

First Presbyterian Evanston

Sunday Worship

February 21, 2021 – 10 a.m.

First Sunday in Lent

FOCUS

Prelude Eternal Life (Lord, Make Me an Instrument)

(Words: St. Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226; Music: Olive Dungan, 1949)

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injustice, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pard'ning that we are pardoned;
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Welcome & Announcements

EXALT

Opening Hymn

I Bind Unto Myself Today

(Words: attr. St. Patrick, 372-466, paraph. Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895;

Music: tune "St. Patrick's Breastplate," v. 1-2,5, Irish Melody,

arr. Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929; CCLI Song #3157646)

I bind unto myself today
The strong Name of the Trinity
By invocation of the same,
The Three in One and One in Three.

I bind this day to me forever,
By pow'r of faith, Christ's incarnation,
His baptism in Jordan river,
His cross of death for my salvation,
His bursting from the spicèd tomb,
His riding up the heav'nly way,
His coming at the day of doom,
I bind unto myself today.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself the Name,

The strong Name of the Trinity
By invocation of the same,
The Three in One and One in Three,
By Whom all nature hath creation,
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word.
Praise to the Lord of my salvation;
Salvation is of Christ the Lord!

Prayer of Confession

All: O God, you have shown us the way of life through your son, Jesus Christ. We confess with shame our slowness to learn of him, our failure to follow him, and our reluctance to bear the cross. Have mercy on us, Lord and forgive us. Feed us lavishly with the bread of life, that we may feed others. Give us to drink deeply of your love, that our parched voices may be strengthened to speak freely of your grace. Have mercy on us, Lord, and nourish us as we make our silent confession to you now. Amen.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear these words of assurance from Micah:

“Where is another God like you, who pardons the guilt of the remnant, overlooking the sins of his special people? You will not stay angry with your people forever, because you delight in showing unfailing love. Once again you will have compassion on us. You will trample our sins under your feet and throw them into the depths of the ocean!”

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Scripture

1 Peter 3:18-22

18 For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, 19 in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, 20 who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. 21 And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Sermon

From the inside out: Your source

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes & Offerings

Song of Response

Search Me, O God

*(Words: J. Edwin Orr, 1936, Music: tune "Maori" collected by J. Edwin Orr, 1936
CCLI Song # 3372098)*

Search me, O God, and know my heart today,
Try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray;

See if there be some wicked way in me;
Cleanse me from every sin, and set me free.

O Holy Ghost, revival comes from Thee;
Send a revival, start the work in me;
Thy Word declares Thou wilt supply our need;
For blessing now, O Lord, I humbly plead.

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.

Closing Song

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

(Words & Music: John Newton, Chris Tomlin, & Louie Giglio;

CCLI Song # 4768151)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear

And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

Benediction

Postlude

Azmon

(Gilbert Martin, b. 1941)

Worship Service Leaders

Rebecca Chu, Organ, Prelude, Opening Hymn, Postlude

Darshaya Oden, Soloist, Prelude, Section Leader, Opening Hymn

Hannah McConnell, Dir. Of Worship & Music, Welcome, Audio & Video Editing, Opening Hymn; Vocals, Piano, Song of Response

Allison Deady, Paul Koch, Ben Perri, Chancel Choir Section Leaders, Opening Hymn

Christie Miller, Clarinet, Opening Hymn & Closing Song

Tina Laughlin, Percussion, Opening Hymn & Closing Song

Caryl Weinberg, Director of Missions, Confession

Rev. Amanda Golbek, Minister of Children & Youth, Children's Moment

Mosilda Asanji, Scripture Reading

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor, Sermon, Benediction

Robert McConnell, Prayers of the People

Allison Allen & Bryan Carmody, Vocals, **Daniel Allen & Fred**

Bryant, Guitar, **Kon Savoy**, Drum Set, Closing Song

Crofton Coleman, Worship Band Director, Vocals, Keyboard, Video & Audio Editing, Closing Song

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