SUNDAY WORSHIP

APRIL 11, 2021

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME Judy Hockenberry

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader 1: God answers us when we call.

Leader 2: "Peace be with you."

Leader 1: God is gracious to us when we are in distress.

Leader 2: "I am sending upon you what my Father promised."

Leader 1: Come and we will worship God together.

HYMN 263 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" Coronation

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Alex Lang

Loving God, forgive our foolishness and our refusal to believe in the power of your amazing love. Forgive us when we close our hearts and our minds to information that is new to us. Open us to receive the stories of Jesus' post-resurrection appearances in ways that can change our lives. Forgive us for clinging to old ways when you provide new ways. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LUKE 24:13-35

MESSAGE "Open Minds and Open Hearts" Judy Hockenberry

Scripture: Luke 24:36-48

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 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

"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

Alford & McFarland "We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near. O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here." We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod; but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!" Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.

And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light, may we behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

First Pres Resurrection Choir

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN 268 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" Diademata

BENEDICTION Judy Hockenberry

SENDING MUSIC

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

Music: Adam Hendrickson and Chris Urban



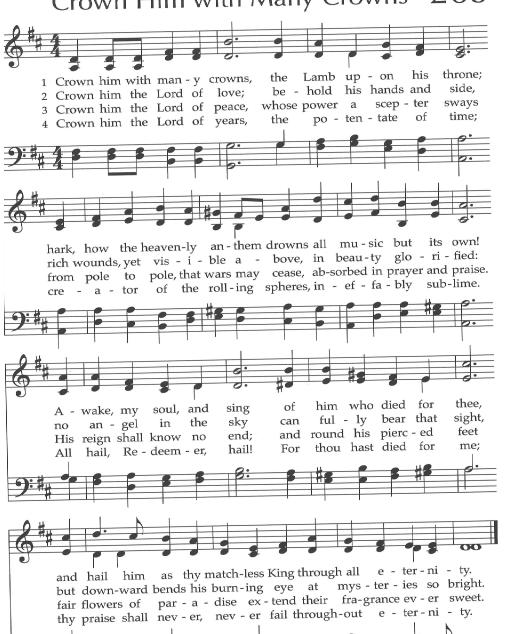
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!



This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.

TEXT: Stanzas 1-3, Edward Perronet, 1779, 1780; stanzas 2-3, alt. John Rippon, 1787; stanza 4, John Rippon, 1787 CORONATION 8.6.8.6.8.6

Crown Him with Many Crowns



This text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound.

MUSIC: Oliver Holden, 1793; desc. Michael E. Young, 1979

CHURCH LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS APRIL 11, 2021



DOCUMENTARY VIEWING & DISCUSSION — Viewing: Sunday, April 11 / 7:00 pm / in the Chapel and Discussion: Tuesday, April 13 / 7:00 pm / via Zoom — Stone Catchers and the Mission Committee invite you to a special viewing of the Presbyterian

Disaster Assistance documentary "Trigger – The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence". Gun violence is plaguing our country and it is time as those called to follow Jesus' teachings to address this issue in our society. "Trigger" addresses the issue by moving the conversation away from the polarizing extremes that have long dominated the debate and lifts up the voices and experiences of those who seek common ground and a new way forward. Screening will take place in the Chapel, please enter at Door 9. (All COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed, including the requirement to wear a mask). Following the viewing of the film, Stone Catchers will host a discussion of the film via Zoom on Tuesday, April 13, at 7:00 pm. Register for the discussion by clicking the button in Weekly Highlights. We hope you will consider joining us for this important and critical discussion. For questions, contact Michele Holifield at micheleholifield@firstpresah.org or Katy Allen at katyallen@firstpressah.org.



VIRTUAL CAREER PLANNING COURSE — Wednesdays, April 14 - May 12 / 7:00-8:00 pm / via Zoom — Join us for a five-week program covering the most important cornerstones of your job search or career journey. Topics will

include self-assessment, budgeting, resume building, marketing, networking, interview preparation, and negotiations. Whether you are on the hunt for a new job or seeking change in your career path, you don't have to face these challenges alone. Email the Career Transition Resources Team at CTR@firstpresah.org to register.

FAMILY SEED PLANTING ACTIVITY — *Sunday, April 18 / 1:00-3:00 pm* — Families of all ages are invited to join Children's Ministries for a family seed planting activity on Sunday, April 18, between 1:00 - 3:00 pm. All decorating and planting supplies will be provided. Please bring your own gardening gloves and small shovels. RSVP to Katy Allen at katyallen@firstpresah.org.

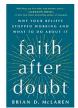
PW CIRCLE MEETINGS — *Circle 7 / Tuesday, April 20 / 5:00 pm / via Zoom* — We will meet on Zoom, continuing our study of Anne Lamott's book, *Almost Everything, Notes on Hope.* Join in the discussion, fun, and fellowship. *Circles 1, 2, 3 / Wednesday, April 21 / 9:00 am / via Zoom* — Join us for a lively discussion on our study *Into the Light*, Lesson 8 "God Laments". We will also breakout in smaller groups for sharing news.

DONATIONS FOR PADS MEAL BOXES AND DINNERS — Journeys will continue to house people at two Arlington Heights hotels for the foreseeable future. Right now, the plan is to continue the hotel program through the end of September. The hope is that in October, some of the PADS sites will open their doors. Until that time, First Pres will continue to provide breakfast and lunch meal boxes once a week to 24 people, and dinner to about 60 people. We are in need of both monetary and food donations. Click the button in Weekly Highlights to sign up. During the month of April, drop off for donated items will be from 9:45-11:00 am in the west parking lot. If inclement weather and we do not have outdoor worship, Door 7 into Fellowship Hall will be open for drop-offs. Please contact the PADS Food Team at padsfood@firstpresah.org with questions.

MOTHER'S DAY GIFT BASKETS — The Bridge is sponsoring a Mother's Day Gift Bag/Basket donation drive for WINGS. Please consider donating a gift for a mom who might not otherwise receive a gift on Mother's Day. Donors are asked to buy items and fill a small gift bag or basket wrapped with cellophane. Please spend no more than \$40.00 on each gift. Suggested items include bath & body wash, lotion, loofah, bubble bath, body spray, eyeliner, lip-gloss, mascara, manicure items, adult coloring books, journals, day planners, etc. Get creative! Please do not include money, travel sized toiletries, used products, makeup such as foundation, blush & eyeshadow since we don't know the

client's skin color/shade. Gifts can be brought to the outdoor worship services on April 11 or 18, or dropped off at the church office by April 22. Signup through the link in Weekly Highlights. Thank you for supporting this mission opportunity!

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES



Faith After Doubt: Why Your Beliefs Stopped Working and What to Do About It Wednesdays, through May 12 / 7:00-8:00 pm / via Zoom / Instructor: Ken Hockenberry

— Even before the current pandemic, sixty-five million adults in the US have dropped out of active church attendance, and about 2.7 million more are leaving every year. Most of these adults are not leaving in anger over the church's conservative or liberal position on social issues; they are leaving quietly because their faith is falling

apart as they struggle with doubt. Brian McLaren, author of Faith after Doubt: Why Your Beliefs Stopped Working and What to Do about It," maintains that our honest doubts are an integral part of our faith, and boldly asserts, "Only doubt can save the world and your faith!" Join instructor, Ken Hockenberry, for our Wednesday Engage and Encounter Adult Education Class as we explore this new book together, and honestly face our own doubts, which can indeed strengthen our faith. Book can be purchased on Amazon. Click on the link in Weekly Highlights to register for this class.

Navigating Historical and Traditional Christianity in the 21st Century

Sundays, through May 16 / 10:00-10:45 am / via Zoom / Instructor: Don Kaasch — In a rapidly increasing historical understanding of early Christianity, how do we come to terms with our traditional understanding in a time when we know and continue to learn more than we've had access to? What is the role of faith in such a time and does it mean more than the denial of increased knowledge and understanding of the early history of the church and the region in which it took hold and grew in? This series will be more discussion driven and a chance for each of us to share in how we navigate such an exciting, and demanding, time in modern Christianity. Click on the link in Weekly Highlights to register for this class.

NEW FIDE CLASSES

Acts: Catching Up with the Spirit

Groups will meet weekly for six weeks at four different times: Wednesdays at 7:30 am (beginning April 21), Wednesdays at 7:00 pm (beginning April 14), Thursdays at 9:30 am (beginning April 15), Sundays from 8:30-9:45 am (beginning April 18) — In the season between Easter and Pentecost, we focus on how God's Spirit is working in and through the Church. This 6-week study will provide an introduction to the Book of Acts (the story of the early Church) and explore six key themes that illustrate the ways in which reading Acts is capable of igniting our imagination about the character of the Christian message, the work of God's people (the church), and the challenges of living faithfully in a complex and changing world. Click the link in Weekly Highlights to register.

Easter to Pentecost: A Spiritual Journey

Sundays, April 11, 18, and 25 / 8:30 am / via Zoom — As we await the Church's celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, we will reflect on various definitions of spirituality; what Christian spirituality is and what the Spirit invites us to do/be/become. Join Mary Ann Spina (Former Pastoral Associate, Pastoral Counselor, Spiritual Director, and Writer) for three faith-building weeks of exploring what it means to practice Christ-centered spirituality. If you have time prior to class, write your own definition of spirituality and a short description (3-5 words) about your own spirituality. Click the link in Weekly Highlights to register.

Reflecting on the Psalms with C.S. Lewis

Wednesdays, April 7, 14, 21, and 28 / 7:00 pm / via Zoom — During these times of crisis and COVID, the Psalms provide a great platform for discussion and growth. Join Dr. Greg Anderson who will be discussing C.S. Lewis' "Reflections on the Psalms" as a way of using the Psalms as a vital resource for times such as these. Using insights from Lewis' only biblical commentary, we will explore topics such

as anger, death, justice, beauty, and biblical authority. Contact office@firstpreswheaton.org to participate.

SAVE THE DATE FOR FAMILY/TWEEN SUMMER PROGRAMMING — Mark your calendars now for family and tween summer programming. Outdoor family evening VBS will be held Tuesday, June 22 - Thursday, June 24 (preschool-4th grade families) from 6:00-8:00 pm. Dinner will be available. MissionFactory will be held Monday, June 21 - Friday, June 25 from 8:45 am – 12:00 pm for incoming 5th & 6th graders. Registration for church members will begin in early April. Community registration will begin mid-late April.

FIRST PRES GOLF LEAGUE — The First Pres Golf League is organizing teams for the 2021 season at Palatine Hills Golf Course. May through August, we will have Tuesday evening tee-times for nine-hole rounds. Whether you are already a great golfer or just learning how to play, you are welcome to join the League. We also need substitutes! For additional information, please contact Arlene Bullerman at (847) 670-0319 or abullerman@earthlink.net.

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.

WALKING GROUP IS BACK! — Reconnect with church members and get some exercise while walking outdoors. Organized by the CCL Committee, the walking group will meet on the first Wednesday of the month. Meet in the church parking lot at 5:30 pm. Walks will last about 45 minutes. Contact Deb Artman at debartman53@gmail.com if interested. Masks are required.

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/ and fill out the form. Everything you tell us will be held in confidence.

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.
- 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.

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 or (847) 255-5900, or call the church office to share your pastoral needs.



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:

- 1. Click on "DONATE" at the top of the website.
- 2. Select "Sunday Flowers PW" from the drop down. <u>Important</u>: 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/. Thank you for your support. Questions? Contact Sue Henderson at 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, Instagram @firstpresah at instagram.com/firstpresah/ and Twitter @firstpresah at twitter.com/firstpresah.



ONLINE WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

April 18, 2021: Third Sunday of Easter Worship (firstpresah.org/media/live-stream/)

Scriptures: Mark 1:15, Mark 8:34-37

Preacher: Alex Lang

Sermon Title: "Soul Work"

Prayer Requests

Healing & Comfort

Mario Alberico

Brian Aldrich

April Alexander — family of Myrtle Jessogne

Pat Almblad

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

Carol Dahn

Alice Davitt — friend of Kris Ward

Jim Dean — father-in-law of Kelly Dean

Millie Engelbretsen

Michael Fischer — grandson of Dave & Pat Almblad

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

Mary Jessogne — sister-in-law of Myrtle Jessogne Steve Jessogne — nephew of Myrtle Jessogne

Marylyn Jirsa

Marjorie Kalivoda

John Lamb — friend of Kris Ward

Barbara Langer — mother of Laura Carlson

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

Sympathy to:

Carrie Costello and family, on the death of Sally Costello

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