

SUNDAY WORSHIP

JUNE 20, 2021

PRELUDE

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Albert Travis

WELCOME

Alex Lang

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather to worship the God of life.

People: **May we be directed in all of God’s ways.**

Leader: We are people often faced with difficult choices.

People: **May we make our choices in light of God’s love.**

Leader: Come, and we will worship God together.

*HYMN 370

“This is My Father’s World!”

Terra Beata

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

TC Anderson

God of mercy, be our guard and our guide in all of our decisions. Forgive us when we choose the easiest way to handle a situation rather than the best way. Remind us that in all times and places you walk with us. When we choose to follow our own instincts and make a poor choice, forgive us. Remind us to consider a situation from every perspective, not just our own. Forgive us when our vision is clouded and our decisions are poorly made. Help us when we stand at a crossroad to choose the direction you would have us choose. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACTS 9:1-9

MESSAGE

“On Choices and Crossroads”

Alex Lang

Scripture: Acts 9:10-19

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.

SHARING OUR GIFTS

“The Gift of Love”

arr. Hal Hopson

Text from Hymn 693

Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 301 (vv. 1, 2, 4, 5)

“Let Us Build a House”

Two Oaks

BENEDICTION

Alex Lang

POSTLUDE

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Craig Phillips

*Please stand as you are able.

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

Music: Adam Hendrickson, Chris Urban, and Chancel Choir

Flowers: Tom and Susan Carroll

CHURCH LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

Mythology in the Modern World — Wednesdays, through July 7 (no class June 23) / 7:00 pm / Sanctuary /

Instructor: Adam Hendrickson — Inspired by Joseph Campbell's lectures on mythology, join Adam Hendrickson for a series of classes examining the role mythology plays in our modern world. From a person's occupation to their religious beliefs, you might be surprised how much mythology is engrained into our genetic makeup and the society that we have created.



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL — Preschoolers – incoming 5th graders are invited to summer

Sunday school at the Loaves & Fishes Garden. Join us to learn about creation care by planting and tending a garden, how a community garden benefits everyone, and some other fun things along the way! We will meet at 10:30 am on **June 27, July 11, July 25, August 8, and August 22**. For more information, please contact Katy Allen at katyallen@firstpresah.org.

JUNETEENTH PRAYER & WITNESS — *Saturday, June 19 / 10:00-11:30 am / St. James Catholic Church* —

Juneteenth commemorates the end of slavery in the United States and is a day to recognize the culture and achievements of Black Americans. This year, we have decided to unite our forces with other Arlington Heights congregations. Join us at St. James Catholic Church, 820 N. Arlington Heights Road, at 10:00 am, on Saturday, June 19, to support this endeavor.



ORGAN COOLERS! — *Wednesdays, June 23 – July 28 / 12:10 pm / Sanctuary* — NEW in-person summer organ



concert series will begin Wednesday, June 23, and will continue for six weeks. The concerts will begin at 12:10 pm. Come and enjoy refreshing organ music in our cool (air-conditioned) Sanctuary. Scheduled performers:

June 23 – **Chris Urban**, organ

June 30 – **Chris Urban**, organ & **Chuck Beech**, piano

July 7 – **Marianne Kim**, organ

July 14 – **Chris Urban**, organ & **Andrew Orals**, violin

July 21 – **Chris Urban**, organ & **Tom Walter**, cello

July 28 – **Chris Urban**, organ & **Nick Pulikowski**, tenor



KENNETH YOUNG CENTER 5K RUN/WALK — Prior to the pandemic, the Session voted to create a partnership with the Kenneth Young Center (KYC). KYC is focused on serving the needs of those

who require behavioral health services but are either underinsured or uninsured. KYC is hosting a 5k race at Busse Woods on Saturday, June 26, at 9:00 am to raise money to help support their programs. First Pres is interested in forming a team. If you would like to be part of the team and run or walk in the race, please contact Mary Fino at maryfino@firstpresah.org.

GOD'S HONEST TRUTH IS RETURNING! — *Wednesday, July 14 / 7:00 pm / West Parking Lot* — God's Honest Truth is scheduled for Wednesday, July 14, as an outdoor event. The theme is "Unbound: Stories of When You Felt the Most Free." Do you have a story to tell? Each story will be 5-10 minutes. If you are interested, please contact Alex Lang at alexlang@firstpresah.org.

CHRISTOPHER HOUSE BACKPACK COLLECTION — This June is the first graduating class from the Christopher House K-8 School. Christopher House has been working hard through a very challenging year to be in contact with all its scholars personally, virtually, and in person. We are asking for your monetary support of the Presbyterian Women CHRISTOPHER HOUSE BACKPACK FUND, during the month of June, to ensure each scholar will have the backpack and supplies needed for the new school year! We are grateful for all your generous and loyal support in the past. The suggested donation is \$20, but all donations are welcome! You can donate online or by mail. Your support MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE! You can give online (select C House Backpacks from the drop down menu) or mail a check to the church office (write Christopher House Backpack on the memo line).

PW HONORARY LIFE MEMBER — Sandy Richardson presented Lois Meisterheim with the Honorary Life Membership for her faithful work with Presbyterian Women. The honorarium was established to honor outstanding service in the women's organization and to the church. Because of Lois, we were able to support the three missions of PW, have creative & educational programs, and support the church. Congratulations, Lois!

A "ZOOMING" PW THANK YOU — Gladys Holtz was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from PW for her service as Moderator. Through a year of uncertainty, Gladys made sure everyone stayed connected by meeting on Zoom. We were still able to break into small group discussions, enjoy fellowship, worship, and programs. Thank you, Gladys!

FILL OUR FOOD BARRELS! — Please remember our food barrels, which are located throughout the church. Donations of nonperishable food items benefit many families and individuals who are clients of several local organizations that we support. Please note that foods past their expiration dates will have to be thrown away. Let's see if we can fill the barrels!



WALKING GROUP IS BACK! — Reconnect with church members and get some exercise while walking outdoors.



Organized by the Community Life & Education 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.

JOIN THE MEN'S BIBLE STUDY! — The Men's Bible Study is meeting every Monday at 8:00 am via Zoom and beginning June 28, will also meet in person. 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 — Please keep your giving to the church up-to-date by mailing in a check or by going online. For those who plan to start joining us for in-person, inside worship, there will be offering plates in the back of the church on Sunday mornings. 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.

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP — All have enjoyed the beautiful touch of flowers in worship. 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. **Important:** In the "Optional Memo" line, please add date requested and details of dedication.

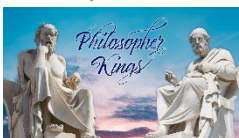
By check:

Made out to First Presbyterian Church. On memo line, write PW Flowers and include date and details of dedication. Thank you for your support. Questions? Contact Sue Henderson at suhenco@comcast.net.

WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

June 27, 2021: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship: 10:30 am in the Sanctuary / online at firstpresah.org/media/live-stream/



Scriptures: Matthew 21:28-32, Luke 5:1-11

Preacher: Alex Lang

Sermon Title: "On Learning"

Sermon Series: Philosopher Kings

Prayer Requests

Healing & Comfort

Mario Alberico
Brian Aldrich
Pat Almlad
Liz Armstrong
Wendy Blanck
Samuel Bruce — brother of Lee Bruce
Betty Lou Bukowski
Brian & Jennifer Butler — brother-in-law & sister of
Dawn Bruce
Dan Carlson
Jane Cassaro — friend of Beth Balow
Elaine Chen
Mary Clarbour
Carol Dahn
Alice Davitt — friend of Kris Ward
Jim Dean — father-in-law of Kelly Dean
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
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
Kaitlin Kulick — friend of the Hockenberrys
John Lamb — friend of Kris Ward

Barbara Langer — mother of Laura Carlson
Helen Lawson — friend of Liz Armstrong
Jeff Leach
Linda Lock — sister of Tim Lock
Penny Lumsden — mother of Stu Lumsden
Quentin Mare'
Sean McClory — friend of Mario Alberico
John McFayden
Kathryn Merz — daughter of Nancy Ashe
Scott and Laura Morrison — friends of Mario &
Claudia Alberico
Gloria Oak
The Patton Family — friends of Dawn Bruce
Katie Reid — daughter of Lee Nelson
Jim Richardson — brother of Jan Richardson
Betty Roach
Clarke Sanders — son of Betty Sanders
Sandy & Tim — friends of Myrtle Jessogne
Theresa Scola — friend of Meg Haddad
Susan Scott
Dee Sievertsen
Ed Slivovsky
Je'Anna Paris Smith
Fran Spencer
Arne Stollfuss
David Stratton — brother-in-law of Elaine Chen
Fred & Heather Tellez — friends of the Fick Family
Jaquan Thompson
Vasilios Tsironis — friend of Beth Balow
Dan Tsutsumi
Wes Upton — friend of Ralph Larsen
Marilyn Votava — sister of Judy Ayers
Mick Ward — friend of Kris Ward
Gary Walker

Sympathy to

The Stephan family, on the death of **Laszlo Stephan**
Mike Willour, on the death of his sister, Char Willour

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