

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

MARCH 21, 2021

**PRELUDE** “In Heavenly Love Abiding” arr. Carolyn Hamlin

**WELCOME** Judy Hockenberry

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader 1: God hears us calling.

**Leader 2: God will supply our every need.**

Leader 1: We can share what we have.

**Leader 2: All good and perfect gifts come from God.**

Leader 1: Bless the Lord.

**HYMN 366** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” Hyfrydol

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** TC Anderson

God of Compassion, forgive us for all the times we have turned away from those in need. We are people of privilege who have food and homes. We have access to healthcare. We have people who will care for us. We are comfortable and we do feel entitled to this comfort. We ignore your invitation to practice compassion toward others because we fear it will make us more vulnerable. There is a chasm that separates us from those who do not have the same opportunities. Help us to build bridges across that chasm before it is too late. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LUKE 16:19-23

**MESSAGE** “The Chasm” Judy Hockenberry  
Scripture: Luke 16:24-31

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Alex Lang

## 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.

## SHARING OUR GIFTS

“One” Clayton, Evans, Hewson, & Mullen Jr.

*“Is it getting better, or do you feel the same? Will it make it easier on you, now you got someone to blame? You say one love, one life, when it's one need in the night. One love, we get to share it. It leaves you if you don't care for it. Did I disappoint you or leave a bad taste in your mouth? You act like you never had love and you want me to go without? Well, it's too late tonight to drag the past out into the light. We're one, but we're not the same. We get to carry each other, carry each other... One. Have you come here for forgiveness? Have you come to raise the dead? Have you come here to play Jesus to the lepers in your head? Did I ask too much, more than a lot? You gave me nothing, now it's all I got. We're one, but we're not the same. Well, we hurt each other, then we do it again. You say love is a temple, love a higher law. Love is a temple, love the higher law. You ask me to enter, but then you make me crawl. And I can't be holding on to what you got, when all you got is hurt. One love, one blood, one life, you got to do what you should. One life with each other: sisters, brothers. One life, but we're not the same. We get to carry each other, carry each other. One.”*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**BENEDICTION**

Judy Hockenberry

**HYMN 724**

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

Angel’s Story

**POSTLUDE**

“Tocatta on ‘Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*arr. Christopher Pardini*

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**Worship led by:** Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry, TC Anderson

**Music:** Adam Hendrickson and Chris Urban

## CHURCH LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARCH 21, 2021

**PALM SUNDAY** — *Sunday, March 28* — What is Palm Sunday without a palm branch to wave? We are planning to decorate the front steps of our church with the branches on Saturday morning, March 27. You are welcome to come and take a branch any time after 1:00 pm on Saturday, March 27.

**HOLY WEEK WORSHIP** — We will celebrate virtual communion during the streaming of our **Maundy Thursday** worship on April 1. We encourage you to have some juice and bread or cracker so that you can partake when we celebrate the Lord's Supper.

**Good Friday** worship will be offered via streaming on Friday, April 2.

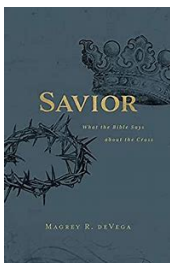
**Easter Sunday** worship will be offered in person, outdoors, weather permitting at 11:00 am. A service will also be available via live stream. Let us celebrate the Lord's resurrection together!



**EASTER GOODIE BAG FUN** — Easter goodie bags will be available beginning on Palm Sunday, March 28, at Door 9 under the portico at the main entrance. Goodie bags will be available through Easter Sunday, April 4, or while supplies last. Bags contain activities appropriate for preschool - 5th graders.

**GOOD NEWS!** — Your Session is beginning to talk about when to re-open for indoor worship. Tentative plans include a start date of May 2 with two worship services, one at 9:00 am and one at 10:30 a.m. Both will be held in the Sanctuary. We will NOT begin Sunday school or childcare at this time. There will NOT be any coffee/fellowship following worship. Worship will be modified to support ongoing distancing advice. We will require masks. We will NOT take reservations prior to Sunday because at this time we think it is unlikely we will get more than 150 people per service and our Sanctuary can safely handle that. **Please remember that your Session will make the final decision regarding when we begin in-person worship in our building.** If you have not already done so, you can take the survey by clicking the link in Weekly Highlights. Each person in your household is invited to take the survey. The survey will close on Monday, March 22.

**PANDEMIC REFLECTIONS** — Over the last few months of the pandemic, several people have reached out wanting to chat about their lives. They don't want advice, rather they're looking for an outlet to process the feelings of loss, anger, grief and sadness that are all too present as a result of the coronavirus. Some have lost jobs, others have lost friendships, and still others have lost loved ones. Perhaps more than anything else, many have lost experiences that they can never get back. Alex, Judy, and TC want you to know that, if you feel the need to tell your story, they are here to listen. We hope you will take this opportunity to be vulnerable and share how this unique moment in history has impacted you. To share your story, visit [firstpresah.org/pandemic-reflections/](http://firstpresah.org/pandemic-reflections/) and fill out the form. Everything you tell us will be held in confidence.



**LENTEN ADULT EDUCATION CLASS** — *Sunday Mornings, through March 28 / 8:30-9:45 am or Wednesday Evenings, through March 31 / 7:00-8:15 pm / Savior: What the Bible Says about the Cross / via Zoom* — The season of Lent is upon us and the Adult Education Committee, in conjunction with FIDE, our Presbyterian Faith Formation Collective, is bringing you a class that will be the focus of all five churches: *Savior, What the Bible Says about the Cross*. Each week will be led by a different church.

Using the book written by Magrey deVega, we will explore why the cross is the central symbol of the Christian faith. What exactly did Jesus do to save us from our sins? Why was the cross necessary, and what does it mean for us today? The Bible uses many images to understand the meaning of Jesus' death and resurrection, and deVega guides us through these images to achieve a richer understanding of the Christian faith. Click on the link in Weekly Highlights to register for this class.

**ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY — Finding Stillness in Anxious Times / Sundays, through March 28 / 9:45-10:30 am / via Zoom** — Join Francie Taylor and SarahBeth Speciale for a four week series, where we will explore the intersection of breath-work, mindfulness, and faith. We will practice simple ways to help reset the nervous system to calm the mind and body. To register, click the link in Weekly Highlights.

**JOIN THE MEN'S BIBLE STUDY!** — The Men's Bible Study is meeting via Zoom, every Monday at 8:00 am. If you are interested in joining the group or if you have questions, contact Bill Dillon at (847) 956-2871 or Dave Berkow at (847) 323-2800.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (OGHS) COLLECTION** — This year the pandemic has stretched the Church in many ways. But despite the challenges, we are very much a church—alive, vital, present... *together*. Your generous gifts to this special offering help provide relief to those affected by natural disasters through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), provide food to the hungry through the Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP), and assists in helping to empower the poor and oppressed through the Self-Development of People (SDOP). Please consider filling your OGHS fish coin bank throughout Lent. You may also give online at [firstpresah.org](http://firstpresah.org) now through Palm Sunday, March 28.

**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN:  
SMALL GROUP CRAFT SESSIONS**

Children's Ministries is hosting small group craft sessions for K-5th graders on Sunday afternoons during the month of March. We will meet in the parlor from 1:30-2:30 pm on March 21 and 28. Groups will be limited to six children per session (with a minimum of four to hold a session). Facemasks are required and standard COVID safety protocols will be followed. Sessions are drop-off, and will be led by Children's Ministries volunteers. Sign up with the link in Weekly Highlights. Please contact Katy Allen at [katyallen@firstpresah.org](mailto:katyallen@firstpresah.org) with questions.

**LENT IN A BAG** — Bags are still available for pickup at Door 9, while they last. Lent in a Bag provides an opportunity for you to explore the meaning of Lent at home. Each bag will contain symbolic items and explanations that will encourage discussion and contemplation as we prepare for this holy season. Each bag will also contain a fish bank for our One Great Hour of Sharing collection.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT** — As we continue to stream worship services until further notice, we ask that you keep your giving to the church up-to-date by mailing in a check or by going online. By continuing to give, you continue to help your church pay its bills, make its payroll, and be a light in the world. To give online:

1. Go to [www.firstpresah.org](http://www.firstpresah.org).
2. Click on "DONATE" which is the top line of the website.
3. Select the fund from the drop-down menu.

Online giving can be done on a one-time basis or you can set up a recurring gift. It is easy and our website uses Secure Socket Layering (SSL) to protect personal credit information before it travels over the Internet.

**PASTORAL CARE** — If you have a death in the family, an anticipated surgery, the birth of a new baby, or if you or a loved one are struggling, your pastors and church family want to be there to support you. Please contact Pastor Judy Hockenberry, at [judyhockenberry@firstpresah.org](mailto:judyhockenberry@firstpresah.org) or (847) 255-5900, or call the church office to share your pastoral needs.

**JOURNEYS MEAL DONATION AND DELIVERY HELP WANTED** — First Pres continues to deliver meals to two Arlington Heights hotels where guests from our PADS program are currently staying. We anticipate providing these meals for the foreseeable future. Through your generosity, we continue to provide three meals a day, once per week, for 90 people. Also, we will provide 24 people with a box of food that will provide breakfast and lunch for a week. We need food donations, cash donations, and volunteers to pack and deliver. Sign up through the link in Weekly Highlights. If you have any questions, please contact the PADS food team at [padsfood@firstpresah.org](mailto:padsfood@firstpresah.org).



**FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP** — All have enjoyed the beautiful touch of flowers in worship even though we view them from far away. The Presbyterian Women Flower Committee wishes to thank all those who have faithfully contributed. Please consider contributing to the PW flower fund so that we may all enjoy the beauty they add each Sunday! Suggested donation is \$25.

There are two ways to donate:

**Online at [firstpresah.org](http://firstpresah.org):**

1. Click on “DONATE” at the top of the website.
2. Select “Sunday Flowers PW” from the drop down. **Important:** In the “Optional Memo” line, please add date requested and details of dedication.

**By check:**

Made out to First Presbyterian Church. On memo line, write PW Flowers and include date and details of dedication. Order forms can be downloaded from the website for your convenience at [firstpresah.org/forms/](http://firstpresah.org/forms/). Thank you for your support. Questions? Contact Sue Henderson at [suhenco@comcast.net](mailto:suhenco@comcast.net)

**FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA** — We want to encourage you, if you have not done so already, to follow First Pres on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter. We post lots of church news, events, and special announcements and every time you like and share our posts you are helping spread the good word about our great church and make us more visible in the community. You can find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/firstpresah](https://facebook.com/firstpresah), Instagram [@firstpresah](https://instagram.com/firstpresah) at [instagram.com/firstpresah/](https://instagram.com/firstpresah/) and Twitter [@firstpresah](https://twitter.com/firstpresah) at [twitter.com/firstpresah](https://twitter.com/firstpresah/).



**ONLINE WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY**

March 28, 2021: Palm Sunday

Worship ([firstpresah.org/media/live-stream/](http://firstpresah.org/media/live-stream/))



Scriptures: Luke 18:1-8, Matthew 21:1-17

Preacher: Alex Lang

Sermon Title: “Chasing Justice”

Sermon Series: Parables of Jesus

# Prayer Requests

## **Healing & Comfort**

Mario Alberico  
Brian Aldrich  
April Alexander — family of Myrtle Jessogne  
Pat Almlad  
Liz Armstrong  
Dave Berkow  
Mark Bishop  
Wendy Blanck  
Dawn Bruce  
Samuel Bruce — brother of Lee Bruce  
Betty Lou Bukowski  
Brian & Jennifer Butler — brother-in-law & sister of  
    Dawn Bruce  
Jane Cassaro — friend of Beth Balow  
Mary Clarbour  
Sally Costello  
Carol Dahn  
Alice Davitt — friend of Kris Ward  
Jim Dean — father-in-law of Kelly Dean  
Kathy Doering  
Millie Engelbretsen  
Michael Fischer — grandson of Dave & Pat Almlad  
Virginia Gardner — friend of Jo Christian  
Karl Gates — friend of Mary Kiepura  
George Gerner — cousin of Kelsey Fuentes  
Bill Ginnodo  
Gloria — friend of June Johnson  
Dorita & Houston Godfrey  
Ermina Gomez & daughter — friends of Elaine Chen  
Kit Graham — friend of Betty Sanders  
Lois Graves — mother of Jim Graves  
Barbara Hayes  
Mary Hockenberry  
Jeanne Holl — grandniece of Myrtle Jessogne  
Mary Kay Holl — niece of Myrtle Jessogne  
Ella Hurley  
Bob Jackson — friend of Hal Stern  
Mary Jessogne — sister-in-law of Myrtle Jessogne

Steve Jessogne — nephew of Myrtle Jessogne  
Marylyn Jirsa  
Marjorie Kalivoda  
John Lamb — friend of Kris Ward  
Helen Lawson — friend of Liz Armstrong  
Jeff Leach  
Penny Lumsden — mother of Stu Lumsden  
Quentin Mare'  
Richard Martin — friend of June Johnson  
Sean McClory — friend of Mario Alberico  
John McFayden  
Kathryn Merz — daughter of Nancy Ashe  
Scott and Laura Morrison — friends of Mario &  
    Claudia Alberico  
Assumpta Namusoke — friend of Kim Hogan  
Lee Nelson  
Gloria Oak  
The Patton Family — friends of Dawn Bruce  
Katie Reid — daughter of Lee Nelson  
Jim Richardson — brother of Jan Richardson  
Betty Roach  
Sandy & Tim — friends of Myrtle Jessogne  
Theresa Scola — friend of Meg Haddad  
Susan Scott  
Jim Schuffler  
Dee Sievertsen  
Ed Slivovsky  
Je'Anna Paris Smith  
Wendell Stoike  
Arne Stollfuss  
David Stratton — brother-in-law of Elaine Chen  
Jaquan Thompson  
Vasilios Tsironis — friend of Beth Balow  
Dan Tsutsumi  
Wes Upton — friend of Ralph Larsen  
Marilyn Votava — sister of Judy Ayers  
Gary Walker

## **Serving in the Armed Services**

AMN Charles Arthur Brousseau, Air Force — son of Liz Moses and Bob Wendling  
MU3 Wesley Carroll, Navy — son of Kevin and Amy Carroll, grandson of JoAnn Thompson  
Maj. Michael B. Ford, US Army Reserves — stepson of Kris Ford  
Brandon Latuzek — nephew of Elaine Chen  
Geoffrey Martineau — brother of Lisa Martineau  
E5MM Marc Robert McGrath, Jr., Navy — grandson of Donald and Jacqueline Schultz  
Capt. John Olszewski, USMC — nephew of Steve and Lisa Olszewski  
2 LT Kristen Reese, Army — daughter of Jim and Becky Reese, sister of Adam and Brian Reese  
Sergeant Benjamin David Schultz, Air Force — grandson of Donald and Jacqueline Schultz  
Colonel Gretchen Wiltse — sister of Vincent and Heidi Wiltse