Matter”

Alex Lang

Scripture: Mark 5:1-13

SONG

“Fix You”

Berryman, Buckland, Champion, & Martin

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

TC Anderson

Paul Dean Memorial Plaque Dedication

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 sins, as we forgive

those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us

from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

Amen.

SHARING OUR GIFTS

“Be Still”

King, Slade, Welsh, Wysocki

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦ “LEAN ON ME”

Bill Withers

✦ BENEDICTION

Alex Lang

✦ Please stand as you are able.

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.

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“Mental pain is less dramatic than physical pain,
but it is more common and also more hard to bear.
The frequent attempt to conceal mental pain increases
the burden: it is easier to say ‘My tooth is aching’
than to say ‘My heart is broken.’ ”
— C.S. Lewis

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 16, 2018
9:00 & 10:30 AM

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Voluntary in D" *George Dyson*
The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation for the worship of Almighty God.

WELCOME Alex Lang

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✠ HYMN 32 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" Ellacombe

CALL TO CONFESSION Judy Hockenberry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great and Loving God, forgive us for being so hard on ourselves and on others. Remind us that you have made us and we belong to you. Our bodies and our minds are so intricately wired and balanced. Forgive us for judging those who appear unbalanced as weak. Forgive us for shaming those who are strong enough to ask for help. Forgive us for failing to ask for help when we need it. Allow us to stand with others who are struggling, free from judgement.

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.**

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COMMUNITY LIFE

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Judy Hockenberry

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Job 30:15-22
(Pew Bible, p. 413) Judy Hockenberry
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "Carried by Love" *David Lantz III*
"Far from the flock, far from the fold; lost in the dark, frightened and cold. Captured by fear, bound by despair; crying for One to hear my prayer. Search me and find me, lost and alone. Search me and find me, carry me safely home. Out of the night, black as my shame, I hear a voice calling my name. Shepherd of Love, calling me grace abundant free. Lifted by hands gentle and strong, into His arms where I belong. Held by the One sent from above, Covered by grace and carried by Love. Search and find me, lost and alone. Search me and find me, carry me safely home."
Chancel Choir; Jan Ashley and JoAnn Thompson, soprano

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Mark 5:1-13
(Pew Bible, p. 816) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Mind Over Matter" Alex Lang

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Belhar Confession, 10.3)

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways; in that we love one another; that we experience, practice, and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause and share one hope.

✠ HYMN 792 "There Is a Balm in Gilead" Balm in Gilead

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Judy Hockenberry

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For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Hear Me, Redeemer" *Henry Mollicone*
"Hear me, Redeemer. Send down Your love to cleanse my soul. Lord of lords, wash away my sinful ways. Show me the power of Your love! Lord of lords, shine Your light through all my days. Show me the power of Your love! Mighty God, take my hand and lead the way. Show me the power of Your love!"
Mighty God let me praise You every day. Show me the power of Your love!"
Chancel Choir; Nick Pulikowski, tenor

✠ 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 39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Faithfulness

✠ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE "Toccata on 'Ellacombe'" *Mark Thallander*

✠ Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: Alex Lang

Greeters: (10:30 am) Bob Ahrens

Flowers: Rob and Nancy Lincoln—In loving memory of Phyllis Rieckhoff Lincoln

Pastors: Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry, TC Anderson

Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson

Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban

Praise Band: Compass (9:00 am service)

WORSHIP NOTES