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/firstpresah, 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 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.

About the Morning Music

The Chancel Choir's offertory anthem was composed by John Ness Beck (November 11, 1930 - June 25, 1987). He is best known for his very popular and accessible settings of traditional sacred music. Beck was a conductor and arranger of international renown. His works are highly celebrated and performed by high school, college, church, community, and professional choirs across the globe today.

"Upon this Rock" was composed in 1967 in honor of Dr. Robert Young, pastor of St. Peter's United Church of Christ, Elmhurst, Illinois, on the occasion of the church's ninetieth anniversary. The text is based on the morning scripture of Matthew 16:18,19 and it incorporates the well known hymn "The Church's One Foundation".

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GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"
"Aria"

Tinor John

WELCOME Alex Lang

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Clap your hands, all you people, clap your hands.

All: Shout to God with a voice of triumph!

One: Our God is a great God.

All: Worthy of our praise and our thanksgiving.

One: Come. We will worship God together.

†HYMN 81 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

Austrian Hymn

arr. Matthew Corl

Charles Callahan

CALL TO CONFESSION

TC Anderson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, forgive our narrow minds and our strong opinions. Forgive the ways in which we put you in a box and confine you with our human understanding. Forgive us for holding onto a part of Jesus and believing that is the only part of value. Open our hearts and our minds that we may embrace new ideas. Free us from our limitations. Enable us to listen to each other that we might gain a fuller and deeper understanding of our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

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 16:13-20

(Pew Bible, p. 798) TC Anderson The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "Lead Me, Lord"

arr. Fred Bock

"Lead me, Lord; lead me in Thy righteousness. Make Thy way plain before my face. For it is Thou, Lord; Thou, O Lord only that maketh me to dwell in safety. Teach me, Lord; teach me of Thy righteousness. Make Thy way plain before my face. For it is Thou, Lord; Thou, O Lord only that makest me to dwell in safety. Keep me, Lord; keep me in Thy righteousness. Make Thy way plain before my face. For it is Thou, Lord; Thou, O Lord only that makest me to dwell in safety. Lead me, Lord."

Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 15:13, 19-21

(Pew Bible, p. 899) Alex Lang The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Who's In Charge?"

Alex Lang

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

\$\Phiance\$ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Brief Statement of Faith)

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. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

†HYMN 321

"The Church's One Foundation"

Aurelia

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

"Upon This Rock"

John Ness Beck

"Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven. And whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven. And whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Upon this rock I will build my church. Lo, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds has come. Arise, and come away; Arise! Upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it!"

Chancel Choir

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

ФНумN 310

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

St. Thomas

†BENEDICTION

Alex Lang

POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune"

Charles Callahan

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Ushers: Kurt Ahlers, Peter Bukowski, Rob Lincoln, Frank Morrone

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

Lincoln

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Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban

Please stand as you are able.