

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

APRIL 18, 2021



## GATHERING MUSIC

### WELCOME

Alex Lang

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader 1: Come to me all you who are weary and carry heavy burdens.

**Leader 2: Those who strive to save their lives will lose them.**

Leader 1: Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble of heart.

**Leader 2: Those who lose their lives for the sake of Jesus will save them.**

Leader 1: Come, and we will find rest for our souls.

### HYMN 663

“Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun”

Morning Hymn

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

TC Anderson

God of mercy, we try so hard to follow the way of Jesus. We want to create your kingdom where no one is forgotten. We want to live in a world of peace and good will toward all. We think we are doing our part. Still, we fall short. We fail to let go of our selfish parts. We are afraid that too much change will take away the good life for which we have worked. Remind us again, O God, that all good things come from you. Forgive us and teach us to live in ways that mirror your ways. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MARK 1:15

### MESSAGE

“Soul Work”

Alex Lang

Scripture: Mark 8:34-37

### 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

“Be Still My Soul”

*Finlandia*

*“Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain. Leave to thy God to order and provide, who through all changes faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end. Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake to guide the future surely as the past. Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last.*

*Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord; when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.*

*Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.”*

First Pres Resurrection Choir

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### HYMN 718

“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”

Bourbon

### BENEDICTION

Alex Lang

### SENDING MUSIC

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

**Music:** Adam Hendrickson and Chris Urban

**Flowers:** Myrtle Jessogne—In loving memory of my husband, Harold, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, great-great-grandfather. You live in my heart always.

## 663 Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun your dai - ly  
 2 Lord, I my vows to you re - new. Dis - perse my  
 3 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all I de -

stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and  
 sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of  
 sign or do or say, that all my powers, with

joy - ful rise to pay your morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 thought and will, and with your - self my spir - it fill.  
 all their might, in your sole glo - ry may u - nite.

## Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said 718

1 Take up your cross, the Sav - ior said, if  
 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight fill  
 3 Take up your cross; heed not the shame, and  
 4 Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, and

you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with  
 your weak spir - it with a - larm; Christ's strength shall bear your  
 let your fool - ish pride be still; the Lord for you ac -  
 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -

will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.  
 spir - it up and brace your heart and nerve your arm.  
 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.  
 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.

**CHURCH LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**APRIL 18, 2021**

**Defining our Decade**

Build. Serve. Transform.

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN** — By now you should have received information about Phase 1 of the Capital Campaign. If you haven't and need more information, please visit [firstpresah.org/definingourdecade/](http://firstpresah.org/definingourdecade/). Our goal is to raise \$400,000 to make the Memorial Prayer Garden Hallway accessible by adding a wheelchair lift that will allow easy access to Fellowship Hall and the Chapel. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this important project that will benefit everyone who utilizes our facility.

**FAMILY SEED PLANTING ACTIVITY** — **Sunday, April 18 / 1:00-2:00 pm** — Families of all ages are invited to join Children's Ministries for a family seed planting activity on Sunday, April 18, between 1:00-2:00 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](mailto: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.

**IN-PERSON WORSHIP UPDATE** — At the April Session meeting, the Session gave the Worship, Music, and Sacraments Committee the ability to establish when our first in-person, inside worship opportunity will be. We are still taking vaccine rates as well as IDPH guidelines into consideration. We hope for an indoor opening somewhere between May 16 and June 6. In our recent survey, not quite half of our respondents indicated that they were ready for in-person worship.

**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](mailto: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 service on April 18, or dropped off at the church office by April 22. Sign up through the link in Weekly Highlights. Thank you for supporting this mission opportunity!

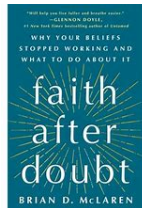
**DOCUMENTARY AVAILABLE** — On Sunday night, April 11, a small group gathered in the Parlor to watch the documentary – “Trigger – The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence” produced by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. This thought provoking film brings to light the devastating effect gun violence has on our communities, and calls everyone to work to find a solution to this serious problem in the United States. If you were unable to attend the viewing, but would like to watch the documentary, it is available on Amazon Prime. The church also has a DVD copy available for you to borrow. Please contact Michele Holifield or Katy Allen.



**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.

**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. MissionFactory will be held Monday, June 21 - Friday, June 25 from 8:45 am–12:00 pm for incoming fifth & sixth graders. Participation in MissionFactory will be limited to 40 kids. Online registration is open. There will be a church members only registration period for MissionFactory through April 25. Click on the link in Weekly Highlights for more information or to register.

### 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 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) and explore 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 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](mailto:office@firstpreswheaton.org) to participate.

**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](mailto:debartman53@gmail.com) if interested. Masks are required.

**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](mailto: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.

**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.

**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.



**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**

April 25, 2021: Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Worship ([firstpresah.org/media/live-stream/](http://firstpresah.org/media/live-stream/))

Scriptures: Mark 11:15-19, Luke 10:25-37

Preacher: Alex Lang

Sermon Title: “Social Work”

Sermon Series: The Christian Mission



# 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  
Carol Dahn  
Alice Davitt — friend of Kris Ward  
Jim Dean — father-in-law of Kelly Dean  
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  
Janni Hill — friend of Terry Wade  
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:**

**Susan Carroll** and family, on the death of her brother, James L. Wahle

**Jeff Treppa** and family, on the death of his mother, Ann Marie Treppa

## **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