



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME Adam Hendrickson

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)

One: Two are better than one;
All: if they fall, one will lift up the other;
One: if two lie together, they keep warm;
All: a threefold cord is not quickly broken.
One: Let us worship God.

✦ **“FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH”** Kocher & Pierpoint

✦ **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 TC Anderson

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MATTHEW 19:3-9

MESSAGE Alex Lang/Judy Hockenberry

“The Laws of Attraction”
Scripture: Song of Solomon 7:11-13

SONG “Song for Someone”
Clayton, Evans, Hemson, & Mullen Jr.

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 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 “Love” John Lennon

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦ **“ONE THING REMAINS (YOUR LOVE NEVER FAILS)”**
Johnson, Gifford, & Riddle

✦ **BENEDICTION** Alex Lang

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Compass: TC Anderson, guitar/vocals; AJ Coleman, drums; Adam Hendrickson,
piano/guitar/vocals; Greg Schultz, bass; Madison Treppa, vocals

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. 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

For worship in the Sanctuary, large print bulletins, large print hymn packets, and hearing amplifiers (some with T-Coil lanyard adapters) 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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“Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the fields,
and lodge in the villages;
let us go out early to the vineyards,
and see whether the vines have budded.
There I will give you my love.”
—Song of Solomon 7:11 & 12

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**OCTOBER 13, 2019
9:00 & 10:30 AM**

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "A Trumpet Minuet" *Alfred Hollins*
The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation for the worship of Almighty God.

WELCOME Alex Lang

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✦ HYMN 619 "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven" *Lauda Anima*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love, you have created us to be in relationship with one another. Too often we take our relationships for granted. You gave us marriage as a gift to be enjoyed by two people committed to one another. We become bored and seek out others. Teach us how to care for each other with gentleness. Show us how to enjoy your gifts of sexuality without abusing others or ourselves. Forgive us when we fail to cherish the gifts you have given.

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

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HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Alex Lang

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 19:3-9
(Pew Bible, p. 800) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Song of Solomon 7:11-13
(Pew Bible, p. 547) Judy Hockenberry
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ANTHEM "My Very Own" *Susan LaBarr*
"My love, my very own, you have stolen my heart. My love, my very own, you have stolen my heart. With one glance you have captured me. You looked at me, and I fell in love. You are altogether beautiful, beautiful beyond compare. How beautiful, better than wine. I will go where you will go, I will live where you will live, I'll die with you. My love, my very own, you have stolen my heart."
Chancel Choir

SERMON "The Laws of Attraction"
Alex Lang/Judy Hockenberry

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Confession of 1967, 9.47)

Humankind's perennial confusion about the meaning of sex has been aggravated in our day by the availability of new means of birth control and the treatment of infection, by the pressures of urbanization, by the exploitation of sexual symbols in mass communication, and by world overpopulation. The church, as the household of God is called to lead humankind out of this alienation into the responsible freedom of new life in Christ. Reconciled to God, we all have joy in and respect for our own humanity and that of other persons; two people are enabled to marry, to commit themselves to a mutually shared life, and respond to each other in sensitive and lifelong concern.

✦ HYMN 27 "Sacred the Body" *Tenderness*

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 "The Gift of Love" *Hal Hopson*
Text from Hymn 693
Chancel Choir; First Pres Strings

✦ 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 366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" *Hyfrydol*

✦ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE "Toccata on 'Hyfrydol' " *J. Christopher Pardini*

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: Alex Lang/Judy Hockenberry
Greeters: (10:30 am) Tom Carroll, Nancy Pardo
Ushers: (9:00 am) Kevin Kelley, Bill Lyon
Flowers: **Stu Olin**—Two years, too long. Miss you Marilyn.
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)
First Pres Strings: Jane Horswill & Andrew Orals, violin; Carol Stolley, viola; Rachel Olson, bass

WORSHIP NOTES