

First Presbyterian Evanston

Sunday Worship

May 24, 2020 – 10 a.m.
Seventh Sunday of Easter

FOCUS

Welcome & Announcements

EXALT

Opening Hymn

A Mighty Fortress

(Text: Martin Luther, 1529, transl. Frederick Henry Hedge, 1852;

Music: Martin Luther, 1529)

A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great,
And armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing,
Were not the right Man on our side,
The Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth his name,
From age to age the same;
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God has willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo! his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers,
No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever!

Prayer of Confession

All: Loving God,

**we confess that we do not always bring honor
and glory to your name.**

**We are rebellious and weak;
we flee before your goodness.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us by the grace
and mercy of Christ,**

**that we may rise up again in peace to love
and serve your world. Amen.**

(People offer their own private silent prayers to the Lord)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Sisters and brothers,

the Spirit of God is resting on you,

to restore, support, and strengthen you.

Therefore, be at peace in the One who forgives
and loves you;

rise up and give God thanks.

Hear the Good News:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Faith in Action – Ministry Celebration

Scripture

I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. 13 But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. 14 If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. 7 Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. 8 Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. 10 And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. 11 To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Sermon

Resisting the Enemy of the Church

*Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor***RESPOND**

Offering**Prayers of the People****The Lord's Prayer**

Closing Song

A Mighty Fortress

(Words & Music: Christy & Nathan Nockels, arr. Brad Henderson, 2009)

Our God is a consuming fire,
A burning holy Flame, with glory and freedom.
Our God is the only righteous judge,
Ruling over us with kindness and wisdom.

And we will keep our eyes on You,
We will keep our eyes on You.

A mighty fortress is our God.
A sacred refuge is Your Name.
Your Kingdom is unshakable.
And with You forever we will reign.

Our God is jealous for His own.
None could comprehend His love and His mercy.
Our God is exalted on His throne
High above the heavens;
Forever He is worthy.

And we will keep our eyes on You,
We will keep our eyes on You.

A mighty fortress is our God.
A sacred refuge is Your Name.
Your Kingdom is unshakable.
And with You forever we will reign.

We will keep our eyes on You,
We will keep our eyes on You,
So we can set our hearts on You,
Lord we will set our hearts on You!

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Benediction

Worship Service Leaders

Hannah McConnell, Director of Music, Welcome, Virtual Choir Director; **Rebecca Chu**, Piano; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion; **Elizabeth Bennett, Allison Deady, Tim Henry, Paul Koch, Hannah & Robert McConnell, John MacDonald, Darshaya Oden, Ben Perri, Carol & Steve Smith, Kay Sugiura, Verna Todd**, Vocals; **Robert McConnell**, Video & Audio Editor; Opening Hymn **Rev. Henry Coates**, Associate Pastor, Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon
Jim Wildenradt, Scripture Reader
Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor, Sermon, Prayers, Benediction
Crofton Coleman, Worship Band Director, Keyboards, Vocals, Video & Audio Editor; **Allison Allen & Bryan Carmody**, Vocals; **Daniel Allen**, Guitar & Vocals; **Christie Miller**, Clarinet; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion, Closing Song
Jim Teague, Communications Coordinator, Faith in Action Video, Video Editing, Slides
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***First Presbyterian Church of Evanston
exists to know Christ and to grow in him
as we serve and make disciples in Evanston,
the Chicago area, and the world.***

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