

First Presbyterian Evanston

Sunday Worship

May 17, 2020 – 10 a.m.
Sixth Sunday of Easter

FOCUS

Welcome & Announcements

EXALT

Opening Hymn

Nothing But the Blood

(Text & Music: Robert Lowry, 1876)

What can wash away my sins?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh! Precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Oh! Precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;

No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Now by this I'll overcome,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Now by this I'll reach my home,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh! Precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Prayer of Confession

All: Dear Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before you, and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours.

Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to You.

For these things, we ask your forgiveness and we also ask for your strength.

Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to You in our world.

Remind us to be who You would have us to be regardless of what we are doing or who is with us.

Draw us closer to you as we offer our silent confessions.

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

Assurance of Pardon (based on Psalm 103:11-12)

Leader: Friends, hear this Word of the Lord and rest in this truth: “As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.”

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Faith in Action – Stewardship Celebration

Scripture

1 Peter 3:13-22

13 Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good?
14 But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated,
15 but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; 16 yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. 17 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. 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

The Faithful Christian

Rev. Henry Coates, Associate Pastor

RESPOND

Offering

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn

My Song is Love Unknown

(Words: Samuel Crossman, 1664; Music: John Ireland, 1918)

My song is love unknown,
My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown,
That they might lovely be.
O who am I
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh and die?
Christ came from heaven's throne,

Salvation to bestow;
But people scorned and none
The longed-for Christ would know.
But oh, my Friend,
My Friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way,
And his sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the way
Hosannas to their King.
Then “Crucify!”
Is all their breath,
And for his death
They thirst and cry.

They rise, and needs will have
My dear Lord sent away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet steadfast he
To suffring goes,
That he his foes
From thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing,

No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like thine.
This is my Friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend.

Benediction

Worship Service Leaders

Caryl Weinberg, Director of Mission, Welcome

Crofton Coleman, Worship Band Director, Keyboards, Vocals, Video & Audio Editor; **Allison Allen**, Vocals; **Daniel Allen**, Guitar & Vocals; **Noah McLeod**, Piano; **Christie Miller**, Clarinet; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion, Closing Song

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor, Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Jide Nzelibe, Faith in Action

Dan, Nathan, and Matthew Shiao, Scripture Readers

Rev. Henry Coates, Associate Pastor, Sermon, Prayers, Benediction

Hannah McConnell, Director of Music, Children's Moment, Vocals & Piano; **Evan Fojtik**, Flute; **Karen McLeod**, Cello;

Christie Miller, Clarinet, **Robert McConnell**, Video & Audio Editor, Closing Hymn

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***First Presbyterian Church of Evanston
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as we serve and make disciples in Evanston,
the Chicago area, and the world.***

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