

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

Organized in 1855



“A hero is somebody who voluntarily walks into the unknown.”

— Tom Hanks

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 29, 2022

10:00 AM

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PRELUDE

“America, the Beautiful/Mine Eyes Have See the Glory” *Bates, Ward, & Howe*
*The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation
for the worship of Almighty God.*

WELCOME

Rev. Judy Hockenberry

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, behold the works of the Lord;

All: God makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

One: God breaks the bow and shatters the spear.

All: The Lord of hosts is with us.

One: The God of Jacob is our refuge.

✠ HYMN 336

“We Gather Together”

KREMSER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Kim Hogan

Guardian of our days and our nights, forgive us when we fail to beat our swords into plowshares. Forgive us for thinking that war and aggression are the answers to anything. Remind us that life is fragile. We violate each other in personal relationships, as nations, and as inept keepers of the earth’s beauty. We fail to see the possibilities that come when the lamb is able to lie down with the wolf. Open our eyes to ways of peace. Forgive us and every nation when we send our young men and women to war to be forever lost to us...

SILENT CONFESSION

...in Jesus’ name we pray. **Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

✠ DANISH AMEN (Hymn 601)

Amen. Amen. Amen.

✠ TIME OF GREETING

COMMUNITY LIFE

Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it along to those around you.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 11:6-9 (Pew Bible, p. 558) Kim Hogan

The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

“How Great Thou Art”

Swedish Traditional

Bruce Blanck, piano; Gordon Johnson, bass; Brian Patti, woodwinds

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 16:25-34 (Pew Bible, p. 901) Rev. Judy Hockenberry

The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“Heroes in Plain Sight”

Rev. Judy Hockenberry

✠ **HYMN 338**

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

MATERNA

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE 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.

OFFERTORY

“21 Tolls”

✠ **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

✠ **HYMN 300 (vv. 1-3)**

“We Are One in the Spirit”

THEY’LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

✠ **BENEDICTION**

Rev. Judy Hockenberry

POSTLUDE

“Just a Closer Walk With Thee”

African-American Traditional

✠ Please stand as you are able.

Guest Musicians: Bruce Blanck, Royce Eckhardt, Gordon Johnson, and Brian Patti

Flowers: **Carrie Costello**—In loving memory of Rodney B. Costello

Jim & Kathy Doering—Honoring those who served in the Armed Services

Join Us for Worship Next Sunday, June 5

Preacher: Rev. Judy Hockenberry | Scriptures: Ezekiel 37:1-10, Acts 2:1-12 | Music: Men’s Chorus

Church Life

We believe in building the kingdom of God in this world. We strive to be a welcoming and inclusive church that celebrates the diversity existing in our community. That means bringing good news to the poor, freedom to the oppressed, welcoming the stranger, and loving one another as Jesus loves us. We do this by choosing love and being the light that changes the world. Thank you for worshiping with us in this spirit.

*As new waves of COVID continue to make their way into our communities, we want to remind everyone that we are a **mask-welcoming** community. We understand if you want to wear a mask. Knowing there are some of you who are immunocompromised or worried about the transmission of COVID, the pastors will be wearing masks at the doors as we greet you on the way out.*

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE — Beginning today, we have moved to one worship service at **10:00 am**. We will continue with this schedule through Sunday, September 4, and return to two services at 9:00 and 10:30 am on Sunday, September 11. Summer worship will be led by Rev. Judy Hockenberry and several guest preachers. Music will be provided by our many ensembles, soloists and instrumentalists.

MEMORIAL DAY EXHIBIT — *Today / Parlor* — Join us after worship today for an exhibit highlighting the stories of some of the fifty-eight members of the Arlington Heights community that gave their lives defending our country. Please consider making a donation to our collection benefitting Veterans Exiting Homelessness.

OFFICE CLOSED — The church office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day and will reopen for normal summer operations on Tuesday, May 31.

Sunday, May 29 — Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:00 am Jazz Rehearsal — Sanctuary

9:45 am – 11:15 am — Child care (infants – 4 years) — Room 209/211 (Red Room), Main Floor
Christian Education (CE) Wing

10:00 am **Worship** — Sanctuary

11:00 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex

Upcoming Events



VBS AND MISSIONFACTORY REGISTRATION IS OPEN! — Online registration is now open for Vacation Bible School (preschool-4th grade) and MissionFactory (rising 5th and 6th graders) at <https://firstpresah.org/programs/children-families/vbs-mission-factory/>. The cost is \$35 per child. These programs will be offered concurrently, July 11-15, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm each day. Please contact Katy Allen, at katyallen@firstpresah.org, with questions.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL — Preschoolers through 5th graders are welcome to join us for Summer Sunday school beginning in June. We will have lots of fun tending our Loaves & Fishes Garden all summer long. Join us at 10:00 am on June 5 and 19, July 10 and 24, and August 14 and 28.

ENGRAVED BRICK ORDERS — Engraved bricks in the Memorial Prayer Garden honor loved ones and friends, living or deceased, in a beautiful setting. Engraved bricks require a donation of \$50 for two lines of 12 characters and spaces or a donation of \$65 for three lines of 12 characters and spaces. Forms are available in the form rack by the church office. For installation in the fall of 2022, please have your orders in by **Monday, June 20**. Bricks are ordered once each year and are installed only in the fall, usually September or October. Late orders will not be ordered until next year. Mail or deliver your completed order form and attached check to the church office. If you have questions, you may contact Betty Launer at 847-749-0402.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS — The church office will close at 12:30 pm each Friday from May 27 through September 2. Regular office hours will remain in effect on Monday through Thursday: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. To schedule Friday afternoon access to the church building, please contact Michele Holifield at micheleholifield@firstpresah.org or 847-255-5900 prior to Friday.

MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS — The Mission Committee wants to tell you all about our exciting plans for 2022 with RefugeeOne and Chalice House. Both organizations are instrumental in providing services in the Chicago area to refugees. Plan to attend an informational meeting on **Sunday, June 5, at 11:15 am in the Sanctuary**. We will provide information on how to get involved, and you will have the opportunity to let us know how you want to be involved. If you are unable to attend on June 5, please contact Michele Holifield for more information.

- **Mentor Team:** We are looking for people who can make a six-month commitment to a refugee family with RefugeeOne, or individuals who are interested in joining the Chalice House Mentor Team. Training is provided.
- **Make A Home Team:** This team will be responsible for the gathering and set-up of the apartment for a family through RefugeeOne.
- **Advocacy and Education Team:** It is important to stay educated and advocate for policies that welcome newcomers to the US. This team will work to keep our congregation informed and advocate for refugees rights, privileges and protections as needed.

Serving, Giving, and Growing

THE BRIDGE: PARADE OF PATIOS — This summer will resume The Bridge's Annual Parade of Patios. This includes a patio party every two weeks, starting in early June. Patio parties are held on various evenings during the week, as decided by the host. Attendees bring a small appetizer to share and their own beverages. Gatherings usually start around 7:00 pm. Stay tuned for more information.

COLLECTION FOR VETERANS — *throughout May* — First Pres is hosting a drive to collect new move-in essentials for veterans as they transition to permanent housing. A list of supplies is available on Sunday mornings in the Narthex or through Weekly Highlights. Donated items can be dropped off Sunday mornings, during the week in the church office, and in the Parlor during the Memorial Day Parade tomorrow. The Veterans Exiting Homelessness Program is a collaborative effort between Military Outreach USA and the Department of Veteran Affairs. If you would like to find out more about the program, visit their website at militaryoutreachusa.org/veterans-exiting-homeless/. Any questions, contact Michele Holifield at micheleholifield@firstpresah.org.

PENTECOST OFFERING — *Sunday, June 5* — Our congregation receives a Special Offering for the birthday of the church. We hope you will contribute as you might give a financial gift to a family member having a birthday. This offering is taken throughout the Presbyterian Church

(USA) so it gives us an opportunity to participate in ministries around the world. However, forty percent of the offering stays in our church. Last year we used this offering to support our rising fourth and fifth grade students in our MissionFactory program. In 2021, our offering totaled \$1,527.00. There will be special envelopes in the pew racks and in your mailed envelope packets.

BACKPACKS FOR CHRISTOPHER HOUSE — Presbyterian Women will be collecting monetary donations for backpacks and school supplies for the students of Christopher House during the month of June. We are proud to see our second graduating class head off to high school and your donations provide the opportunity for success. The suggested donation is \$20, but any amount is appreciated. Look for a display in the Narthex on Sundays in June. Donations can also be made online or by check, made payable to Presbyterian Women (indicate CH Backpacks on your donation). Thank you for your support!

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE HELP WANTED!

- **FENCE INSTALLATION/REMOVAL** — *Sunday, May 29 and Monday, May 30* — Help is needed to install fencing along Dunton Avenue to protect the gardens in front of the church. We will install the fencing the day before the parade, and will also need help after the parade to remove the fencing. Each takes approximately an hour. Contact Walt Meyer at 847-253-1701 if you can help.
- **HOSPITALITY** — *Monday, May 30* — During the Memorial Day Parade, the church will be open and we will extend hospitality to the parade viewers from our surrounding community. In addition, we will be distributing refreshments. If you are interested in assisting, please contact Arlene Bullerman at abullerman@earthlink.net or 847-670-0319.

If you give electronically but would like to put something in the offering plate, we invite you to use the laminated bookmarks available in the pew rack in front of you. We will be keeping you abreast of your generosity.

Bookmarks	\$ 4,382.00
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UKRAINE GIVING OPPORTUNITIES: The people of Ukraine have been on our hearts and minds. Any money attached to our bookmarks will be donated to River Cities Rotary Club which has a relationship with the Rotary Club of Kyiv International in Ukraine. We are also providing an online giving opportunity for Ukraine and money from there will go to the Rotary Club and to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance that is providing humanitarian aid in Ukraine.

MARY AND MARTHA'S LENDING CLOSET — Mary and Martha's Lending Closet is ready for the spring and summer season. If you have not checked out the Lending Closet yet, now is the time. Reserve items for your graduation party, backyard BBQ, or any event you are hosting. What exactly is Mary and Martha's Lending Closet? It's a one-stop shop for all things entertaining, from tables and chairs to serving dishes, dishes, glassware, vases, centerpieces, outdoor games, and even a giant movie screen and projector for that fun backyard movie viewing. It's the perfect place to borrow for your next book club, graduation party, shower, neighborhood gathering, casual or fancy dinner party. What are the fees? A donation to the closet goes towards programs that address food insecurity in the Chicagoland area. To make an appointment to reserve your items, email maryandmartha@firstpresah.org or contact Michele Holifield or Amy Hempleman.

Prayer Requests

Healing & Comfort



First Pres Community

Mario Alberico
Dave & Pat Almblad
Dick Arnold
Don & Judy Ayers
Wendy Blanck
Virginia Blocki
Mary Clarbour
Marylyn Jirsa
Karen Johnson
Nancy Johnson
Rick Liston

Zoe Mather
Gloria Oak
Stu Olin
Barrett Peterson
Betty Sanders
Susan Scott
Nancy Stautzenbach
Larry Tidrick
Barb Tsutsumi
Bob Webb

Friends & Family

Dave & Debbie Arnold — cousins of Laura
Carlson
Christopher Chuchna — grandson of Bob
and Nancy Kret
Karl Gates — friend of Mary Kiepura

Dorita Godfrey — sister of Karen Wilson
Greg Shane — son-in-law of Al & Karen Wilson
Bill Shaw — son-in-law of Don & Barb Larson
John Stotz — friend of the Tsutsumi family

Sympathy to:

The Fick family, on the death of their friend and colleague, Fred Tellez

Ralph Larsen, on the death of his brother, Chris Larsen

Serving in the Armed Services

AMN Charles Arthur Brousseau, Air Force — son of Liz Moses and Bob Wendling
Lt. Jack Carroll, Air Force — grandson of Tom and Susan Carroll
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
E5MM Marc Robert McGrath, Jr., Navy — grandson of Donald and Jacqueline Schultz
Capt. John Olszewski, USMC — nephew of Steve and Lisa Olszewski
Sergeant Benjamin David Schultz, Air Force — grandson of Donald and Jacqueline Schultz
Colonel Gretchen Wiltse — sister of Vincent and Heidi Wiltse

Pastoral Care

If you have a death in the family, an anticipated surgery, the birth of a baby, or if you or a loved one are struggling, your pastors and church family want to be there to support you. Contact Rev. Judy Hockenberry, at judyhockenberry@firstpresah.org or 847-255-5900, or call the church office to share your pastoral needs.

Staff Directory

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Welcome, Guests!

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. Stop by the Welcome Center in the Narthex (lobby) to pick up information that will acquaint you with our church services and programs.

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 (9:45 am – 11:15 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.

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

For worship in the Sanctuary, large print bulletins 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.

LIVE WEBCAST & WORSHIP RECORDINGS — Services are webcast live at firstpresah.org/experience/livestream.

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